

2014

FOURSQUARE – ANNUAL REPORT

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Expressing faith through love

Foursquare has a simple mission: "expressing faith through love." The natural by-product of a transformed life by faith in Jesus is to share that life with others in love and that is why everything we do – including every dollar we spend – is working to advance this mission.

Many times in the Old Testament, God instructed Israel to build altars of remembrance. Right after Israel crossed the Jordan River without getting wet (because God stopped the river from flowing), God told them to gather stones from the riverbed and stack them as an altar "to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." A strategic and perpetual reminder of His miraculous provision.



Each New Year is a good opportunity to construct an "altar of remembrance." Making sure to be intentional about remembering, thanking and praising God for each moment of faithfulness in the previous year.

We are excited to provide you with this "Yearly Review" of the ministry of Foursquare – it's our way of stacking stones to never forget all the great things God has done in and through our lives as part of Foursquare in Gettysburg.

As you read through this report, I want you to know that your tithes and offerings given to Foursquare are making a direct difference in many lives. Every story is about a changed life and every changed life is a new stone stacked bringing remembrance and praise to God.

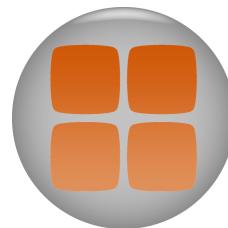
Thank you for your amazing generosity in 2014! I can only imagine the stones God will have us gather in 2015 as we continue to **express faith through love!**

Mark Chester
Lead Pastor, Foursquare

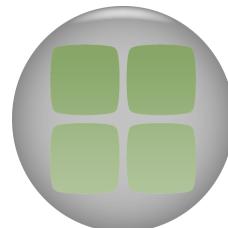


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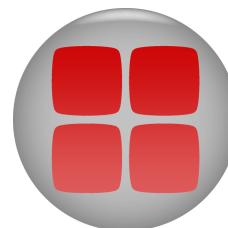
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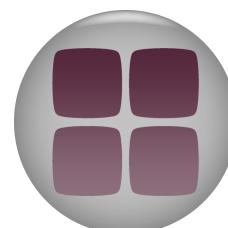
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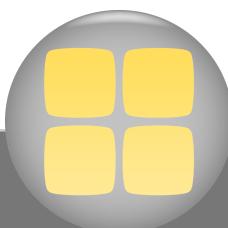
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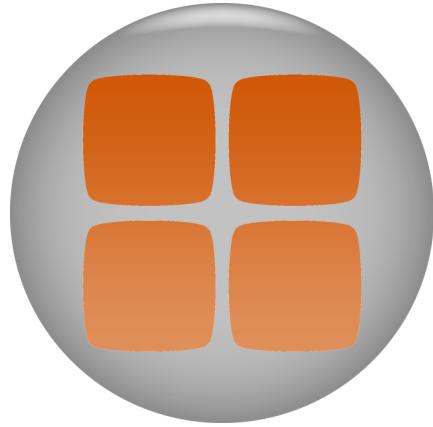
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Sharing the good news of Jesus with others



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extending ourselves...

In 2014 we welcomed over 350 new guests through the doors of Foursquare. Our Front Line Ministry, did a fantastic job greeting and answering questions along with our whole congregation making our guests feel welcome. While some of our guests were visitors to the area enjoying the sites of Gettysburg, or in town on business or visiting family, others have made Foursquare their new home.

This is what some people are saying....

"...it was wonderful being with you guys while I am up here for some training for my job. I really enjoyed the sermon (and your pastor's heart) and I appreciated your worship leader (I was a worship leader in FL before we moved. I pray that God continues to bless your church and that it will continue to grow?" -R. Dolan

"...we absolutely enjoyed your church and service...we've tried numerous churches in the area but something was always missing. The first time we attended service we felt at home. Everyone was warm, welcoming, and friendly. We've been back almost every week since." -The Roth Family

"... I have enjoyed attending the last couple of weeks. I spoke to Pastor Mark after the last service and he was very encouraging. I hope to be able to serve in some capacity. I also hope to get involved in the upcoming mini churches, in particular the Men's groups." -B. Snyder

"... just wanted to give thanks for Cheryl and the Foursquare family for the lovely letter I received in the mail this morning. It was a nice surprise seeing it and reading it" Thank you and God bless." -S. Tanon

"...I have found a home in this church. In a life time I have attended many churches, but walking into Foursquare was like coming home. Each week the messages speak to my heart. Amazing Pastor and Church family. I am truly blessed." -T. Cotter

"...Fantastic family. Amazing sense of feeling welcome in this body. I was a visitor from another Foursquare Church while traveling the PA area. God has blessed this body and his work is surely being done here. Do not miss an opportunity to see God's work here!" -G. Petersen

We celebrated...

