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MULTIPLYING
AT EVERY
LEVEL





As we continued in Multiply this year, we saw our church growing and changing at almost every level—from our campuses growing closer to rolloff, to launching our Sending Department, to celebrating four new church planters—multiplication happened at many levels in 2018.

WHAT IS MULTIPLY?

Multiply is the next chapter in gospel-centered multiplication for The Village, a new vision to see the kingdom of God expand in DFW and beyond. We hope that the result will be more hearts, communities and cities reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

SO HOW ARE WE DOING THIS?

Transitioning our remaining campuses into autonomous churches

Planting churches locally with the DFW Church Planting Network

Planting churches with Acts 29

Increasing our local and global missions involvement



LIFE AT THE VILLAGE



COVENANT MEMBERS

7,966



BAPTISMS

167



AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

10,034



LEADERS ATTENDED LEADER CONFERENCE

977



VOLUNTEERS ACROSS ALL MINISTRIES

2,677

2018 GIVING TO

Missionaries: **\$377K**

Church Planters: **\$386K**

Community Outreach: **\$314K**

Partners: **\$360K**

2018 GIVING RECEIVED

\$22.8M (PROJECTED)

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ministry: **\$3.4M**

worship, care, missions, church planting, spiritual formation, groups, Connections, Next Gen ministries, TVC Resources, TVC Institute, etc.

Ministry Services: **\$5.4M**

operations, facilities, technology, production, communications, finance, human resources and capital equipment

Personnel: **\$11.7M**

compensation and benefits for all full-time and part-time staff and interns

Total 2019 Budget: **\$20.5M**



NEXT GEN



Discipleship happens at every age, and our Next Gen ministries disciple the youngest among us, from preschool to high school. In the summer, we had events like VBS for our younger kids and various camps for our older students, and some campuses launched Rally and Rise events for middle school and high school students. Both our Flower Mound and Plano campuses gained dedicated spaces for their students to gather, leading to greater connection between students, leaders and families.

“Our Student Ministry took a mission trip this past summer to Boston—the first ever sent out from our campus. But maybe the most important thing I could share about our ministry is that kids are actively involved in the life of the church. A couple of students are engaged in Steps, and a lot serve in Little Village and Kids Village. This isn’t something we’ve trained them to do but something they’ve come to value.”

—Southlake Student Ministry

“This fall, we launched Rally and Rise. With our building transition, we gained a space just for students, which has allowed us to do new and exciting things. Rally is meeting on Sundays and has grown substantially due to the time change and dedicated space. Rise is meeting on Wednesday nights, and we’ve had great connection between our key leaders and students.”

—Plano Student Ministry

“Thank you so much for sending my son, age 10, a birthday card. We recently moved here from Arkansas. Although we love it here, our four kiddos have missed their friends terribly. Our son has a tender heart and truly loves the Lord, and he couldn’t believe so many people took the time to fill out the card. A move can be challenging, but we see glimpses of God’s people just pouring out love over and over again at church. Thank you from our whole family. We look forward to investing our hearts and engaging in relationships as we share in this journey of faith.”

—Flower Mound Campus Parent

“Our son has been telling us lately that he has been thinking about repenting of his sins. As we have talked about what this means, he keeps calling to mind things he has learned in Little Village—songs, verses, all the sayings on the stickers. He said, ‘Mom, the church

is the greatest place to learn about God.’ Just wanted you to know that the work you and your team are doing week in and week out is producing such good fruit, and as a parent, I am SO thankful.”

—Southlake Campus Parent

“When I started serving in Little Village last summer, I was not a kid person. I didn’t know how to talk with children and I was afraid to even serve in this capacity. But God challenged me to walk by faith and serve as a means to love our body and work through my fear. Although I still have a lot to learn, serving in Little Village has become a joy to me because God has sanctified me in patience and love for these little ones who need Christ. When I get to care for them and point them to Jesus, my fears have no power, and He gets ALL THE GLORY!”

—Chelsea Turner, Flower Mound Preschool Ministry Volunteer

2,009
AVERAGE WEEKLY
NEXT GEN
ATTENDANCE

1,083
VOLUNTEERS
IN NEXT GEN
MINISTRIES

228
STUDENTS
ATTENDED
FOCUS

571
STUDENTS
ATTENDED
SPIN

319
STUDENTS
ATTENDED
SUMMER CAMPS

GROUPS

Groups are one of the ways we foster gospel-centered community at The Village. These groups all look a little different at each campus, but the goals remain the same. Our Home Groups practice the “one anothers” together, meeting in homes across the Metroplex for fellowship, prayer and accountability. In Recovery Groups, men and women meet in a safe place to pursue redemption in Christ from sin and suffering.

