



# 2016

## ANNUAL REPORT

**Hope Church**

**WE EXIST TO  
CONNECT  
PEOPLE TO  
LIVE THE LIFE  
OF A JESUS  
FOLLOWER.**

So what does the life of a Jesus follower look like? Answer: relationships. At Hope, we use three key words to describe these relationships...

**ABIDE.** A Jesus follower abides in Christ personally and daily.

**CONNECT.** A Jesus follower connects in community in large group and small group.

**SHARE.** A Jesus follower shares in the mission locally and globally.

The life of a Jesus follower is all about relationships! So how do you deepen these three relationships and grow as a follower of Jesus? Answer: The same way you deepen any relationship—TIME. In 2016, we introduced four strategic ways we can invest our time and grow as Jesus followers.



## GOD TIME

"Time spent *daily* alone in fellowship with God."



## GATHER TIME

"Time spent *weekly* gathering in worship with my church."



## GROUP TIME

"Time spent *consistently* in community with a small group from my church."



## GO TIME

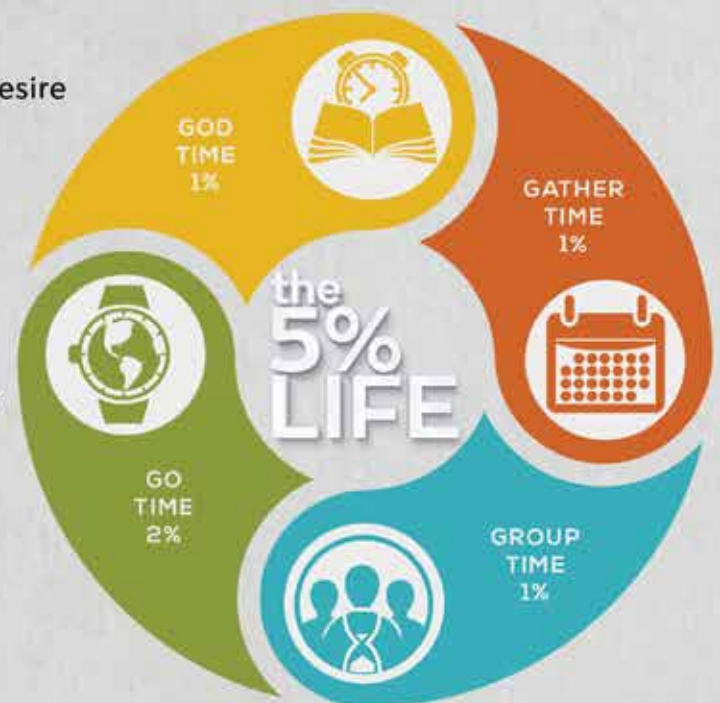
"Time spent *annually* going on mission cross-culturally."

In March of 2016, over **1500 people** expressed their desire to grow as Jesus followers by accepting the **5% Life Challenge**.

### WHAT IS THE 5% LIFE?

- 1% of your day (15 min) in God time daily.
- 1% of your week (1.5 hrs) in Gather time weekly
- 1% of your month (7 hrs) in Group time consistently
- 2% of your year (7 days) in Go time annually

We are convinced that if you embrace "The 5% Life" as a starting point, the other 95% of your life will be changed forever as you abide in Christ, connect in community, and share in the mission.



For more information, resources, and practical tips on the life of a Jesus Follower, visit [jesusfollower.com](http://jesusfollower.com)



# THE JOY IS IN THE JOURNEY

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What an amazing year 2016 was for us here at Hope Church! One major milestone is that we celebrated 15 years together as a family of faith. And what a celebration it was! It's hard to believe all that God has done since our original gathering of 18 adults in my living room. To Jesus and Him alone be all the glory! Through this resource, we invite you to celebrate all that God has allowed us to see happen over the past year. We've seen hundreds of people come to faith in Christ and follow Him in baptism. We have had the opportunity to see churches planted up and down the West coast. We have shared in God's activity on six continents around the world. This is just a snapshot of the amazing grace of God on our fellowship. Let me just say, I could not be more excited about the future God has for us as a family of faith! He promises us in the book of Jeremiah:

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**"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."  
Jeremiah 29:11**

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I am excited about the future because God's plan is a good plan! He desires to accomplish MORE through us as family! While the future is exciting and we are thanking God for all that He has yet to accomplish, we recognize that God has already done more through us than we could ever deserve. The report you hold in your hand is a testimony of what God has done over the past year. In it you will find different figures and statistics that describe God's gracious activity through Hope Church. I pray that you will be encouraged to thank Him for inviting us into His activity and challenged to pray for MORE – more of His presence in our lives and more of His activity in and through the life of our church in the forthcoming year.

