## GHAGE ROAD UHLHEH <br> 2017 Annual Report



## 2 Corinthians 8:2-5

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## GRACE ROAD TIMELINE

Grace Road Church isn't just a location on a map, but you know that. It's not just some stained glass windows and red chairs that fold down in a rickety old balcony, but you probably know that too. Grace Road isn't a building that sits on the corner of Liberty Pole Way and Achilles. It's not that "hipster church" with the coffee and hot chocolate and where birds get into the rafters, or that place that used to be a club in the ' 90 s. But you already knew all that too. We know you know this because in 2017 you showed us who Grace Road is.


## GENEROSITY OF TIME

## 2 Corinthians $8: 5$

## "...They gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us."

You gave of your time. You gave us your early Sunday mornings, your Tuesday nights, and your after work hours. You gave us your attention, energy, and creativity. When we needed people, we didn't panic. We knew you were in this with us. Working hard, shoulder to shoulder, side by side. You held crying babies, led a Grace Group, brewed hundreds of pots of coffee, listened to teenagers talk about high school, scrubbed toilets, painted faces, and did the invisible work that kept us moving. Through rain or snow, late nights or early mornings, we knew we could look over and see you there beside us, doing the good work of Gospel community.


## GENEROSITY OF LEGACY

## (GKIDS/REWIND MINISTRY)

You didn't babysit kids or entertain them while the adults had a "real service." You didn't send teens to just play games and get out of the house for a night. You poured the Gospel tirelessly into the next generation. You prayed for them when they hurt, cared for them through their doubts and fears, encouraged them when they needed it. And you lived the Gospel of Christ out every time you changed a diaper, poured some puffs, sang another song, memorized verses, listened to Jr. High School woes, played ping pong, didn't sleep at Flower City Work Camp. You believed that there was no age too low, no child too small, no question too silly for Christ to answer.

## 177 kIds in gkids every week

## 55 teens in rewnd every week

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"I like that we learn about
God and Jesus."

- Savanna Biehler

"I love the songs and the video." - Bo Parton

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## GENEROSITY OF HOME

In your homes，in coffee shops，through meals in glass pans and pizza boxes scattered on coffee tables－you were a part of building a family．You opened your doors and week after week decided that life wasn＇t meant to be lived alone．



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ff 2017 brought a tremendous amount of pain as we unexpectedly mourned the loss of our beautiful daughter，Eleanor Marie． During this trial，we＇ve witnessed incredible generosity from the body of Christ，including meals，listening ears， countless prayers，tears，thoughtful reminders of Eleanor，and financial blessings．This sacrificial love gives us precious time to grieve．We are grateful for the Grace Road community，including our Grace Group，the staff，and those we serve with，as they continue to support us with truth filled and tangible love．，f

## GENEROSITY OF RESOURGES

## （BENEVOLENCE）

## 2 Corinthians 8：3－4

＂．．．For they gave according to their means，as I can testify，and beyond their means，of their own accord，begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints．．．＂

You didn＇t just sit in a chair on a Sunday．You were a part of what happened on Monday through Saturday．In each action of giving， helping，and serving our city，you were a part of it．We were able to provide bus passes，rent checks， bill payments，and groceries this year because you didn＇t hesitate to give freely．In the middle of 2017，when we realized we didn＇t budget enough in benevolence， we didn＇t panic．Editing that budget line was a no－brainer．You helped us in that．Being a church is not about meeting our own needs，but serving others．

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## GENEROSITY OF CARE

## (CARE/COUNSELING)

We sat in hospitals with the broken-hearted. We wept with those who wept. Because of your involvement at Grace Road this year, we were able to offer a hand of hope to those who felt they had none left at all. At Grace Road, we don't pretend to have it all together. Because of that, people with real struggles felt like this was a safe space to seek help. We were able to provide care and counseling, and cover the costs for people to see other mental health professionals with the hope of alleviating the weight that they carried in both their head and their heart.


## GENEROSTTY OF THE GOSPEL

## (CHURCH PLANTING)

You lived it out. You heard the Gospel and it changed you. You saw Christ and we see the fruit of that. Your love for the local church didn't stop at the exit doors. It went out from here to the hills and valleys, towns and cities, and beyond any place we could go with our own hands and feet.

Where the ground was ready, you helped plant churches to reach families, homes, and entire communities with the gospel. Both here in our backyard and more than 4,000 miles away, we were able to support new pastors and new churches who are eager to shine the light of Christ in this world.


RICH RIVERA PASTOR / RESTORATION BRONX
(f As an inner-city church plant, in what has historically been the poorest congressional district in the nation, outside support is our chief means of supporting the ministry. The South Bronx is a hard place to plant churches inside of a city that never sleeps. NYC is also the third most expensive city in the nation to live in. Put all that together and it isn't hard to see that the challenges gospel-centered, missional faced churches deal with can be overwhelming for any one person. That is why Grace Road is so important to what we do here. Your support lets us know that you are with us and that we are not alone in our dream to see the South Bronx get saved. You all are an answer to prayer and as we work the soil please know that we carry you with us as we join Jesus in His mission to make sure that everyone knows him and His justice. נן

$\$ 97,748$
Total given to church planting in 2017

## DOMESTIG

- Renovation Church / Syrocuse, NY
- Epiphony Church / Camden, NJ
- New City Church Beechwood / Rochester, NV
- Restoration Bronx / Bronx, NYC
- Terra Nova Berlshires / Boston, MA
- Acs 29 / USA