“We recently gathered single parents to talk about ways we can better care for, consider and serve them. When asked about what their experience at TVC has been like, they each spoke of the significant roles their **Home Groups** have played in caring for them and their children. One foster mom’s group members went through foster trainings so they would be able to babysit as she needed. Another single mom talked about baby showers being hosted and feeling like she has a place to call home and a people to call family.”

–Plano Campus Groups Ministry

“Last April, a group leader confessed that he been looking at pornography for the last seven years and kept it from his wife. They immediately entered into care, started seeing a counselor separately and attended **Recovery Groups** together. Over the summer, the Lord started to bring healing and wholeness to both of them through community. It has been a long road, and the Lord has been faithful to restore.”

–Flower Mound Groups Ministry

“One of our **Home Groups** loved, supported and prayed for a group member as she started her first year as the principal of a local elementary school. Because of that group’s investment, our campus now supports that school through Transform, and we hope to encourage the teachers, administration and students long-term.”

–Fort Worth Groups Ministry

“About two years ago, our **Home Group** decided to be more missional and serve together as a group. Through a series of circumstances, one of our members met a refugee family from Pakistan who had just arrived in Dallas. They were running low on food and concerned about how to provide for their family, so we took them shopping. We learned that they were strong believers, and they wanted to get connected with a church in Dallas. That Sunday and for the next few months, members of our group would



take turns picking up the family and bringing them to TVC. And after church, whoever drove the family was invited over for a big Pakistani feast!

Our Home Group is all men, so we invited a women’s group to join us in walking alongside the family, leading to great friendships. We’ve celebrated meals, anniversaries, birthdays and new jobs with this dear family. We’ve also had times of prayer and worship, lament and tears. This family has been a gift to us and to our church. By their life and words, they have taught us lessons on perseverance and enduring faith and modeled what it means to be people marked by generous hospitality.”

–Joshua Samuels, Dallas Northway Covenant Member

412 HOME GROUPS

2,267 PEOPLE ATTENDED RECOVERY GROUPS

2,939 HOME GROUP MEMBERS

*106 RECOVERY GROUP LEADERS

724 HOME GROUP LEADERS

286 PEOPLE ATTENDED STEPS

*APPROXIMATE NUMBER



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In addition to increasing our involvement in missions and church planting, our reach extends to the world through The Village Church Resources. As someone who has felt the reach of Resources yourself, you can see and attest to the knowledge and value that our sermons, articles, videos, music and more give to people.

In 2018, we saw more than **573,000** new users find their way to Resources. We also released two books, *Take Heart* and *An Even Better Christmas*, and also a James Bible study.

Many lives even outside of The Village are affected by these resources, and this wouldn't be possible without your faithful, financial gifts. For that, we are grateful, and we hope it is an encouragement to you to see how far the gospel is going through this avenue.

 **225** COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES REACHED BY OUR RESOURCES (195 LANGUAGES)

 **2.2M** SERMONS VIEWED

 **3.5M** RESOURCES PAGEVIEWS

 **628K** TALKS VIEWED

 **4M** TOTAL VIDEO VIEWS

 **282K** SERMON PODCAST SUBSCRIBERS

PODCAST

“The **Knowing Faith** podcast is obviously a wonderful resource for everyone wanting to go deeper in their understanding about the Bible, but what stood out to me is the way that you all interact with one another [as brothers and sisters in Christ]....These conversations that you are having with one another are so helpful for me to see how this can be done, and I just wanted to say thank you!”



“I work in digital media planning at an advertising agency in Dallas. Earlier this year, after listening to the **Culture Matters** episode on artificial intelligence, I began to think through how I can better steward the digital media decisions/budgets entrusted to my team by our clients in a manner that honors Christ and protects their brands in light of the explosion of digital technology and artificial intelligence. I spent time digging deeper to consider and develop applications specific to my field and recently wrote a ‘related trend’ to complement our agency’s annual 10 digital trends report in hopes that those applications may be helpful for others.”