As your pastor, I am humbled by the privilege of leading this fellowship into experiencing more of Jesus. As we move into 2017 and the years to come as a church family, let's continue to seek the face of God together for all that He wants to do to expand His Kingdom through us.

Co-laboring with you,

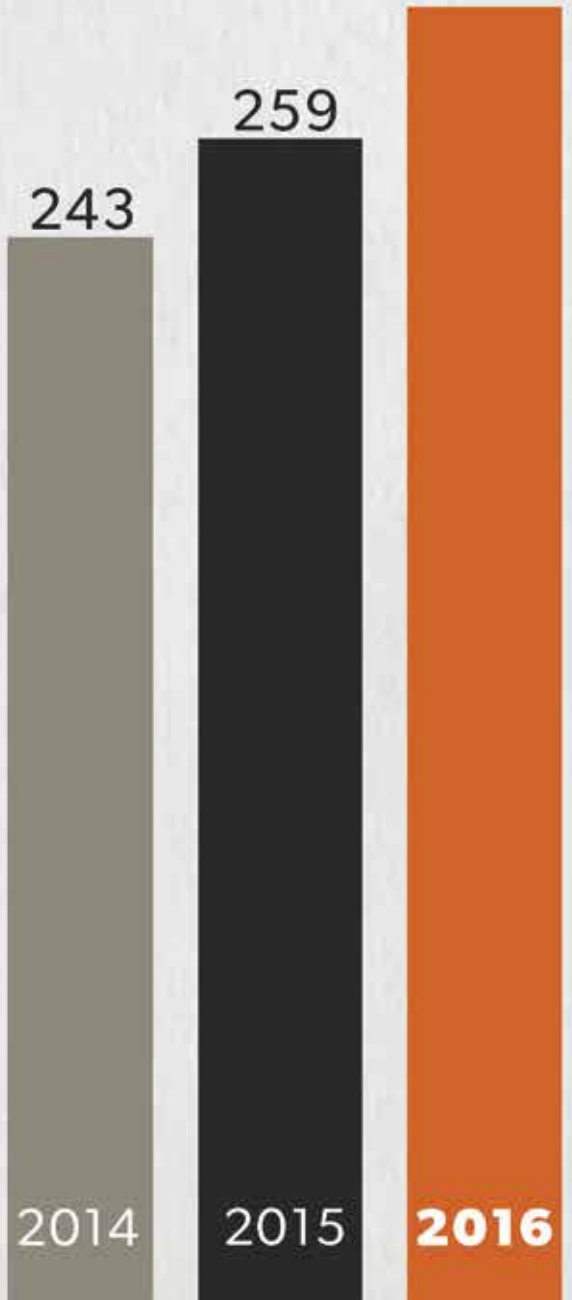
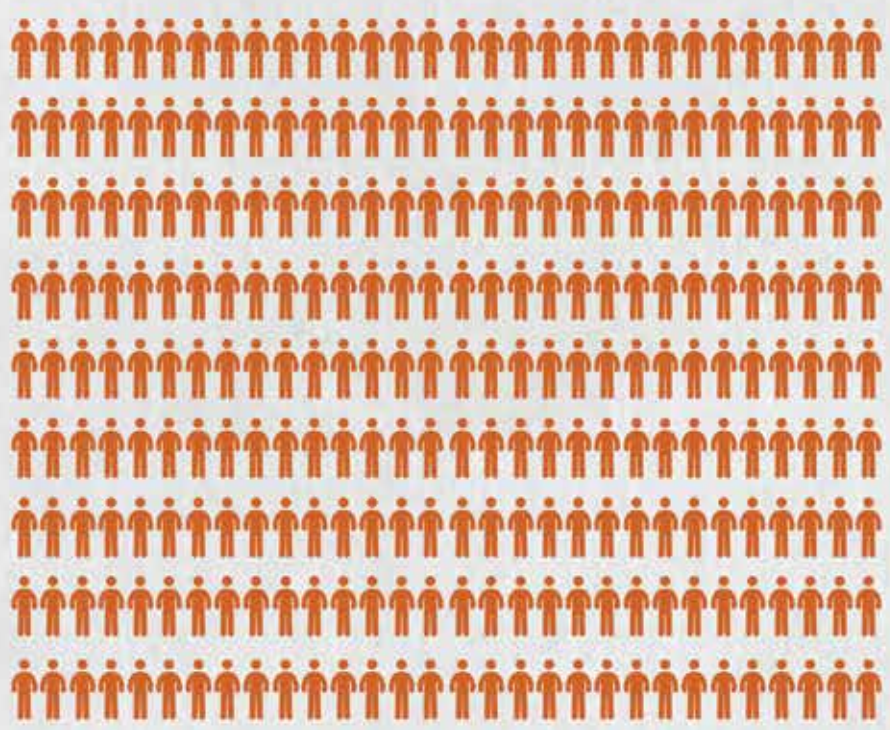
**Pastor Vance Pitman**

