



2024



Journey
**KINGDOM
PARTNERS**



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In 2020, amidst the many stressors of the COVID-19 pandemic, Journey Church leadership felt an invitation from the Lord to step into a season of radical generosity. It is from this heart that Kingdom Partners was created.

In 2021, Kingdom Partners was officially launched as a way to be generous over and above our regular tithes. For the past three years, we have prayerfully set increasingly audacious and unlikely goals. Every year, these goals have been surpassed due to the generosity of our congregation and the faithfulness of God.

Since launching in 2021, Kingdom Partners has raised a total of **\$319,723** to support local and global outreach.

The purpose of this booklet is to welcome you, the congregation, into celebrating God's faithfulness in 2023. This booklet will share the impact that Kingdom Partners funds had in the past year, introduce you to the ministries we've supported, and share vision for 2024.

We believe God is calling each of us to continue embracing extravagant, uncomfortable generosity in 2024 and praying faithfully for the ministries we support. We believe that God will be glorified, and lives impacted by the story of Jesus as our offerings are used and multiplied by the God of miracles.

Mathew 6:21 says that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Journey Church, in 2024 we invite you once again into a journey of faith and generosity as we pursue another audacious Kingdom Partners goal. Together, may we align our treasures (our finances) with our heart (our love for Jesus) and watch God do incredible things.



WHAT IS KINGDOM PARTNERS?



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Kingdom Partners is the means through which Journey Church supports and promotes both local and global outreach. The greater mission of Kingdom Partners is to bring together the energies, talents, abilities, and financial generosity of our congregation to offer comprehensive support. To date, financial support has been our primary focus. As we continue to develop Kingdom Partners, we are broadening our vision to further support our missionary partners practically and spiritually as they continue their work locally and around the world.

Kingdom Partners funds come from a variety of places, with the primary source being the over and above giving of the congregation. To practically embrace this generosity within our own church operations, a portion of the church operating budget is also contributed to Kingdom Partners monthly.

2023 IN REVIEW: IMMEASURABLY MORE



In the last two years, the Lord has created exciting opportunities for Kingdom Partners support from beyond our own congregation. In 2023 our pastors felt God speaking a word from Ephesians 3:20-21 over Kingdom Partners: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

To support the Warming Centre outreach right here in our church building, Journey Church received grants from the Calgary Homeless Foundation as well as a shipping container full of clothing and practical items for our guests to use, gifted by the Convoy of Hope. When tallying our totals for 2023, the values of each of these contributions are included in the final number.




TOTAL RAISED IN 2023:



\$237,568

2023 GOAL: \$148,900

With these external contributions, in 2023 we raised a total of **\$237,568**. This value was **\$88,668** more than our target, and the unexpected nature of how we exceeded this goal speaks to our God's ability to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." Today we praise God for his creativity and gentle reminders that He will respond to our faith in unexpected ways when we're willing to partner with Him.

