2023 MISSION UPDATE

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This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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You'll find powerful stories of the work God is doing in and through Vineyard Cincinnati in this annual report. We hope you pause and reflect on how the Lord has poured out into this community and has impacted you personally and spiritually in the past year.

We're so grateful for your unwavering support through your time, talents, and finances to VCC this past year. God has multiplied our giving to flood our community and the world with His hope and generosity.

We love you and are grateful to be on this journey with you. We are praying with expectation for what is yet to come!

Your VCC Staff and Elders

Our Vineyard Elder Team

This past year, we focused on who **WE ARE** as a church. Reflecting on our collective identity as a church is crucial because it forms the bedrock of our mission, guides our values, and strengthens the sense of community among everyone who calls VCC their church home.

By understanding who we are as a church, we will cultivate a shared purpose, foster spiritual growth, and impact the world around us. We will do this effectively by following these principles.

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this past year! More than 400 individuals and 10 local companies gathered at the Sharonville Convention Center to celebrate the Healing Center's service to the community.

We celebrated the Healing Center's 15-year anniversary

Because of your investment in the past year, there were:

- 400+ unique Healing Center volunteers Dedicated people who are focused on helping each other thrive, personifying service at the heart level.
- 20,000 hours served this past year Time spent serving the community, cultivating an environment of honor and dignity while providing care in practical ways.
- 20,000 unique family visits
- 1,600+ household resource connections Referrals through partnering agencies providing additional services.
- 200+ Healthcare Services Medical screenings and exams provided by our on-site partners, Life Forward Pregnancy Care Center and the University of Cincinnati's Student-Run Free Clinic.
- 4,500 hours of class attendance by ESOL/GED students Educational programming provided by our on-site partner, Cincinnati Public School's Aspire Program.
- 449 VITA Tax Returns Confidential tax consultation provided by our on-site partner, United Way of Cincinnati. Guests saw a total tax preparation savings of \$98,780.
- **190 Bikes Repaired** Donated bicycles made roadworthy for use as transportation and recreation. Brand-new helmets accompany each repaired bike.

Thanks to all of our amazing supporters, the Healing Center raised nearly **\$62,700** through the 2023 Hunger Walk. This annual 5K walk & run on The Banks in Cincinnati provides fresh produce, meat, and other groceries to guests.





Derrick & Krissy Boateng

Krissy learned about the Healing Center from a friend in 2017. On her first visit, she quickly fell in love with the atmosphere and hospitality. Not long after, she became a volunteer. Through serving, Krissy learned about all of the classes and programs she could participate in that would help her advance in multiple areas of her life.

When Krissy and Derrick were married, Krissy introduced Derrick to the Healing Center. Derrick is a native of Ghana and needed some help getting his life started in the United States. He enrolled in the GED program and graduated in 2021.

The Boatengs were invited to join the Thrive program, and together they embarked on a year-long journey of learning, growth, and discovery. They tackled issues around health, financial literacy, overcoming challenging mindsets, and even family planning to create a future story that allowed them to set goals for family success. Today, Krissy and Derrick have welcomed their first child.

LEGACY & HOPE NIGERIA

Bringing The Hope of Jesus To Children in Poverty

The Legacy of Hope Project will change the course of history for thousands of orphaned and vulnerable children in Nigeria, thanks to you!

In 2023, VCC successfully raised funds for the construction of Nigeria's first Christian trauma-informed secondary and vocational school. Initially aiming for \$775,000, our church family generously contributed over \$1,029,000!

The additional funding will:

- Pay for all the teacher's salaries for the first year
- Provide all classrooms with furniture and fixtures
- Secure solar panels for the roof
- Purchase a bus to get students safely to school
- Offer access to Wi-Fi and other IT infrastructure needs

We look forward to sharing more updates in 2024!





We showed God's love in our city and worldwide by blessing organizations with gifts of up to \$20,000! The following organizations received gifts through the Give It All Away initiative:

Convoy of Hope

Relief support to over 2,000 families following hurricanes and earthquakes around the world.

Cape Vineyard

Repairs to the Church building and community hurricane relief efforts, which impacted over 500 families in Florida.

City Church OTR

Rebuilding the aging roof of its historic sanctuary that serves over 300 families each week.

Price Hill Will

Providing safe after-school programs and arts enrichment to over 75 kids in Price Hill.

From Fatherless to Fearless

Program infrastructure support which impacted more than 50 young ladies in the Greater Cincinnati Area.