# ABIDE

in Christ personally and daily

**BAPTISM:** Publicly declaring, "I am a Jesus follower!"

# 270



**Apart from God we can do nothing; through Him we can do all things.**

**BAPTISMS:**

-  201 Adults
-  69 Children/Youth

2014      2015      **2016**

# CHANDLER'S STORY

Chandler Deleon was living the typical Las Vegas teenager life. Growing up in Catholic schools, she had friends, her family had money, and she had everything a teenager needs – but her life was missing something. She grew up vaguely hearing about bits and pieces of the Bible but never understanding what it meant to have a love relationship with Jesus. She did, however, have a lifelong friend named Cheyenne who would be the door that God would use to invite Chandler to a life with Jesus. After Cheyenne began following Jesus, she became burdened for where her friend Chandler was going to spend eternity. One day, she invited Chandler to come to a worship service at Hope Church.

“After I blew Cheyenne off over and over about going to church, I finally was at a place in my life where I thought I’d give it a try even though I didn’t really want anything to do with God.” The good news for Chandler is that although she didn’t want anything to do with God, He wanted everything to do with her.

In the summer of 2012, Chandler walked into Hope Church for the first time. “I was a bit overwhelmed, but it was completely different than anything I’d ever experienced, and I liked it. I continued to attend, and I met a lot of people that I really liked. Honestly, I fell in love with Hope before I fell in love with Jesus. From the first moment I walked into Hope I felt like I was a part of the family, and since I come from a broken family, that is not something I was familiar with. God surrounded me with people to love me and to help me through some of the hardest days of my life.”

“One of the messages I heard at Hope was about how you can't just believe God exists in your head, you have to put your faith in Him and trust Him with all your heart.” Chandler said. “I realized that I had knowledge about God in my head, but my heart and life had not been transformed.”

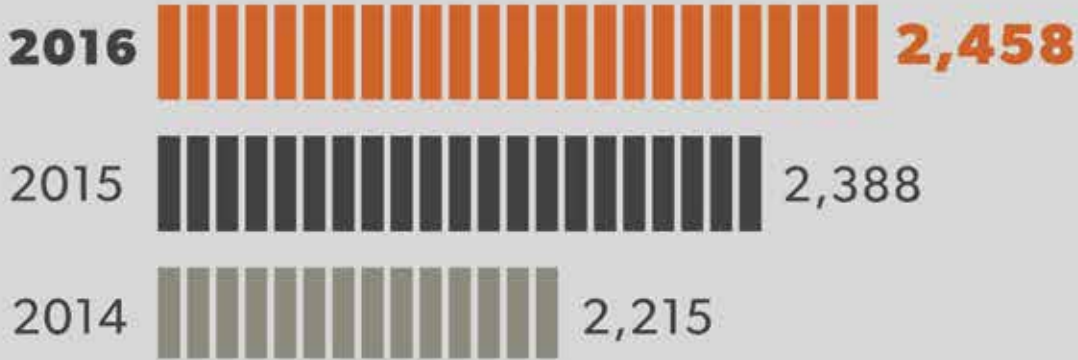
After hearing the gospel clearly at Hope, Chandler Deleon became a Jesus follower. She recalls that as a new Christian, in community at Hope, she was discipled, encouraged, and cared for by people who loved her and walked with her on her journey. God used the people of Hope Church to help Chandler discover that the life of a Jesus follower is all about relationships. In 2016, Hope Church was privileged to send Chandler out for the summer to serve as a mid-term missionary in South America where she shared with others about her abiding relationship with God that has changed her life.