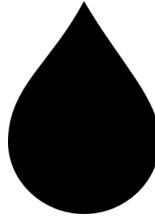
- 33 individuals as they shared their testimony through Water Baptism
- 60 individuals completed the Foursquare 101 classes, making them eligible for new membership
- ...and 56 of them have already had opportunity to take that step to partner with us in membership, showing the commitment to our church body and support of our staff, vision and direction.

God is so good and He shows His love for us every day.



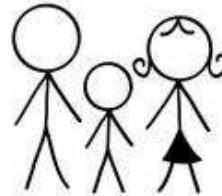
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Decisions for Christ



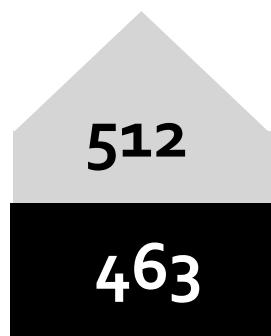
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Water Baptisms



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Total 1st Time Guests



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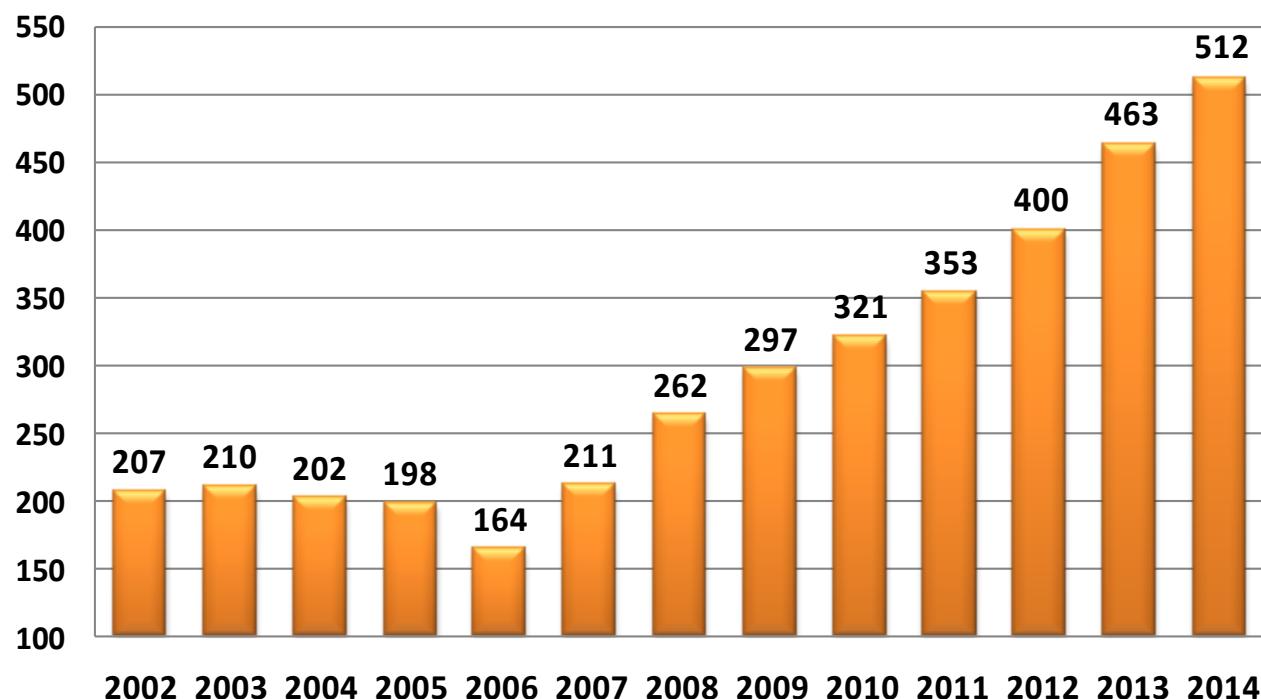
**Increase in Avg.
Attendance**

Completed F101

New Members

GSM Graduates

Average Attendance



Our **COMPASSION MINISTRY** touched the lives of many people in 2014.

