2020
ANNUAL REPORT

THE BRIDGE

OFFICE LOCATION:

The Hub
133 W 2nd St
Ottumwa, IA 52501

CAMPUS LOCATIONS:

OTTUMWA CAMPUS
Bridge View Center
102 Church St
Ottumwa, IA 52501

SERVICE TIMES
8:00am
9:30am
11:00am

CENTERVILLE CAMPUS
415 Bank Street
Centerville, IA 52544

SERVICE TIMES
9:00am
10:45am

FAIRFIELD CAMPUS
Fairfield Middle School
404 W Filmore Ave
Fairfield, IA 52556

COMING MARCH 14!
SERVICE TIMES
9:00am
10:45am

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Our 2020 strategic goal was to be a people who are ***Faithful*** and ***Fearless.*** We didn't realize in January the many ways we would need to be bold in ***faith*** and allow God to quiet our ***fear***. We started off the year with our Rebuilder series where we explored the story of Nehemiah and how God calls us to respond when opposition comes. In February, we hosted our largest ever Awake Conference where we saw students from all over our region start a relationship with Jesus. Then, in March, the pandemic created new challenges and opportunities.

We continued to pursue God ***faithfully*** by worshiping from home, assisting with grocery delivery locally, and providing support to ministries in Uganda and Cambodia. We saw how God invited us to be ***fearless*** in our return to in-person gatherings. Despite the obstacles that came our way, I am more confident than ever that God is going to grow His church. In 2020, we celebrated 56 baptisms, provided Christmas gifts to over 1,000 kids through a drive-through Christmas Store, and saw people from all over our state and country take next steps by engaging in our online services.

That does not begin to cover all the ways we saw God's ***faithfulness*** during 2020, but my hope is that it allows us to celebrate that we have a God who is with us, strengthening, protecting, and providing for us; Positioning us to live by ***faith*** and without ***fear***, no matter the circumstances.

Thank you for being ***faithful*** and ***fearless*** in your generosity, your joy, your trust, and your commitment to the Lord this year.

With joy,

Marty Schmidt, Lead Pastor

KNOW GOD

We consider teaching people who do not know God to be one of our greatest responsibilities! We believe God has called us to be a church that both churched and unchurched people love to attend.