***For more stories of Hope, visit [hopechurchonline.com/stories](https://hopechurchonline.com/stories)***

**Hope Church is not simply a church which you attend.  
Hope Church is a family to which you belong.**

## GATHER TIME ATTENDANCE



Gather Time:  
Time spent  
weekly gather-  
ing in worship  
with my church



## SERMON SERIES:

In 2016, our church gathered and studied through **six sermon series**





**FAMILY MINISTRY**

**513**

Children and students came each week and were taught how to live the life of a Jesus follower!



**HOPE**  
STUDENTS

HOPE

**KIDS**

**237**

**ACTIVE SMALL GROUPS**

THAT'S **3,936 PEOPLE CONNECTED** IN  
GROUP TIME AT HOPE CHURCH

**Dinner with the Pastors is our first step on the pathway to membership at Hope.**

**In 2016,**

**800+**

**took this next step!**

**HOPE MEMBERSHIP IS NOW 3,000+ PEOPLE!**

**CONNECT**

in community in large group and small group

# SHARE

in the mission locally and globally

## LAS VEGAS

### Average Weekly Giving



We don't give TO a church. We give **THROUGH** a church to invest in the Kingdom.

# 1,332

People from Hope engaged in local ministry through one of our strategic partners.

### HOPE Christian Preschool & Kindergarten

We've connected with **375 families** in our community through Early Childhood Education.

**42 families** who connected to HCP&K have connected to Hope through small group ministries and serving opportunities.



# 550

Came through the LIFE Center in 2016!



# Church Planting

In 2016, we planted **10 new churches!**

Common Ground Carson  
Derrick Carpenter  
Minden, NV

Iranian Baptist Church  
Martin Haghani  
Las Vegas, NV

South Asian Hope Church  
Shahbaz Khan  
Las Vegas, NV

Common Ground Las Vegas  
Austin Ryan  
Las Vegas, NV

Liberate Church  
Brett Capaci  
Las Vegas, NV

The Well Church  
Steve Witt  
Henderson, NV

Designer's Church  
Aaron Garcia  
Las Vegas, NV

Refuge Church Las Vegas  
Eric McDaniel  
Las Vegas, NV

Heart Cry Gathering  
Trey VanCamp  
Queen Creek, AZ

Relentless Church  
Joe Pena  
Las Vegas, NV

# THE WEST

Through the generosity of Hope, we have planted **37 churches!**

In 2016, Hope sent **9 mission teams** to serve and come alongside our church plants.



## THE CORDLES' STORY

In 2014 Hope Church was in the process of sending Pastor Josh Carter and his family to Portland, Oregon to plant Remedy City Church. Upon hearing about Remedy City, Mitzie became interested in being a part of this new church. After visiting Portland on a mission trip with a team sent by Hope in 2015, God placed a burden on her heart for the city of Portland, and her desire was that her husband Robert would feel the same. Unfortunately, at that time, that was not the case.



However, in the summer of 2015, Robert gave his life to Jesus and his heart was then softened to the things of God. This radically changed the Cordle family. Robert and Mitzie immediately placed their yes on the table with a desire for their family to be used by God. They began to pray for God to make it clear to them if Portland was where He wanted them. In September of 2016, Robert and Mitzie went to Portland together on a mission team that was sent by Hope Church, and it was during that trip that He confirmed their calling to that city to be a part of Remedy City Church. In December of 2016, Robert, Mitzie, Dawson, and Lily moved to Portland, commissioned by Hope Church to be missionaries in the city of Portland, Oregon.

# THE WORLD

**6** When God birthed our church, He had the nations on His heart! In 2016, **we worked on 6 continents** to connect people to live the life of a Jesus follower!

## IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT OUR CHURCH

In addition to directly giving to our global partners, **we invested in 9,335 Southern Baptist missionaries** worldwide through the North American Mission Board & the International Mission Board

**imb**

**>>** North American Mission Board

In 2016, we began a new partnership in the country of **Tanzania**. Tanzania is a country of 45 million people, 63% of which are under the age of 29, and **30 unreached people groups!** Hope Church is a launching pad to the nations!



**60k**

Our sermon videos were streamed over 60,000 times in **54 countries!**

# LOST, SAVED, AND SENT

by LAYNE TOMASELLI

On May 30th, 2002, Zeke Tomaselli graduated from Hilo High School. The very next day he left the island of Hawaii and moved to Las Vegas. He had been in trouble, losing scholarships to college, and needed a fresh start. He had an older sister living in Vegas already, and his mom sent him to live with her. When Zeke arrived at the airport, his sister met him, and the first thing she wanted to do was take him to meet her pastor. Out of respect for his sister, he agreed. That was a day that ended up changing his life!