 **67K** PODCAST SUBSCRIBERS FOR CULTURE MATTERS


 **65,610** MONTHLY SOUTH OF ROYAL LISTENERS ON SPOTIFY

 **44K** PODCAST SUBSCRIBERS FOR KNOWING FAITH

 **50,000** STREAMS OF “WALK WITH YOU” ON SPOTIFY

 **48K** YOUTUBE SUBSCRIBERS

 **27,333** VIEWS OF THE MATTHEW STUDY

 **325K** ARTICLES READ

 **21,329** VIEWS OF THE SEASONS BOOK

 **187K** SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

 **1.3M** TVC APP LAUNCHES

SENDING

The hope of our Sending Department is to partner with you and help equip you to reach the unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We do this through short-term mission trips, planting churches, sending missionaries and resourcing partners. Within Sending, you can discover your role in reaching the unreached in your neighborhood, city or the nations through a Go 101 class, Go Group or Go Trip, support church planters and missionaries financially, or go through our Sending Program as a missionary or church planter.



PLANTING CHURCHES IN DFW AND BEYOND

This year, we equipped and sent out four church planters. Two of the churches launched in the fall, and the other two are launching in 2019. We are grateful to God for the men and women who answered the call to go with these plants and spread the gospel in other contexts.



“On October 7, we launched **Eastside Community Church** with about 750 adults and children. It has been a wild ride following God on this journey, and we cannot wait to see what He has for us next. Conrad High School has been an incredible host to us, and we’re looking forward to being an ever-increasing blessing to that school. In the coming months, we’ll be rolling out Home Groups, membership and helping a lot of new Eastsiders get plugged in to local ministry. But we do not want to neglect the work that the Lord has called us to be primarily focused on—our foremost love for Him, our resultant love for all people and our mission to make disciples everywhere. Thank you for all you did to give us a running start, TVC!”

—Adam Griffin, Lead Pastor of Eastside Community Church in Dallas, Texas

“We launched **Mosaic Church** on Sunday, October 7, and celebrated all that God has done with 350 of our neighbors and over 160 kiddos. Currently we have 11 Gospel Community groups meeting throughout Richardson. We’ve also launched a six-week men’s and women’s Philemon Bible study with over 100 participants (a few of whom told us they’d never participated in any kind of Bible study before). We have four men who are halfway through elder assessment, over 20 men and women beginning deacon assessment and made our first full-time hire. God is gracious to us.”

—Kyle Worley, Lead Pastor of Mosaic Church in Richardson, Texas

“For **Christ Freedom**, we have over 60 committed launch team members, and our launch location will be at Lillie Jackson Elementary. We’ve engaged in evangelistic prayer walks around Lewisville and are actively seeking out opportunities to serve locals. We’ve encountered that planting a church invites attacks from the enemy. A prayer for us is strength as we press forward, endurance to walk with boldness into dark spaces and that we would remain faith with gospel presence to the locals in our city.”

—Rob Daniels, planting Christ Freedom Church in Lewisville, Texas

“For **StoryChurch**, we are targeting a Fall 2019 launch. Our core team is around 40 people now (10 from TVC who are moving with us!) who are committed to seeing the gospel go forth in Southern California. We have already seen one conversion in our city and are looking forward to baptizing that young man at our launch service.”

—Travis Cunningham, planting StoryChurch in Rancho Cucamonga, California

SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

“Over the summer, our **Go Group** met Na and her kids; they’d just landed in America from Japan. We started hanging out and sharing stories about Jesus, telling testimonies about what God had done in our lives. Eventually Na agreed to read the Bible with us. As we read and talked, Na said how amazing God was and how Jesus must be who He said He was because of the prophets writing about Him 400 years before His birth. She started praying and seeing God answer those prayers, and her family and friends noticed the change in her. In the fall, we read the story of the woman at the well and Jesus’ offer of living water. One week later, she told us that she wanted to follow Jesus and was so happy to know she was a part of God’s family.”

–Flower Mound Campus Go Group

“In March, one of our Covenant Members began inviting the church to prayer walk the neighborhood surrounding the campus. His heart was to help our people slow down, open our eyes and intercede on behalf of those around us. In May, a tragedy struck in the community, fatally affecting neighbors directly across the street. Members met daily to pray with the friends and family members affected and also met many practical needs that surfaced. From the seeds of prayer blossomed love for neighbors and the chance to be the presence of God in the midst of hardship and suffering.”

–Fort Worth Campus

SPREADING THE GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS

Currently, we have **44** active missionaries on the field. These men and women live and serve in countries all over the world: Japan, Taiwan, France, Haiti, Kenya, Spain and more. We encourage everyone to take a Go Trip with us at some point to experience and participate in what God is doing in the world through our missionaries.