We invested in and cared for:

- our church body
- the people of our local community by meeting needs with assistance toward utility payments, food, and gas for transportation

New this year, a team of two volunteers delivered our food and gas vouchers and shared the love of Jesus with the recipients.



CARE MINISTRY, led by Ed and Deb Moe, continued to increase its demonstration of love and support to our church family during 2014. There were many needs within our fellowship that required some form of action. This past year the Care Ministry teams ministered as follows:

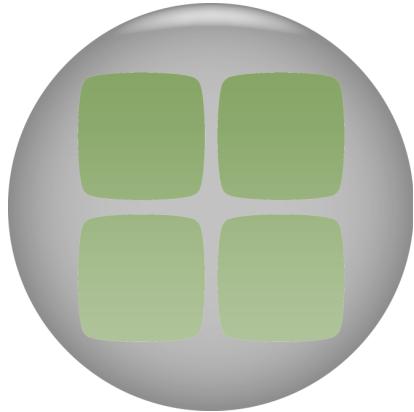
- **Meals**—Coordinated by Vickie Myers, 41 Serving, provided 80-100 meals, ministering to approximately 20 families in need, (with new additions to the family, surgery, or illness).
- **Visitation**—28 Serving, made 35-40 hospital/home visits, ministering to 20-25 individuals
- **Send-a-Card**—12 Serving, sent over 150 cards /notes to love on 25-30 individuals
- **Call and Pray**—14 Serving, ministered to 5 individuals
- **Handyman**—Coordinated by Chuck Phillips, 7 Serving, ministering to one family on two occasions

New things this year were the Call & Pray team and Handyman team which continue to develop. Those families ministered to have been extremely thankful and appreciative for the help provided.

"Many lives were touched and encouraged through the different aspects of the Care Ministry. This has fostered some incredible bonding within our fellowship between those serving and those in need, making the Sunday morning service "Grip-n-Grin" time all the more meaningful as those serving can connect with those who have been in need and see how they are doing." - Ed & Debbie Moe

Our Care Ministry teams have done an outstanding job ministering, and being the hands and feet for Jesus. We are so thankful for each of you!

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ENCOURAGE

Advancing others in their relationship with Christ



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encouraging growth...



CELEBRATE RECOVERY is designed to help people experience true freedom from their hurts, habits, and hang-ups by experiencing and accepting the love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- Meet every week (no cancellations)
- Approx 30 gather at each service
- dozens of testimonies of lives transformed

Our job at CR is to give the necessary tools and to show the love of Christ. Our members' job is to submit to God and let Him transform them. I am very blessed to have the people on my



team as leaders. They are terrific women and we have more men and women being trained. God has truly blessed me personally by having the ability to serve in this way.

- Mark Punchard (CR)

"...it is only through Him and the sacrifice of Jesus that we can experience real and lasting freedom" -MP

MINI CHURCH

Mini Churches are groups that gather in homes and various locations around the area to discuss the sermon topics during the 8-week series.

Spring Series:

11 mini churches met:

- 8 in locations around Gettysburg
- 2 in York Springs
- 1 in Littlestown

Fall Series:

20 mini churches met:

- 13 around Gettysburg
- 2 in York Springs
- 2 in Hanover
- 1 in Aspers
- 1 in Fairfield
- 1 in Gardners

179 individuals participated in the Fall, with an average weekly attendance hovering around 135.

Participants loved having the opportunity to get to know other fellow believers better, and make new connections. Mini Churches provide a relaxed, nonthreatening atmosphere in which to discuss the practical applications of the previous Sunday's sermon. Getting to share problems with fellow Christians and have them join in prayer together was another aspect of genuine community that mini churches facilitate and was greatly appreciated by participants.



"But commission Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see." Deuteronomy 3:38

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

God loves us just the way we are, but too much to keep us that way.