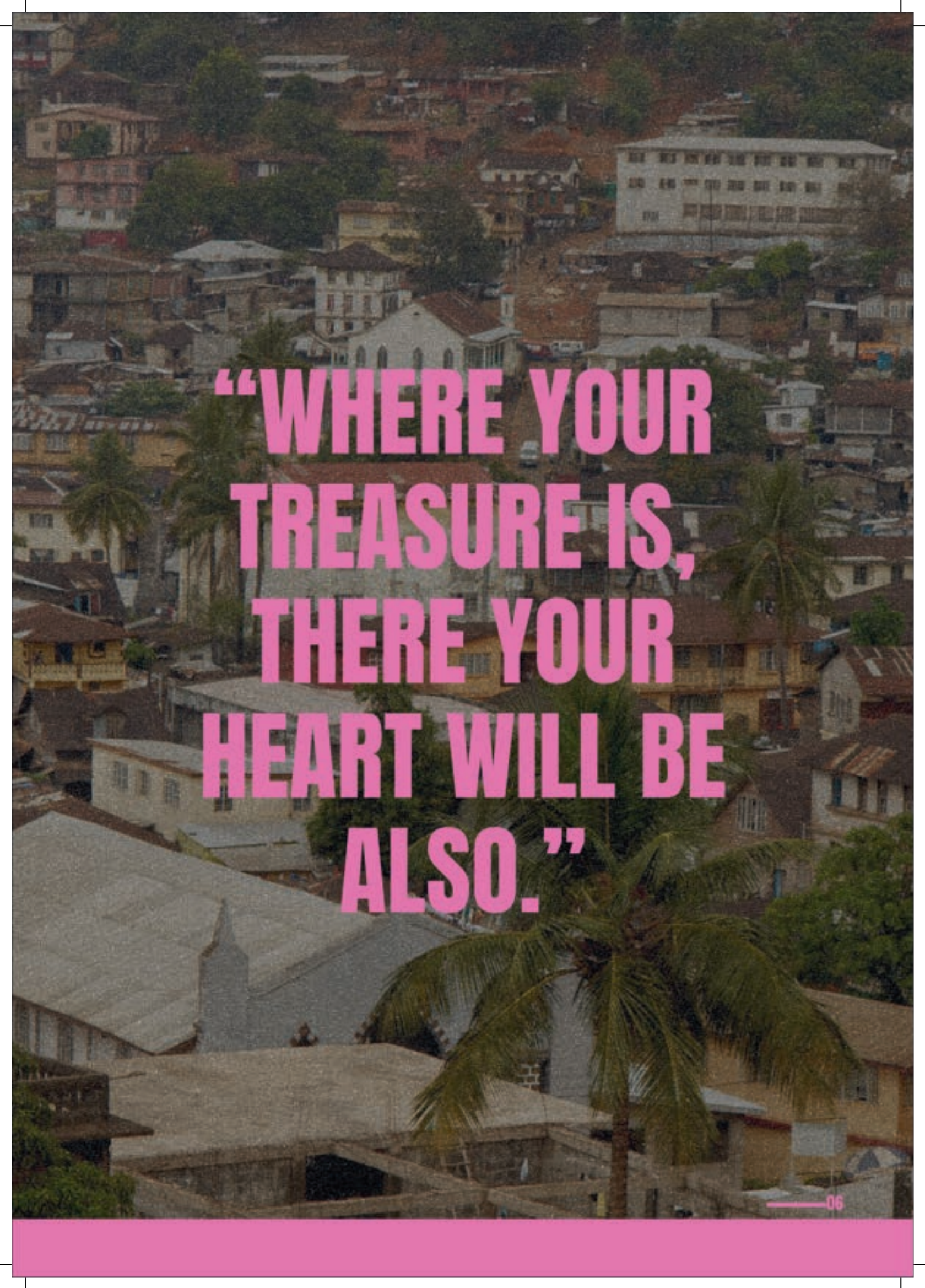


2024
GOAL

**2024
KINGDOM PARTNERS
GOAL:**

\$201,500

In 2024, we are once again increasing our Kingdom Partners goal in faith and expectancy. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to new levels of generosity this year, remembering that: "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



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WHAT SORT OF MINISTRIES DOES KINGDOM PARTNERS SUPPORT?

In Acts 1:8, Jesus said "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When Jesus spoke of witnessing to these various regions, He was calling his disciples to share the gospel with the following groups:

- People in your own city
- People in your own nation
- People who are geographically close to you, but culturally very different from you
- People living geographically far from you
- People who have not yet been exposed to the story of Jesus

Kingdom partners funds are prayerfully dispersed to local and global partners to ensure the funds impact all groups addressed by Jesus in Acts 1:8.



Every year we ensure funds address four categories:

MATERIAL NEEDS AND COMPASSIONATE CARE



RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE



EVANGELISM



CHURCH PLANTING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



The following pages will outline the impact that Kingdom Partners funds had throughout 2023.



WARMING CENTRE

Journey Warming Centre

Calgary

In November 2023, Journey Church started its second year of running a Warming Centre serving Calgary's unhoused population in cooperation with the Calgary Homeless Foundation and the City of Calgary. On weekdays from November to March, the foyer in Journey Church is used to offer individuals experiencing homelessness a space to stay warm. Guests are provided with drinks, home-cooked soups, and access to warm clothing.

Over 2,500 people in Calgary experienced homelessness in 2022, and poverty is a very real concern for nearly 10% of Calgarians. Practically serving these individuals through the Warming Centre is a way for Journey Church to be Jesus' hands and feet within our own city.

Running the Warming Centre has been a meaningful experience for our Journey Church community as it reminds us that outreach and generosity can be as practical as offering our excess space to those less resourced than us. Currently over 100 volunteers serve at the Warming Centre, and most of these volunteers come from our Journey Church community.

OVER
90
INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED TO
NECESSARY SERVICES

AVERAGING
30
GUESTS AT THE WARMING
CENTRE DAILY

MORE THAN
100
VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT THE
WARMING CENTRE

Through connections with community paramedics, social workers, peace officers, Alpha House, and other local organizations, over 90 individuals were able to access necessary services through the Warming Centre in the month of November 2023. These services included detox, housing, medical care, and successfully receiving government-issued ID.

Over 30 guests visit the Warming Centre on an average day, with this number increasing to over 50 guests on colder days. In December 2023, an individual who had lost connection with his family was able to be reunified with his family members through the network at the Warming Centre.

Operating the Warming Centre is dependent on over and above Kingdom Partners funds, as the grants received from Calgary Homeless Foundation do not cover many of the operational costs. Your giving to Kingdom Partners makes running the Warming Centre possible. We praise God for the work He is doing through this ministry and are excited to continue practically serving our city in this way.