“We’re serving with Greater Europe Mission in inner-city Berlin. Our work here is engaging non-believers, training disciplers and working with the local church. 99% of people in this city do not know Jesus. We would love your prayer in two specific areas: that more Berliners would hear and respond to the gospel and become disciplers who make disciples who make disciples, and for more monthly financial support partners.”

–Luke and Amanda Baublet, Germany

93 PEOPLE ATTENDED
GO 101

81 PEOPLE IN GO
GROUPS

120 PEOPLE WENT
ON GO TRIPS



THE VILLAGE CHURCH INSTITUTE



The Institute trains and grows disciples through classes, forums, the Training Program and the Residency Program. In the Institute, you learn God’s story through His Word, know how that story informs your beliefs and apply those beliefs to every sphere of your life. This year, we saw the Institute grow and expand in many ways. The Training Program kicked off its fourth year, and we also launched the first year of the Residency Program, preparing men and women for leadership within and outside of the church.



“I have loved **men’s Bible class** because it is a sweet and rare thing for men to gather together to take seriously the study of the Word of God. The structure has increased my confidence in studying Scripture, given me a place to belong and an opportunity to meet other brothers in the church who love the Word of God and desire to more deeply participate in the ministry of The Village. It is truly a gift.”

—Flower Mound Campus Participant

“The **Training Program** was a major milestone in our lives. The Lord was gracious and kind to reorient our hearts to the true story: the Christian story. As we explored the major historical-redemptive events in salvation history, we came to a greater understanding of who God is and what He has done to reconcile the world to Himself in the person and work of Jesus Christ....Our affection for God has grown as a result, as well as our passion and ability to make disciples as group leaders....This program is a blessing and necessity to our church.”

—Dallas Northway Campus Participants and Home Group Leaders

“**[Women’s Bible class]** has had an immeasurable impact on my life. As I prepare to move to D.C., leaving it and my small group is in the top five things I’m saddest about. I just finished my eighth semester with the same small group leader (and most of the same group members), and I am 99% sure I’m going to make them Skype with me during small group time in the fall.”

—Flower Mound Campus Participant

***1,553**
WOMEN ATTENDED
CLASSES



***524**
MEN ATTENDED
CLASSES

259
TRAINING
PROGRAM
GRADUATES

***1,500**
PEOPLE ATTENDED
THE TECH-WISE
FAMILY FORUM

*APPROXIMATE NUMBER

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

As we go into the new year, there is much to look forward to and pray for: fundraising for a new building, new missionaries and church planters being equipped and sent out, our Plano campus' transition into an autonomous church, as well as our other campuses' continued preparations for rolloff.

CAMPUS UPDATES

FLOWER MOUND CAMPUS

As TVCFM has grown, we've seen ourselves reach a capacity at our current building and space to a point that is unsustainable. Our worship services and Next Gen spaces are often at full capacity. We want our ministries to flourish and serve people the best they can, but we need space to do so. This year, our leadership came to the prayerful decision to start looking for a new location in close proximity to our current area. In 2019, we hope to move forward in securing such a place where we can (literally) build upon our future.

PLANO CAMPUS

"This past year of Multiply has been monumental for our campus, the largest being our building move over the summer. It was no small feat to do so in one week, but the body stood up to the challenge and rallied together. Members gave up their entire week to paint, clean, set up, landscape and prep our building for Sunday services. Since then, volunteers continue to give of their time and resources to help with ongoing projects. It's a beautiful thing to watch our members step into these spaces, and 2019 will be an even bigger year for us. Lord willing, we will vote on transitioning to an autonomous church in January and will roll off in August. We are expectant for the Lord to remain faithful to our church in 2019 and beyond."

—Hunter Hall, Campus Pastor

DALLAS NORTHWAY CAMPUS

"Stepping into the Campus Pastor role, my family and I have been blown away by encouragement from the staff and Covenant Members. Not a day has gone by where I haven't thanked the Lord for bringing me here to lock arms with this church family and watch them respond well to so much transition. They helped send out two significant church plants, Eastside & Mosaic, many taking courageous steps to pray, send or go with these plants. We also had several staff roll off with these plants, which created opportunities for remaining staff to step into gaps and lead in new and creative



DALLAS NORTHWAY CAMPUS

ways. While losses like this can create potential challenges, it has been life-giving for our campus to respond and pull others off the sidelines into action.