Mini Churches - 4-5 Women's Groups were offered both Spring & Fall sessions, ministering to over 50 women each time.

Book Brunch (January 11) Brennan Manning's book, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*.



Our Ladies Retreat, Navigating the Course (April 4-5)

- 56 women in attendance
- experienced the sweetness of God's word spoken uniquely over every woman
- challenged to really trust in His promises
- we bonded over our stories; although very different they helped us realize we are really quite the same

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it." - Isaiah 30:21

Beth Moore Simulcast (Sept 13)

- 60 in attendance
- Time to be silent, listen to the Lord, & share the "nuggets" we were encouraged or challenged by
- 5 women received scholarships.
- 22 ladies and 1 man on the leadership team, plus all the members of their teams. Great job team!



Four Week Bible Studies:

In This World, But Not of This World - Mondays, in June

Ruth - Wednesdays July-Aug

"This past year has been one of extreme growth for me just in stepping out from years of being "just" a home school mom and Nana. **The highlight of my year was of course the retreat... The breakaway times at the retreat made me face an area in my life that I had not let God heal.** I totally was out of my comfort zone in going on a weekend away with a group of women I did not know. **The love and acceptance that I received there will always, always hold a special place in my heart.** He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose."

-Brenda



*Events of Women's Ministry that stand out in my mind are:
The retreat... I was blown away by the honesty and vulnerability ... It made me love God all the more... His grace and love are limitless...Just being with other women was just plain fun...Summer evening Bible study with Geri, I will never forget the lesson on Ruth that she taught. I never cease to be amazed at Geri's style and her approach to Scripture and teaching. I would like to see more of these. -Shari*

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS (AFG)

Classes offered in 2014:

- Men's
- Married's
- Senior Adults
- Women's
- Young Married's
- Explorer's
- Young Adult
- Adult 1
- PLACE

Average - Total
AFG Attendance:

84



Service at the Park
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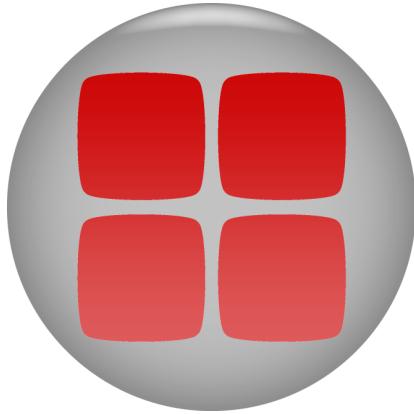


ANNUAL SERVICE IN THE PARK

We celebrated with everyone together at one-service, at the Rec Park Amphitheater and Fireman's Pavilion.

- 480 participated in the Worship Service
- 7 were baptized
- 520 meals were shared
- Pie contest
- Barrel train rides and games for kids
- Yard games and photo booth
- A lot of fun and a beautiful day spent together.

"JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY,
AND TODAY, AND FOREVER." — HEBREWS 13:8



EMPOWER

Training and sending people in leadership and service



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empowering people...

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)...

empowers couples, families, and individuals during a 9-week course as they work toward financial freedom. Dave Ramsey shares his wisdom and instruction on Budgeting, Saving and Investing. Tim Althoff does a great job facilitating our classes. Thanks Tim! This past October and



November Tim lead a class of 12, representing 8 different families in our congregation. These statistics tell the story of how this class has had a huge impact on these families in a very short time period:

Debt: *Starting Week 1: \$298,511
Debt paid down during class: \$15,150
Total debt paid in 9 weeks: 5%*

Savings: *Total class savings at Week 1: \$23,353
Additional saved during class: \$7,257
Total increase in savings: 31.1%*

Credit Cards: *cards owned at Week 1: 33
Credit cards cut up during class: 14
Total decrease in number of credit cards owned: 42%*

"Chris and I attended FPU in the fall of 2014. We set up a budget and made many positive changes financially. Within the first six weeks of the class, we were able to set aside an emergency fund. A highlight for us was cutting up our two credit cards and paying off those accounts. Our next goal is to pay off the last credit card. We are on our way to financial freedom and we are very excited to live life financially the way God intended.