That day Zeke met Pastor Vance and the rest of the staff at Hope. They began investing in him and discipling him, and it was through their influence that Zeke came to know Christ. As Zeke began to grow in this relationship with God, God called him into ministry. Zeke served at Hope in many areas from youth to worship arts. Being able to serve in these ministries allowed him to grow in the calling God has placed on his life. Part of this growth was God giving him a passion for the people of Hawaii. He knew that one day God would bring him back to his home state to minister to the people there.

It was also through Hope where Zeke and his wife Layne met and were married. Both had a calling and passion for missions and knew God was going to use that greatly in their lives. In 2009, as God continued to grow their hearts for Hawaii, they ended up moving farther away from Zeke's home state. They were planning to move to Virginia where Zeke could finish his schooling but ended up staying in Tennessee with Layne's family while her father had cancer treatment. During this time God healed her father and brought new connections into their lives for Zeke and Layne to serve in a small church in rural Tennessee.

As they served at this Church, God began to grow within them the calling to Hawaii and more clearly define what that would look like. Through a church planting focus by the North American Mission Board, God showed the Tomasellis that He was calling them to plant a church in Hawaii. After much prayer, counsel, and evaluation, the couple moved back to Vegas to take part in church planter training. Zeke was back on staff at Hope, this time as a Church Planting Apprentice. God used this time to grow and develop Zeke and define the calling of what it would look like to plant a church in Zeke's hometown of Hilo, Hawaii. This was the beginning of Ohana Church.

After a year of training it was time to move to the field! Hope sent this couple out with much support. As they arrived in Hilo, God began to open up doors to build relationships with many of Zeke's friends who were still living in Hilo, most of which had no relationship with God! In fact, that first weekend the Tomasellis were in Hilo, these friends threw a party for them at the beach,