For Her Dignity

Egypt, Africa, and the Middle East

For Her Dignity provides sustainable menstrual hygiene products to women and girls living in Middle Eastern and African countries. School drop-out rates among girls living in these regions are high, and inadequate access to feminine hygiene products is a contributing factor to these statistics. Currently, For Her Dignity provides thousands of dignity kits to women and girls in need. These kits include a variety of high quality, reusable feminine hygiene products. This project has opened doors to forming strategic partnerships with large textile companies and government officials.

Through the distribution of these kits in various countries and the training of local facilitators, women and girls across Africa and the Middle East are receiving menstrual products, health education, and access to greater stories of Hope and Truth. Community members are also provided with patterns and tools to continue creating menstrual products out of whatever fabric they have available, and through these individuals a ripple effect of dignity continues to spread into increasingly rural areas.



Jesse Mitchell

Sierra Leone

Jesse Mitchell is one of Journey Church's own congregants who was previously serving in the Republic of Congo. In 2023, Jesse moved to Sierra Leone where he continues to serve through MissionGo. The projects his team is involved in include healthcare and education, with a specific focus on ensuring remote villages have access to clean drinking water. Jesse also helps run various Bible study training and education programs.



Zoe Network

Global

ZOE means “life; absolute fullness of life.” ZOE Network comes alongside local partners around the globe who are bringing this LIFE to marginalized women. ZOE partners work in the areas of health, education, economic empowerment and human trafficking- all with a heart for spiritual transformation. Through this, the gospel of Jesus is being demonstrated and lives are being radically transformed.

This year, Kingdom Partners helped support a variety of ZOE Network projects around the world, including supporting a Flourish training course in Malawi to train and equip local staff and volunteers to care for victims of sexual violence. This project resulted in 15 women graduating as facilitators of the program. All of these women are now leading their own groups teaching women and girls how to thrive in life through learning about healthy boundaries, healthy emotions, strong self-image, and courage to step into a life of purpose. A recent survey found that 69% of girls and women in Malawi have experienced some form of sexual violence, and the ZOE partners initiative in Malawi seeks to address this gap and offer trauma informed care to survivors seeking refuge.





ELEVIVA

Eleviva

Italy

Eleviva is a ministry with a mission of seeing life-giving communities of faith planted all across Europe. The heart of Eleviva is to elevate the lives of the churches, pastors, leaders, and communities they serve through the good news and the goodness of Christ.

Italy is a nation hungry for the gospel. Less than one percent of Italians identify as born-again Christians, and 7,000 towns and villages in Italy have no church or evangelical witness. Eleviva has a vision of seeing "a new church, for a new generation, for a new nation" within Italy, and believes that young, born-again Italians will be instrumental in bringing this vision to life. Today, local pastors run a three-year-long leadership EMPOWER training program for young Italians who feel called to participate in this vision.

In October 2023, Pastors Jess and Dave were invited to teach at EMPOWER programs located in Naples and Bologna and two Kingdom Partners team members joined. It was encouraging to visit these healthy, Holy-Spirit led Italian churches and see all the ways God is moving in Italy.

Connect Church in Naples was the first church plant supported by Eleviva, which was started during the Covid-19 pandemic and has grown to about 100 congregants. They have baptized 25 new believers since opening.

Gospel Forum is an established local church in Bologna with a vision to plant several new churches in the next five years. Through Eleviva, Kingdom Partners has pledged to financially support these church planting initiatives for the next three years.

George Werner is a long-standing partner of Journey Church. George is the Canada-based Director of Strategic Initiatives for Eleviva, and is instrumental in supporting Italian pastors create long term vision for their ministries.

More recently, Eleviva has expanded to Poland, where they partner with Maranatha Ministries in offering practical support to Ukrainian refugees. Eleviva intends to begin offering EMPOWER training beyond Italy to support the vision of seeing faith communities planted across Europe.

A photograph of a person with long hair, wearing a dark jacket and a backpack, standing in the foreground looking towards a large, colorful, conical sculpture. The sculpture is made of many thin, brightly colored poles (blue, green, purple, yellow) that converge at the top. It is situated in front of a brick building with a large window. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'MAKWA DODEM' is overlaid in large, bold, pink letters across the center of the image.

MAKWA DODEM



Makwa Dodem

Western Canada

Though they make up just 4% of the Canadian female population, Indigenous females make up 50% of reported cases of trafficking. When it comes to the prevention of trafficking and exploitation for Indigenous females in Canada, there is a lack of resources available that are grounded in Indigenous culture and community. Makwa Dodem is an initiative co-founded by our own church member, Jacqueline Peeace, and her sister. This initiative is aimed at equipping and empowering Indigenous communities to prevent sexual exploitation.