Judy Sites



GETTYSBURG SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (GSM)...

celebrated a great year of classes, thanks to the God-given talents of our wonderful instructors and the individuals that are seeking more of Him. In 2014 GSM had its first graduation ceremony. Congratulations to Alyson Fissel, Ashley Fuhrman, Shelly Norman, and Kristin Smith. We also dedicated the "Marty Jenkins Memorial Library". The average class size in 2014 was 16, with 6 classes offered.

BETSY BAKER

- began her missionary work to Covington, VA, November 2014.
- resigned her employment, sold her home and moved to VA in obedience & faith
- serving as liaison for mission groups traveling to Covington, coordinating events/ work being done to touch the lives of the community

Betsy shared this recently:

("The "free" yard sale) ...gave away 95% of what was donated by Gettysburg Foursquare. Everyone was very grateful for the clothes and housewares....I volunteered to help with "Christmas Mother" which is an event giving specific requested toys and housewares, as well as having rooms with toys, housewares and children's clothing which people can take what they want from. They also gave bikes to families that wanted them and food for the holiday meal....there were 450 families served this year. One applicant that I assisted through the rooms was very excited to get a coffee maker! Something I take for granted every day! Some of the stories are heartbreaking.

The "Big Game" dinner is the 25th....looking forward to that. I have yet to buy any camo clothes....but I'm sure that's not far down the road!



We are growing by leaps and bounds, but the economy is so bad here the church tithes are not growing. Please keep Good News and I in your prayers! Love you and thanks again for all your support!" -Betsy

YORK SPRINGS FOURSQUARE CHURCH PLANT

Pastor: Tyler Weidler

Official launch: September 21st, 2014

- 187 people in attendance
- 5 Baptisms after service
- Communion and cake

Prior to their launch, in August, they held a Community Outreach Mission Week:

- volunteers did work around the community
- got to know people all over town
- hosted a family adventure farm in the evenings
 - ◊ More than 20 kids from town attended
 - ◊ Barrel train rides
 - ◊ Free picnic supper
 - ◊ Bible skits, lessons, crafts, games, and soccer.
 - ◊ Friday, August 15 the church held a "Family Adventure Farm,"
 - * Over 250 people in attendance
 - * Ice cream & cupcakes
 - * Large inflatable bounce houses, a petting zoo, and fire trucks from the Fire Co., soccer, games and crafts
 - * Youth group started as an outgrowth of the week



Through 2014, **17 people prayed to receive Christ** as their personal Savior and Lord, including one of the kids who had vandalized the building in the Spring. **Average attendance is in the 60's.**

Outreaches:

- * Halloween Parade in town
- * Trunk or Treat
- * Donations given at Christmas time
- * Communion lunch together every 3rd Sunday (potluck to build friendships and community outreach)

On September 11 the church hosted a prayer and patriotism event in town, for people to pray for the United States and talk about the lessons they took from the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Guest Speakers included Pastor Mark Chester, Bill McNeal (York Springs Methodist Church,) Mark Ostby, (Open Arms Church), Mike Holland, (El Centro de Luz, Esperanza y Alegria), State Representative Will Tallman, Adams County Sherriff James Muller, and Adams County Commissioner Jim Martin. The event was a major success..



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"...And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."
Ephesians 4:11, 12

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY celebrates growth... physically & spiritually, in both the ministry team and in the kids we minister to:

- ministering to over 100 kids every Sunday
 - 2 children asked Jesus Christ into their lives
 - 1 child was baptized...Praise the Lord!



In 2014 we celebrated the completion of the Children's Ministry remodel.

Thank you to everyone that contributed their time, efforts and funds. It is an amazing place for our Garden to grow. Come up and see us sometime.



There were great experiences in 2014:

February-Game Night

April-Kids sang at Easter Service

July-Kids' Camp, 15 campers!

August-VBS over 50 kids 30+ volunteers Thank you

September Kid's Sunday 8:

September - Kid's Sunday & Grade Up Day, celebrating transitioning to new classes



October-Trunk or Treat, over 500 people from the

community came. 20+ members of the congregation decorated trunks, 30 helpers involved, all enjoying loving on all the kids.