946

AVERAGE SUNDAY IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

PRE-COVID SUNDAY AVERAGE

1,542

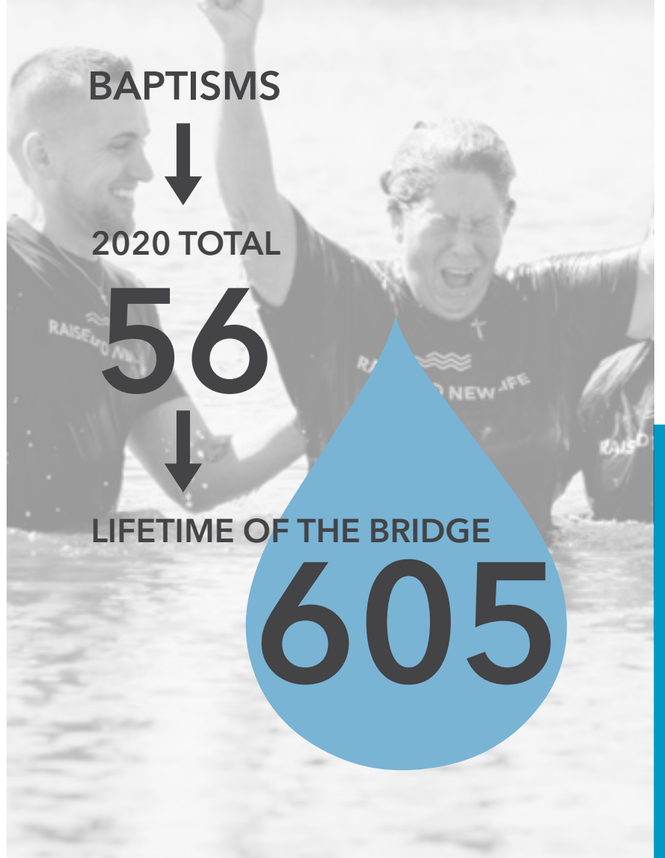
687

POST COVID SUNDAY AVERAGE

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER CAMPUS

CENTERVILLE CAMPUS → 171

775 ← OTTUMWA CAMPUS



BAPTISMS

2020 TOTAL

56

LIFETIME OF THE BRIDGE

605

ONLINE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

	YOUTUBE	FACEBOOK	WEBSITE	NBC & FOX TV
TOTAL SERVICES VIEWED	30,315	33,600	4,754	51,930

MOST VIEWED MESSAGE »» HOW LONG - MARTY SCHMIDT – MARCH 15TH

"Sunday morning church services set me up for the rest of the week. It's a time to recenter my focus on God so I can share his love with others throughout the week."

– Becky

AWAKE
STUDENT MINISTRY

576
AWAKE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

100
UNIQUE STUDENTS IN TRIBES

30
ACTIVE AWAKE DREAM TEAMERS

58
AWAKE CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

53
STUDENTS SERVING ON A DREAM TEAM

BRIDGE KIDS

888
UNIQUE KIDS WHO ATTENDED A SERVICE IN 2020

159
BRIDGE KIDS AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

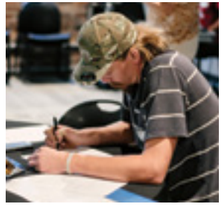
BRIDGE KIDS AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CAMPUS

OTTUMWA	CENTERVILLE
122	37

101
TOTAL ACTIVE BRIDGE KIDS DREAM TEAMERS

"I love serving in Bridge Kids. We get to form relationships with the babies that we care for and their families and can encourage them. We see many kiddos begin to feel comfortable at church and, as they grow up, form personal relationships with Jesus."

– Kim



FIND FREEDOM

We believe life change happens in the context of relationships. That is why we love Growth Groups! Through life-giving friendships, we can experience the freedom God has for us.

UNIQUE GROWTH GROUP PARTICPANTS

695

GROUP LEADERS

124

NUMBER OF GROUPS

181

> *"It is so refreshing to talk about real things and then pray about them together in Growth Groups. It's even more exciting to celebrate together after seeing how God answers those prayers."*
>
> *— Dani*

DISCOVER PURPOSE

God designed each of us with a purpose for His glory. At Growth Track, we aim to help people discover how they can make a kingdom difference at The Bridge.

91

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS COMPLETED GROWTH TRACK

> *"Growth Track is an invitation into the heart of The Bridge and into a deeper relationship with Jesus. I finished Growth Track with an "I can't wait to get started" feeling!"*
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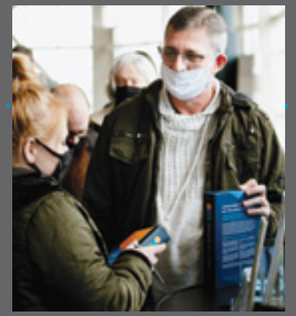
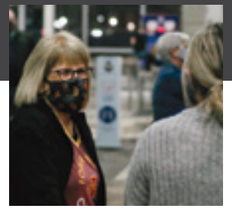
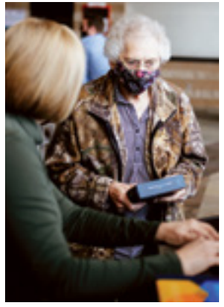
> *—Mary*







MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ACTIVE DREAM TEAM MEMBERS **584**