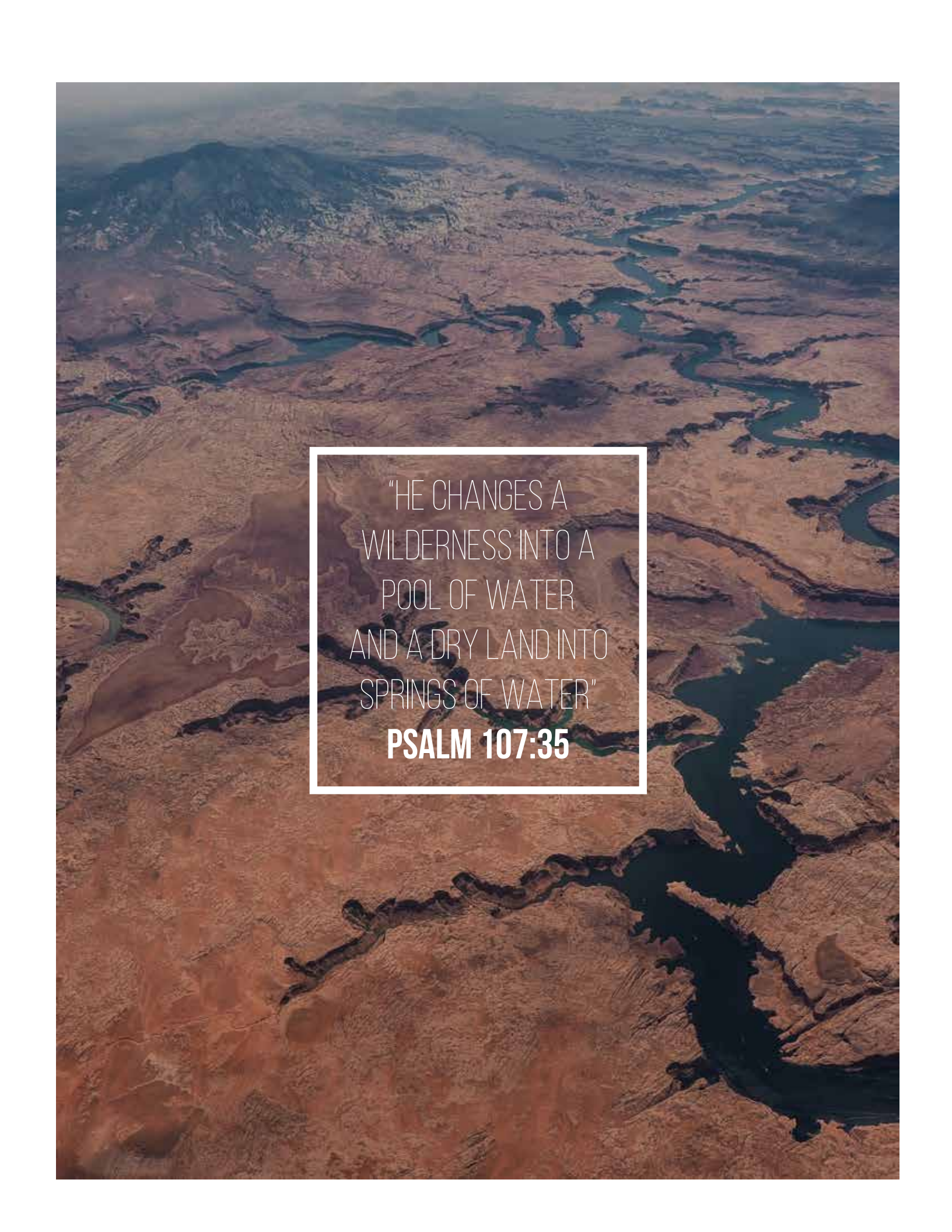


another let them live in his home until they could find a house, and many more helped them move once their belongings arrived. God was opening up the doors wide to build relationships and share the Gospel!

Ohana Church officially launched on April 20th, 2014. Since then many have come to know Christ, and three more churches have been started with plans for two more! Ohana Church now has about 60 people gathering each week for worship and 25 connected in Community Groups on a regular basis! God continues to move in great ways in Hawaii. When Ohana Church began, one of the biggest issues they faced was many people being without jobs, but God is providing jobs for them. Families are being restored, and lives are being changed. The church has been able to connect with the Hilo High Football team, where Zeke is a running backs coach, and serve the players, coaches, and their families. This is the third year the church has partnered with the football team, and this year many of the players and managers were able to be part of Youth Camp! God continues to give connection within the community and open doors to take the Gospel throughout Hawaii, the Pacific, and the world.

We know that when God plants a church, it is never just about the church but the city and the people of that city. One of the ways the Tomasellis have personally seen this lived out has been through the adoption of their two, soon to be three, sons. When God brought this family to Hilo, He also had these three boys on His heart! This is an amazing picture of God's redemption in the lives of His children! This process has also revealed the heart of Ohana Church Family. Because of the investment of Hope Church, Ohana Church is able to love people to the beauty of Christ!

**Connect with Ohana Church at [OhanaChurch.com](http://OhanaChurch.com)**

An aerial photograph of a desert landscape with a winding river. The river is a vibrant blue-green color, contrasting sharply with the arid, brownish-tan terrain. The river meanders through the landscape, creating a series of loops and curves. The surrounding land is rugged and textured, with various shades of brown and tan. In the background, there are more hills and a hazy horizon. The overall scene is one of natural beauty and contrast between water and land.

"HE CHANGES A  
WILDERNESS INTO A  
POOL OF WATER  
AND A DRY LAND INTO  
SPRINGS OF WATER"

**PSALM 107:35**

# *THE BEST IS* **YET TO COME**



**“GOD DELIVERED US SO WE WOULD HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM THROUGH WHICH HE COULD CARRY OUT HIS MISSION TO REDEEM A LOST WORLD. ONLY THE POWER OF GOD CAN FREE US FROM OUR NATURAL SELF-CENTEREDNESS AND REORIENT US TOWARD THE MISSION OF GOD.” HENRY BLACKABY**

Over the last decade and a half, an incredible foundation has been established that positions Hope Church for the bright future God has for us!

In 2016, we embraced God’s invitation to join Him in reaching our city, the West, and the world with the gospel. To all those who were a part of that through an investment of time, talent, or treasure, Thank You! Thank you for your sacrifice, ownership, and example! Thank you for your passion to see God’s kingdom expanded to the ends of the earth! The stories and statistics celebrated through this report are yet another reminder that we are a part of something that is so much bigger than us... The Kingdom of God!

As we continue into 2017, may knowing Jesus continue to be the ultimate pursuit of our lives and may His life in us lead us to pray desperately, live generously, serve passionately, and love unconditionally.

After all, the best is yet to come!