December-Not About Me Shopping Spree-15 kids shopped and wrapped gifts for abused children of the Children's Advocacy Program... and the Foursquare Family Christmas Kids' Art Show

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:11-12

YOUTH MINISTRY

We praise the Lord for a great year of youth ministry seeing many students make personal choices to live a God-honoring life. At **Winter & Summer Camp**, there were many decisions made for salvation and re-dedication, including 5 baptisms.



June 2014-Belize

Our team of 22 (16 senior high youth & 6 leaders) had a great experience:

*serving in the Kingdom in Belize , partnering with local missionaries and churches conducting a Kids Club program, a feeding program, construction, and children's programming in the local school

*It was very successful in the ways that it helped our team develop a Christian worldview while learning how to serve in a developing country

*Many team members returned from Belize with an expressed interest and/or commitment to continue pursuing a calling for international missions.



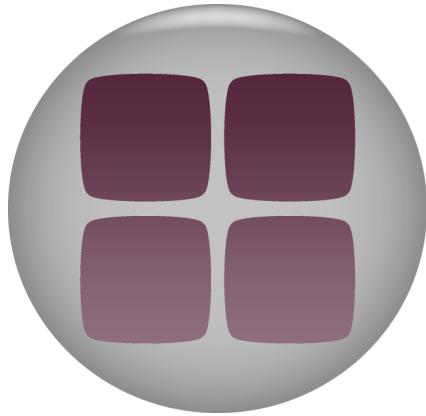
Fundraising efforts were very successful in 2014, thanks to the Foursquare family. The funds raised by the Grab-n-Go breakfasts and "ShopWithScrip" program increased the opportunity for students to participate in camps and a mission trip. Thank you!

In 2013-2014, we conducted an official **mentoring program**:

- * 30 students being intentionally mentored by,
 - * 25 adult mentors

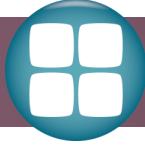


"It was an honor to see how our adult mentors served these students and invested in their growth as they transitioned into the next phase of their lives...I am extremely grateful for our leaders. The sacrifices that each one makes for youth ministry is exceptional and far above the norm. ...They do an excellent job of caring for students " Pastor Dan



ENGAGE

Restoring life in our community and beyond



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engaging community...

HAITI-SOURCE OF LIFE

March, 2014

- * 9 people participated over a 2-wk trip
- * completed significant work on wall surrounding the home and other projects including finishing some floors
- * the children have grown to love our team, they are grateful and often pray for them



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COVINGTON, VA

April, 2014

- * 13 people participated in the weekend trip repairing and restoring a home for a couple expecting their 1st child, and provided much needed supplies
- * Rusty shared that it was only by God's grace, multiplying their efforts, that they were able to have the house ready prior to the teams' departure



October, 2014

- * 23 people spent the weekend cutting wood for the Firewood Ministry... 30 loads were cut, helping families stay warm this winter
- * Home repairs were completed for the community. One gentleman lost his wife and was seeing his home deteriorate around him. He was touched by the generosity of strangers who were willing to help with nothing in return

S.W.A.P.-SHARING WITH APPALACHIAN PEOPLE



June 2014

- * 8 people participated, but God lined up the perfect jobs for the team
- * Did roofing work in Elkhorn, WV

Rick shared on trips he's participated in the past, he's always been very task oriented, but this year's trip was so impactful for him because he made a point to take time away from the tasks to talk to and get to know the residents that they served.



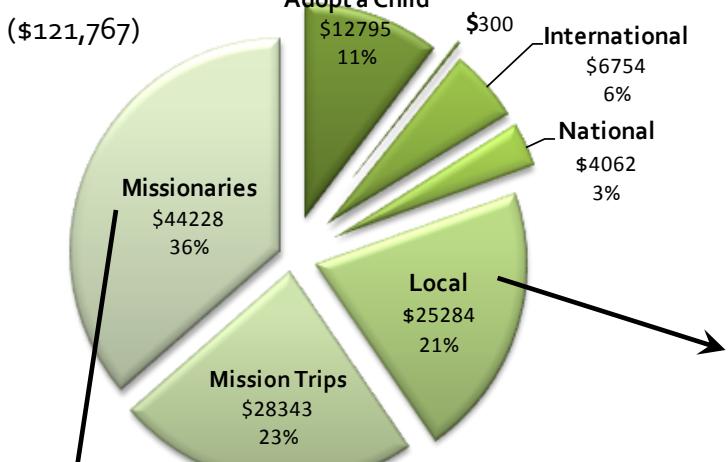
JONI & FRIENDS FAMILY CAMP

August, 2014

- * 10 individuals from Gettysburg participated
- * 50 families present at camp
- * It was a great week for the kids and the families, full of ministry and healing
- * It is always such a joy to see these kids be able to have fun and just be kids in a safe and accepting environment!