NUMBER OF OIL CHANGES COMPLETED FOR SINGLE PARENTS

43

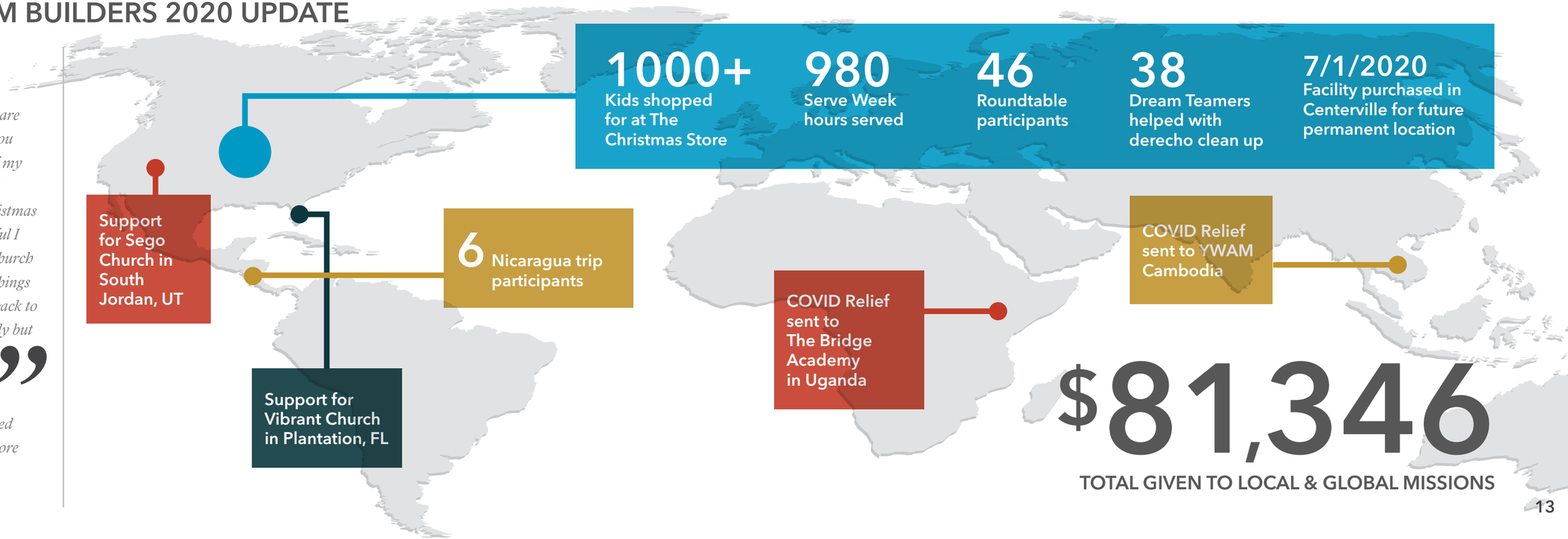
"The Bridge is so full of passion, not just passion within the church, but a passion for reaching people outside of the church. For a while, I went into church alone, but by serving on a Dream Team I found my 2 AM friends."

—Michael

KINGDOM BUILDERS 2020 UPDATE

"I want to share my deepest thank you from the bottom of my heart for the gifts I received at the Christmas Store! I'm so grateful I have such a great church of caring people! Things are slowly getting back to normal in my family but this helps so much!"

