Crossway CONNECTS

Stories of Generosity

2017: Issue 1

GIVE

This past Christmas season Crossway once again answered God's calling for us to follow our commitment of generosity and give away 100% of the Christmas service donations. The people of Crossway prayed and, over our seven Christmas Services, gave almost $54,000 to donate to our local outreach partners in Downtown Nashua!

Over the next few months we will be able to see how this generosity is not only helping our partners in the community but allowing them to live out dreams beyond what they normally would imagine.

Nashua PAL, whose mission is to improve the lives of youth living in "at-risk" neighborhoods, will use the donations for tech upgrades and improving their homework room. They are also looking to add security lights for their building located just blocks away from the new Crossway Downtown Campus.

Marguerite's Place works hard empowering homeless women with children to a place of self-sufficiency. They plan to replace 29 long overdue mattresses and bed sets for their mothers & kids living in transition.

Our local school partners, **Ledge and Fairgrounds Elementary Schools,** are looking forward to using the funds to update playground equipment and teacher laptops. Both will provide opportunities for students to expand their minds.

THANK YOU to all that gave this year. Through the power of joint generosity, we at Crossway are making a BIG ministry impact on our friends and neighbors in Nashua.

IMMEASURABLY MORE

BIG Give 2016 Total:
$53,735.38

3 Year BIG Give Total:
$164,449.75

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, Ephesians 3:20 NIV

Next Steps @ Crossway

January
31 - Dinner Serving Opportunity
Share in Milford • 5-7pm

February
1 - Financial Peace University Starts
Pond Campus • 6:30-8pm

10 & 11 - Poverty 101
Pond Campus - Register on The Loop

March
25 - Marriage Matters
Pond Campus • 6:30-8:30pm

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Welcome Lunches
Feb 5th • Pond Campus • 1:15pm
Apr 23rd • Milford Campus • 12pm

Small Groups: Winter Spring Semester
Feb 12 - Sign-ups end
April 29 - Semester ends

Student Ministries: Middle & High School
Meet Sundays from 4:30-6pm
at the Pond Campus

Ongoing: Right Now Media
Stream FREE Devotionals & more on your computer, phone or TV. Contact the Office for login information.

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GLOBAL GENEROSITY

Erin & Alex McWhirter recently took part in their first global mission trip in November 2016. After raising funds, they joined the Crossway Team to travel to El Salvador to help build bridges and share God's Love.

Why did you join a global mission trip?
I've always wanted to go because experiencing other cultures creates incredible perspective and gratitude that is hard to get otherwise. I felt that my daughter at age 13 was mature enough to handle a trip like this and it had the potential to have a profound impact on her life. I wanted us to share the experience.

What was your favorite memory?
I loved when we got to do home visits. We met with 3 different women, all single and living on their own in remote locations. We had the opportunity to hear their stories, pray for them and give them much-needed food and supplies. It stretched me, but was humbling and touched my heart deeply.

Why would you recommend someone signing up for a future trip?
I definitely gained the perspective and gratitude that I was expecting but also fell in love with the people and the culture. But what I had not expected was how connected our team would become after just a week. It was such a privilege to serve alongside them and share together what God was doing in us. My heart was so full when I came home – I can't wait to go back!

Thank you for your generous commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through Crossway. Because of your contributions, Crossway continues to help people take next steps with Jesus locally, regionally, and around the world. Great things are happening. 2016 saw 59 people commit their lives to following Jesus through baptism, a 5% growth in our average weekly attendance, over 30 people serving alongside our global ministry partners, an abundance of donations through clothing, school supplies and toy drives to our local ministry partners, and so much more.

Donations to meet our goal of $600,000 above and beyond regular giving are $216,242 to date. This will significantly help us in achieving our goals. We're not there yet. But Crossway has a great history of generosity and that part of our culture continues to grow.

Your financial support, as well as the various ways you serve inside and outside of Crossway's walls, are greatly appreciated. Together we will continue to reach more people with the hope of Jesus. I can't wait to see what God has in store for our church in 2017!

Nathan Andris, Executive Pastor