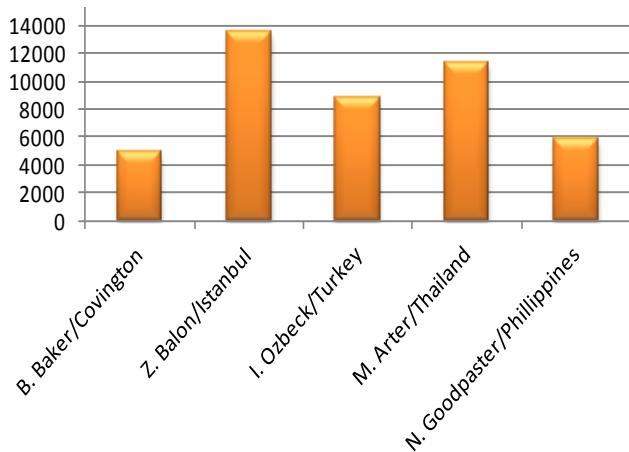


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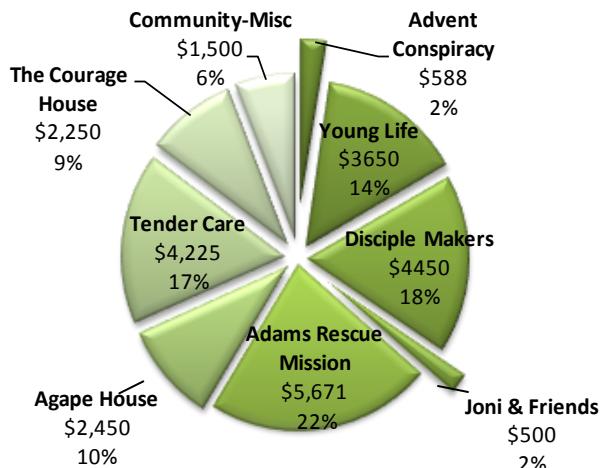
Missions at a Glance

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED:



LOCAL MISSIONS:

(\$25,285)



SPORTS MINISTRY:

The 2014 Softball Team had an unbelievable and fantastic season!!

- 11-1 record in Adams Area Church Softball league
- 3 way tie for first place in the 1-pitch softball tournament in New Oxford, awarded third place in the tournament after the playoff It was an exciting day, filled with fun, fellowship, teamwork, and many good laughs.
- Newville Tournament-didn't fare as well, but had a great time playing and fellowshipping together in the rain and mud!

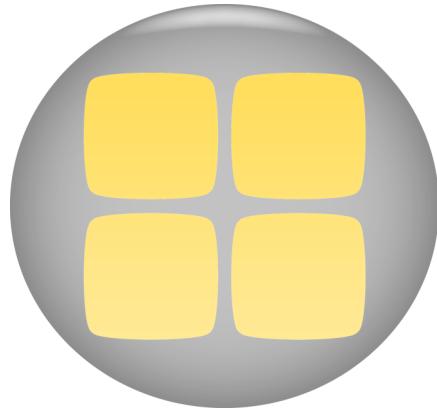


When I first started attending church I decided to play softball with the intent to get to know the men of the church better. I enjoy the game but its more about enjoying time with some awesome friends. -Rusty