## GLOBAL MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

- Armenia / Jake Pursley
- Cameroon / Ethan \& Elizabeth Helm
- Italy / Cody Wilbanks
- Paraguay / Dan Hough


## GENEROSITY OF MONEY

 (GIVING/BUDGET)
## 2 Corinthians 8:2-3

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| year | budget | actual |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | \$338,000 | \$428,519 |
| 2013 | \$416,000 | \$636,557 |
| 2014 | \$624,000 | \$766,817 |
| 2015 | \$800,000 | \$980,718 |
| 2016 | \$943,240 | \$1,076,304 |
| 2017 | \$1,040,000 | \$1,375,153 |

(Elders conservatively budget based on previous year)

## CHURCH BUDEET COMPARISON

| GORY | 2017 ACTUAL | 2018 BU |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Personnel ${ }^{\text {a }} 2018$ includes salary of new FT and PT staft member | \$515,236 | \$652,624 |
| Sunday AM Gathering | \$87,037 | \$63,080 |
| Facility | \$198,635 | \$191,042 |
| GRCMinistries | \$37,220 | \$69,940 |
| Local Mercy Ministry | \$14,525 | \$16,000 |
| Church Planting (Addition for pooenital church plant in 2018) | \$97,748 | \$230,260 |
| Communications | \$6,407 | \$14,700 |
| Administration | \$41,392 | \$41,180 |
| Savings (2017 savings monies used for church plant in 2018) | \$376,953 | \$47,475 |
| TOTAL | \$1,375,153 | \$1,326,300 |

## SERMONS SERIES

We began 2017 with an 11-week study of the book of Philippians. Topics included Christ's obedience, humility, faith and works, and legalism. From there we moved on to the book of Jonah for 7 weeks. In that series, we talked about sin, grace, evangelism, repentance, bitterness, and God's love for prodigals. Over the summer we had guest speakers from around the world, many of whom are supported by Grace Road in their various missionary endeavors. At the end of the summer, we had a 2 week series titled "Water, Bread \& Wine" and spent 2 weeks in Luke 24:13-25. That series showed us that Jesus does not desire to be known through the eyes but most commonly through the word, the Lord's Supper, and Baptism. In the fall, we started what we expect to be a year-long journey through the greatest letter ever written: Romans. Topics so far have included God's wrath, faith, religion, hope, peace, joy, and love.

In 2017 we launched a video ministry in an attempt to serve the body in more unique ways. Sunday sermons are now recorded and available online and through our app. Additionally, we've been able to produce personal testimonies of church members to share to the body on Sundays.

This year we also launched a video service for the ASL community. Each week, we record the ASL interpretation and this video is offered for those who need this resource.


## SERMON DOWNLOADS

| YEAR | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 1,152 | 5,062 | 8,764 | 15,656 |

## GIUIGH APP

Download the Grace Road Church app. Our app gives you complete access to all the sermon media. You can stream the content instantly or download for offline listening. In addition, you can access our blog, social media and connection options. All of these features can be viewed on your mobile device or tablet. The app is available for both the iPhone and Android devices as well as Apple TV.


Total App Downloads

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## GONGLUSION

When Grace Road started meeting in 2009, we never imagined that we were part of such a big story of God's grace in Rochester. Just a handful of people showed up for our first Easter service in the Dietrich's house, and we wondered if there would be any story told at all. But God has been incredibly gracious. Despite all that we've gotten wrong, all the mis-steps, and all of the crazy interruptions to the mission over the years, God has blessed and grown our church. Men and women have come to know Christ. We've become a church where recovering religionists and recovering drug addicts are worshipping Christ side-by-side. Christ is known and is being made known. We couldn't have asked for more.

In 2017, our expansion of the staff started to bear fruit. We are now doing more counseling, discipling, teen ministry, kid's ministry, and women's ministry than ever before, all within a church that is more organized than ever. Our safety team has grown and is thriving in its continued mission to help our gatherings run smoothly. Our men's conference was a success, encouraging and strengthening men from not only our church but area churches as well. This summer we introduced our church to many of our missionaries, increasing church awareness of all we do "out there." The strength of the staff has enabled me to spend more time on sermon preparation, resource development, and helping Acts 29 in our mission to plant churches.

It is also encouraging to see that we were able to give away far more money this year than ever before. We gave more to help plant churches this year than we had in total offerings just 8 years ago. We gave almost twice as much as in any previous year to help the poor in our congregation. We quietly helped people with rent, medicine, transportation, and even bought some Christmas gifts for a needy family. Our Christmas offering provided over $\$ 15,000$ to support 441 Ministries. We were able to support the Open Door Mission, FCA, Cru, and other ministries in town.

At the end of 2017, our elders approved our plans for next year which include doubling what we gave to church planting in 2017. We have plans to begin the core phase of a second location of Grace Road Church in 2018. Our surplus funds from the previous year and ongoing generosity will help us multiply, rather than simply grow bigger in one location.

Our biggest desire for this church is that Jesus' name would be made great throughout our region. We want everyone to know the Gospel message and to have repeated encounters with people who believe it. We want to see all of our members view their neighborhoods, campuses, workplaces, schools, and families as the primary fields where the Gospel can be spread and where neighbors can be served in love. In the years ahead, we are working to see Grace Road multiply into a network of local churches that embody the same Gospel and the same DNA, but that are uniquely positioned to reach their communities.

## KEVIN MALONEY





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