Makwa Dodem offers a trauma-informed and strengths-based program, focusing on education, awareness, and relationship. This prevention programming not only raises awareness about exploitation but also addresses root causes by promoting cultural identity, healthy relationships, and holistic well-being.

Since launching in early 2023, Makwa Dodem has

- Launched two pilot programs with reservations in Saskatchewan
- Completed 13 presentations on human trafficking awareness and prevention for youth, parents, and service providers
- Began outreach to Indigenous communities in Calgary and Northern Alberta



A photograph of a group of people at a social gathering, possibly a meal or event. The scene is indoors, with a table in the foreground set with plates of food, glasses, and water. Several people are seated around the table, and others are standing in the background. A prominent pink text overlay is centered on the image. In the upper right corner, a sign with the text 'JOU TWE' is visible. The overall atmosphere appears to be casual and social.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MINISTRY



University Campus Ministry

Calgary

University Campus Ministries (UCM) is a long-standing partner of Journey Church and was founded by a member of Journey Church, Kelly Johnson. Today, Logan Johnson and Stephanie Alexandre from Journey Church also serve with UCM.

University Campus Ministries' purpose is to serve and support students and faculty on campus with their Christian walk. UCM has a broad umbrella that reaches all throughout Canada. In Calgary, they serve our three major campuses: University of Calgary, Mount Royal University, and SAIT. UCM desires to see Jesus known throughout our campuses and pursues this by relationally mentoring and equipping university students to serve Jesus on their campuses, in their city, and around the world.

Currently, UCM arranges weekly worship and prayer times, daily student connections, monthly student gatherings for teaching, as well as follow up discussion nights and socials. These activities provide wonderful opportunities to invest in the lives of students.

Every month, UCM hosts "The Table" in partnership with Journey church. This ministry offers a free, home-cooked meal to university students. In the past year, these events have grown to have up to 90 students attend.

UCM has also become closely connected with Calgary's international student community through the Friendship Program. These connections offer opportunities for meaningful hospitality, friendship, community building, and sharing of the story of Jesus. Many international students have never heard the gospel or experienced the love of Jesus in the context of friendship with a believer. In 2023, Kingdom Partners funds were used to help sponsor international students attending a winter adventure camp between Christmas and New Years. Over 70 students attended this camp and were shown hospitality and friendship during a time of year that is often lonely for international students.



Nation to Nation

Myanmar - Thailand Border

Nation to Nation serves vulnerable, conflict-distressed communities at the Myanmar-Thailand border through crisis aid, health and wellness solutions, and sustainable livelihood training. This ministry partners with nationals to provide a powerful Christian hope message along with vocational training. This includes offering replicable, sustainable, 'seed to market' solutions with coffee, soy, and clean water systems.

A specific project that Kingdom Partners helped fund this year was expanding and renovating a local school and church building in Thailand that serves 100+ students of Myanmar migrant families, six teachers, and a growing church congregation of 80.



International Bible and Missions Training

Closed Nation

This year, Kingdom Partners funds continued to support an underground Bible college operating in a closed nation. Due to security considerations, the details of this partnership cannot be shared. However, reports from our partners share that God is faithful- dozens of brave followers of Jesus are being trained and equipped to share with unreached people groups in nations that are closed to the gospel. Our partners confidently shared that the spread of the gospel is unstoppable, and there are more born-again Christians in closed nations than ever before.

Our Global Impact



“We see Journey Church as a multicultural city church impacting thousands through the practical life transformative gospel message; preparing people of all ages to live healthy lives. Our vision is to train people to do extraordinary things for Jesus and to give half a million dollars yearly to Kingdom Partners by the end of 2027.”



Once again, our Kingdom Partners goal for 2024 is **\$201,500**

This vision for 2024 and beyond requires that all of us participate, so we welcome each of you into our Kingdom Partners journey of faith.

We encourage you to be a part of something bigger than yourself and grow together in generosity.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21



In 2024, we want to create more opportunities for you to be involved in the impact and vision of Kingdom Partners. Below are several ways you can serve through your unique passions, talents, interests, and abilities:

1. Remember to intentionally pray for our various local and global partners
2. If you have a unique skillset that could support one of our partners (and capacity to serve), please reach out to our team. Many global partners have expressed a need for support with needs such as grant writing or video editing.
3. Support ongoing Warming Centre operations through volunteering, donating clothing, or dropping off ready-to-serve food items
4. In October 2024, Journey Church will be arranging a discovery trip to Cambodia through ZOE Network. If you're interested in attending, connect with Laura through the Kingdom Partners email.
5. And, of course, we encourage you all to continue giving generously

Connect at kingdompartners@myjourney.church or scan the QR code below for ways to give.

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