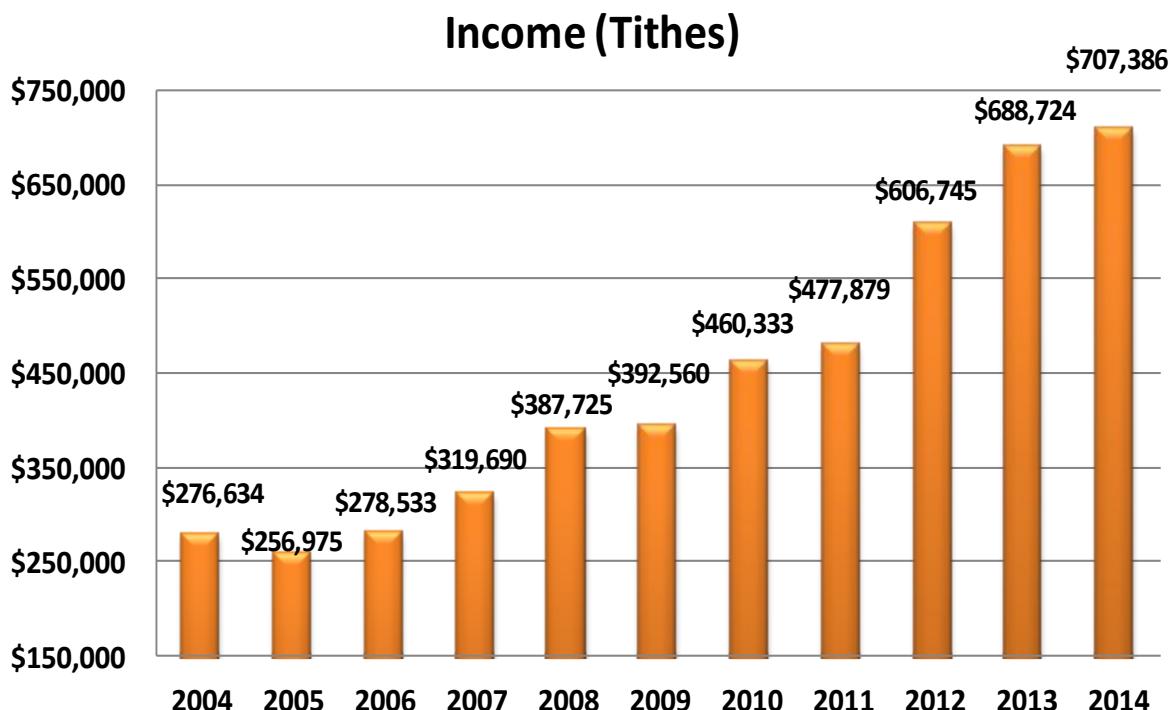
Gettysburg Foursquare Volleyball Team at Littlestown YMCA:
“**Bump It Up**”

Spring-Division II Recreational League Championship
Fall-Division II Recreational League Championship



GIVING

Sacrificing something valued for something more worthy

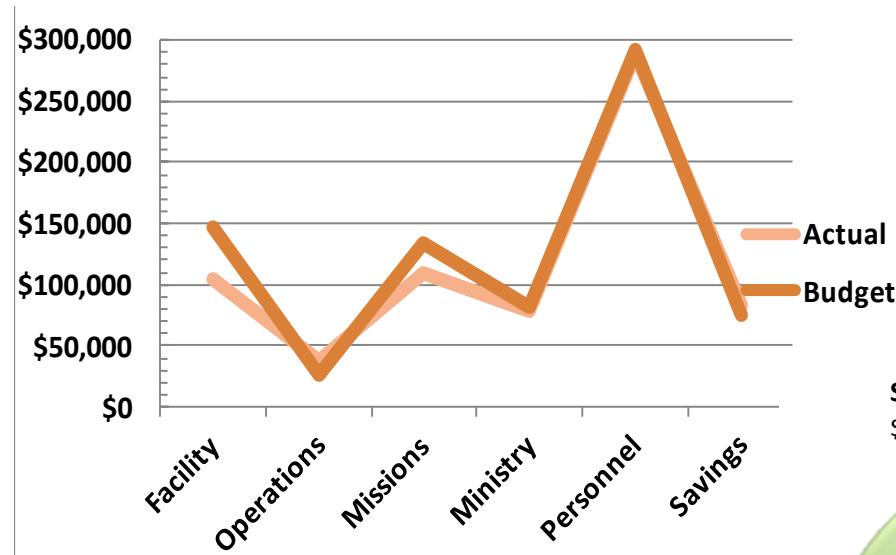


2014- BUDGET ALLOCATIONS (\$700,000)



BUDGET vs. ACTUAL

2014



2015- BUDGET (\$750,000)



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