For future rolloff, we anticipate doubling down on both local and global mission partnerships, mobilizing our church for continued gospel influence in Dallas and to the ends of the earth. While continuing to carry the foundational DNA that we've always had as The Village, rolloff will also give us a renewed opportunity, focus and ownership on contextual discipleship both in and through the members of our local body."

—Shea Sumlin, Campus Pastor

FORT WORTH CAMPUS

"I've been the Campus Pastor for just a few months, but even in this brief season, I've seen so much that encourages me. Those who call TVCFW home love each other well. It's not unusual for groups of people to hang out for an hour after Sunday services just to extend their time together. Home Groups are the lifeblood of our community. Additionally, I've seen so many practical needs met member-to-member that I've lost track of the stories. Personally, my wife, Kara, and I have been warmly received. We feel like we've come home.

Also, the leaders here are eager to plant churches. I can't think of a single day since I've arrived that I haven't had a conversation about church planting. Multiply means far more to us than our own independence as a church. Candidly, we will deeply miss not being as connected to TVC in the future, but we are expectant that Jesus will work in us and through us to plant new churches throughout the region."

—Dave Bruskas, Campus Pastor



SOUTHLAKE CAMPUS



FORT WORTH CAMPUS



NEW PLANO CAMPUS

SOUTHLAKE CAMPUS

“During our Colossians summer series, we saw a level of ownership amongst our body in local contextualization and lived-out belief that Christ is better than any stories of comfort we hear from the culture. We’ve had a number of families step into the space of fostering to adopt, and an organic support group formed as a result. We also have several members participating in Go Groups, praying and seeking the Lord’s direction about being sent to the nations. We’ve developed new elders, deacons and leaders who desire to see the gospel reach our cities. These leadership foundations are so important as we look forward to a healthy rolloff in the future.”

—Rex Cole, Campus Pastor



**ISRAEL MARTINEZ
IRVING, TX**



**ROBBY MOORE
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

NEW CHURCH PLANTERS

We have two church planters currently going through our Sending Program: Israel Martinez and Robby Moore.

REDEEMER CHURCH IRVING

In Fall 2019, Israel Martinez hopes to plant a gospel-centered, multiethnic-bilingual church in Irving, Texas, whose mission is to love God, love people and to make disciples of all nations for His glory as a church that plants churches. Israel feels strongly about planting in Irving due to its incredible diversity (one of the greatest in the U.S.) and his own history with the city.

“Our time at TVC has been great,” said Israel. “We have been overwhelmed and blessed to tears by the love, support and intentionality of all the elders and staff to get to know us as family, as friends in Christ! Our training in the Sending Program has been incredible, as we have had online courseworks and books to read, and we have been immersed in TVC’s Training Program and the Groups Ministry.”

EMMAUS CHURCH

Robby Moore hopes to plant Emmaus Church in San Antonio by 2020. As Robby and his family prayed and sought counsel about planting a church, trusted people in their lives continually pointed them to San Antonio. Looking at the history of the city, the Moores saw brokenness, deep racial divides, a large LGBTQ community, nominalism amidst believers and people in need of the grace and justice that only Jesus can give. With much humility and great joy, Robby is following the call to plant in San Antonio.

“My time at TVC has been fruitful, as I have been given the space and time to slow down and be with my family, get healthier emotionally as I sit under the teaching of the Word, and pray, plan and strategize about planting in San Antonio,” said Robby. “The gift of friendships, encouragement and affirmation has given me the joy and confidence (sometimes needed daily) to keep going, to keep following Jesus and to trust Jesus to build His Church.”



WHAT DOES MULTIPLY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

WILL YOU GO?

In reality, the question is not *will* you go, but *how will* you go? All of us are called to go and make disciples, whether it means deciding to experience a Go Trip, staying at your campus as it transitions or joining a church plant elsewhere. The call remains the same, but it will look different from person to person, family to family. As 2018 comes to a close, consider how you have multiplied this year and what it might look like for you in 2019.

WILL YOU GIVE?

Your regular, faithful financial gifts help us take the gospel of Jesus Christ to DFW and beyond. With greater involvement in global missions, a new Flower Mound building in the works and preparing campuses to transition, it's even more important for you to give back to your church, to the ministries and resources that have impacted you.

YEAR-END GIVING

As 2018 comes to an end, consider making an online contribution by December 31:

→ Visit thevillagechurch.net.

→ Click "Give" in the top right corner.

→ Set up your profile or log in to your profile.





“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

–Acts 1:8



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