-Parent who shopped at the Christmas Store



$81,346

TOTAL GIVEN TO LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

SUPPORT TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

SE Iowa Dream Center

Blessings Soup Kitchen

Ottumwa Christian School

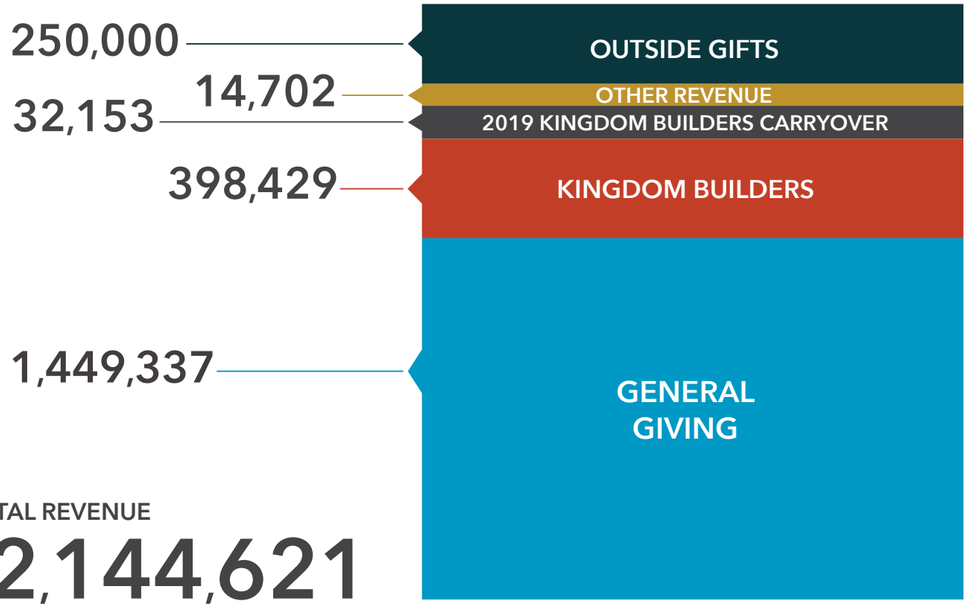
The Well – Fairfield

New Hope Ministry – Centerville

Bethany Christian Services

Bridges Out of Poverty

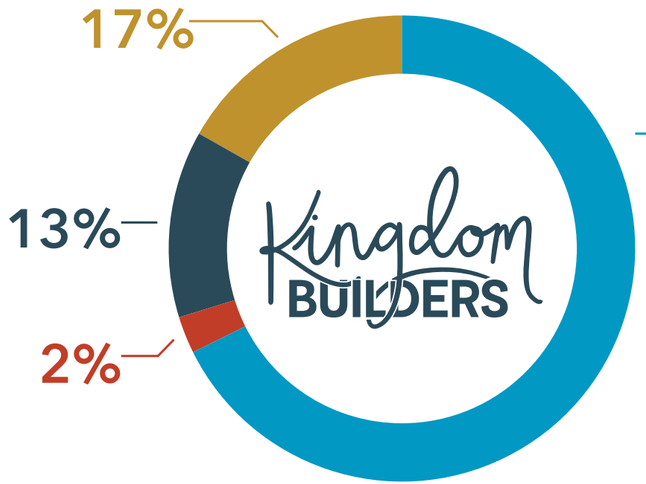
REVENUE



TOTAL REVENUE

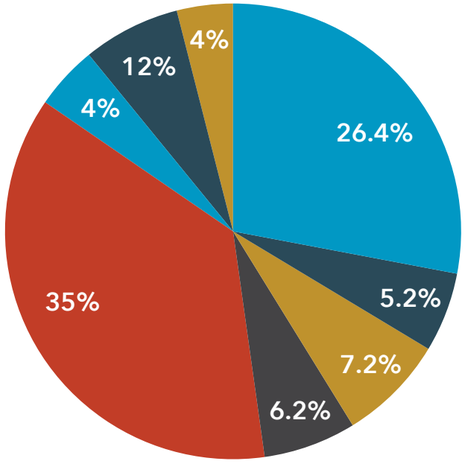
$2,144,621

KINGDOM BUILDERS
2020 EXPENSE OVERVIEW

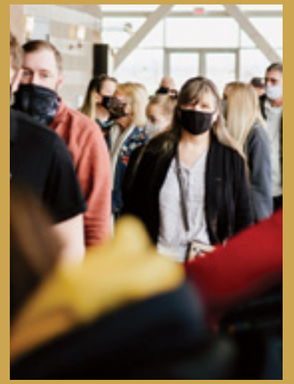


- Growth & Expansion – $460,486
- Glocal Missions – $88,300
- Leadership Development – $17,490
- Carryover – $114,306

GENERAL EXPENSE OVERVIEW



- Kingdom Builders – $566,276
- Kingdom Builders Carry Over – $114,306
- Central Operations – $153,380
- Facility – $133,178
- Staff – $744,943
- Outreach – $91,515
- Growth & Expansion – $260,486
- General Budget Surplus – $80,537



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