Asociación Impacto Comunitario La Perla

Supporting year one operating cost for this VCC-planted mission in Puerto Rico that will impact over 100 community members in year one.

Guiding Light Mentoring

Expansion of the current program which benefits over 45 at-risk young ladies each year.

At Work on Purpose

Funding to support their young adult progressional program, empowering 45+ young professionals to walk out their faith at work.

Princeton Closet

Meeting the practical needs of students in the Princeton School District, which supports over 1,500 students that visit the closet each year.

Operation Give Back

Expand tutoring offerings and school supplies and ensure Christmas gifts for the 300+ children they serve each year.

(List represents GIAA gifts from September 2022 - August 2023, totaling \$240,000)



A Ministry of Holy Spirit and Evangelism

We believe that every follower of Jesus is given gifts from the Holy Spirit that are intended to be used to build up the Body of Christ. We are also committed to the practice of empowering every person to discover and use these gifts.

Because of Your Investment:

- 162 individuals were baptized this past year
- 138 people participated in the 5-step prayer model training
- 227 students attended the Cincinnati School for Supernatural Ministry
- 700 outreach kits for families were distributed during July's Worship Together Weekend.





Commited to Biblical Unity

We will be a church whose diversity and unity reflect God's love for our community.

Biblical Unity is a principle that we will continue to invest and grow in. Over the past year:

- The Senior Leadership Team and Board of Elders participated in a Biblical Unity Workshop.
- We hosted a VCC Partners Training that featured a session on Biblical Unity.
- Our pastors have taught about the biblical principles on unity (*Ephesians 3*) and shared about racial disunity.

In 2024, we are planning to:

- Roll out the Unity Workshop to different small groups within VCC.
- Provide updated resources, which include reading and listening material through our website.
- In April, take a group to the Vineyard USA Better Together Conference in Columbus, OH, where the focus is on biblical unity.
- Host a Black History Month celebration.



As a church that seeks to be disciples who make disciples, we have partnered with Navigators Church Ministries who will be helping us grow an intentional disciple-making culture at VCC.



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"Vineyard has been a godsend (pun very much intended)! I am thankful for the community I have gotten to be a part of, the relationships I have built and the Growth & Healing Groups that are offered. I dreaded church as a child but Vineyard has made me excited for Sundays!" -Kasey

"This is a church that loves God and loves people very well. Strong young adult community that I've been involved in the last year! (18-35 year olds). The public disc golf course on campus is also a great thing to do with friends."

-David





We value Community, Connection and Engagement. Over the past year, our Vineyard Family has participated in a variety of groups, classes and events.

- 200 men attended Men's Ministry groups and events.
- 125 adults (ages 18-35) attended Young Adults groups and events.
- 500 women participated in Women's Community groups and events.
- 150 adults participated in 55+ Community groups and events.
- 100+ students have participated in the Student Union's weekend services. 30 students joined the leadership team.
- 266 children attend Vineyard Kids weekly, on average— a growth of 19% year-over-year.
- 213 new families were welcomed to Vineyard Cincinnati.
- 700 people attended the Vineyard Kids Eggstravaganza in the spring.
- 50 people attended Alpha Classes.
- 80+ people attended OneLife Business groups and events.

In 2024, we are excited to:

- Train 75 essential community life group volunteers to become disciple-makers who will join our CORE team in making 100 new disciple-makers in 2025.
- Continue offering Alpha classes that provide a safe place for conversations or questions about God.

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In 2023, VCC spent 85% of our budget on furthering our mission and just 15% on administrative and fundraising costs.

The benchmark for good stewardship of finances in any non-profit organization is to spend at least 65-75% of the budget on programming costs (to further their mission) with the remaining 25-35% for administrative and fundraising activities.

We maintain lean operational functions so we can allocate as many resources as possible to Live and Love Like Jesus! We are grateful for your tithes and offerings and believe that we are called to manage the investments into the Kingdom well.

> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

> > 2 Corinthians 5:17

CONTRIBUTIONS

General Contributions	\$7,572,032
Healing Center	\$677,113
Outreach/Missions	\$189,553

OTHER INCOME

Event Registrations, Other	\$612,749
Total Income	\$9,051447

Total Contributions

\$8,438,698



We are so grateful for the generosity of God's people. VCC Leadership deeply values transparency about the stewardship of our church's finances. We are always open to addressing your questions.

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