THE FATHER'S HOUSE

2017 Annual Highlights

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THANK YOU

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

Thank you for making 2017 a great year.

"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." ***Psalm 118:23***

We are grateful to be serving this flourishing vision alongside you, our board, campus pastors, senior management team, staff and leaders.

We are excited about all that lies ahead. The Father' House reflects God's name, character and love and will always be a House that makes Jesus famous with an atmosphere that is warm embracing and accepting.

We will continue to provide opportunities and create experiences where people can find a place to belong and establish relationships. We labor and pray to ensure those who God entrusts to us will know Him, find freedom, discover purpose and make a difference.

Pierre & Marlize

PIERRE & MARLIZE DU PLESSIS
SENIOR PASTORS

OUR HOUSE MISSION

TO BUILD A HOUSE OF FAITH THAT EMPOWERS PEOPLE TO LIVE OUT THE MISSION OF JESUS.

We believe we are simply partnering with the global mission of the Church. But we also understand there is a need to express it in a way that seems more tangible in our context.

OUR STORY

BECAUSE GOD HAS A MISSION, THERE IS A CHURCH.

The story of The Father's House stands as a powerful illustration of God's faithfulness, provision and grace. Since 2002, God has taken our story and transformed it into a way of telling His story. We sensed God changing the character of the church to a House of worship, prayer and a place to belong for all people. The church steadily grew from just over a hundred people to thousands over the years. A whole new world opened in 2005 when we started live streaming our services to an expansive online audience both in the USA and abroad.

In 2008 we moved to our new building at 715 Paul Road. In 2009, we launched our Downtown Campus, now our Life Center; an expression of the heart of our church within the local community. Today it's a place where people from all walks of life can find food, acceptance, and support. Many of our friends and neighbors live below the poverty line, are struggling to put food on their tables, or are simply going through a tough season. Our Food Pantry is a constant to hundreds of individuals and families.

When our Chili campus reached its capacity with seats and parking in 2015, we opened our Greece Campus. A new TFH spiritual home was established for the people in that community. With the use of fiber optic technology, we are able to broadcast the message in real time from either campus. Our journey has been filled with God given opportunities and influence. As a church family we have been able to play our part in God's story for our city and beyond.

OUR CHURCH VISION

THE CHURCH WE SEE

The church we see is utterly dependent on the Holy Spirit. It is willing to enter unchartered territory and follow God's prompting for each season.

A church where we celebrate every milestone with a deep gratitude for where it's brought us, while constantly looking towards the future filled with vision and a tenacious faith that inspires and influences.

A church that beckons *"welcome home" to every man, woman and child who walks through the doors, desiring this to be a good home for some to "grow old" in and a good home to "grow up"* in *Zechariah 8:4-5 MSG*

We see a church graced with leaders who are filled with both passion and grit. A church where those who serve are refreshed and equipped to live lives worthy of their calling.

A church that values community and learning how to do life together, encouraging, helping and challenging one another.

A church marked by heaven's compassion. Where people are drawn from impossible situations into hope and acceptance.

A church where we are charged by the Great Commission, seeking those who have never encountered the love of Jesus. Fueled by a great desire to help everyone take next steps towards strength and growth with Him.

PRAYER & CARE

Every weekend in all our services, we take time to pray for people who are believing for breakthroughs and turnaround in their lives. There have been countless stories of healing, provision and breathtaking stories of lives transformed from darkness into light, addictions broken, and marriages restored.

May 22nd, *we received the following prayer request from a faithful member of the Greece campus, Shannon Love.*

"My cousin Elisa is in the hospital. She is septic, and her organs are beginning to fail. Please pray for a miracle!"

Members of the Hospital Team *(Bob and Nancy Galvin)* went to visit Elisa and discovered that she had overdosed on drugs and this was the cause of her physical problems.

She was near death when they visited the first time. Two times the family was called into the hospital to say good-bye as the doctors were sure she was not going to make it.

The Galvins continued to visit her multiple times, praying LIFE over her.

They also gathered the family in the Hospital Chapel and shared Scriptures and encouraging words.

May 29th Bob wrote, "Elisa is awake! Her kidney function is improving!"

She had heart surgery and pulled through. Today she is healthy.

God has given her a second chance!

Epilogue - Later last year, Shannon's baby brother, who lives with them because he has mild mental retardation, was diagnosed with cancer. He had many tumors, the largest being the size of a basketball in his abdomen. Shannon just told me that he was just declared cancer free!

Shannon is rejoicing for God's many mercies on her family!

1300+
subscribers to the Bible Reading Plan

3500
Prayer requests received

25
Married couples met with mentors

60
People attended Art of Marriage

67
Hospital or Bereavement visits

20
Couples received pre-marriage counseling and got married

25
People per week attended CR general meetings

31
People attended a CR Step study

WORSHIP & GATHERING

In 2017, over **10,000** people gathered across all of our services and events to participate in worship and hear a message to encourage them to take a next step on their spiritual journey.

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Our favorite Wednesday of the month. We set apart the night for extended worship and teaching - a night that found its way back in our monthly rhythm during 2017. We often refer to these nights as "when the family gathers." The family has gathered frequently at about 450 people each month.

1082
Guest Central Conversations

88
Water Baptisms in Greece

229
Water Baptisms in Chili

KIDS

The Father's House creates relevant and engaging curriculum for our children to inspire faith and engage them in the story of Jesus Christ. Each curriculum includes multimedia, worship time, creativity, small group discussions, crafts and activities. Kids (K-5 Grade) are experiencing the same praise/prayer moments during their gatherings and in 2017 our focus was enriching the curriculum that incorporated a Kids Bible app as well as virtue and verse memorization.

490
average kids/weekend across both campus

Kids Blast Summer Camp

2017 was a new era for Summer Camp. Camp was a four-day experience right here at the church. Kids experienced impactful messages, a day trip to the Strong Museum of Play, and large-scale games in our massive Kids Blast Arena!

136
Attended

Curriculum

In 2017 we piloted a custom curriculum written in-house.

Examples of series covered this year:

- Candy Craze
- My BFF
- Fear Factor
- Ice Cream Sundays
- Napkin Notes

Bring it Challenge:

4,013
Bring It Challenge maps handed out.

Maps challenged kids to bring their:

- Verse
- Virtue
- Bible

YOUTH & MIDDLE

Alive Youth creates a safe and vibrant program for middle and high schoolers to grow in their faith, build resilience, develop healthy relationships, develop self-esteem and be equipped while having fun.

150
Students Weekly

Leadership Transitions: Caleb du Plessis became the director of the middle school ministry, Over the past few months we have seen Middle School grow to over ***95*** students under his leadership

High School Ministry: searching concluded with adding Caleb and Josh Jansen as the directors of the youth ministry. They have a combined ***20*** years of ministry experience.

Curriculum: A new curriculum was created for middle school and high school focusing on small groups and community within the context of the weekly experience.

Renovation: 8 years since its initial design, the Youth facility was given a face lift - thanks to the many generous contributors. The environment supports and facilitates the community the Youth program is designed for. It is a room that students want to invite their friends to.

Randy & Denise Torres, both from abusive households, they first met at a homeless shelter when they were 15-years old. A few years later they began a family, but the struggles of their past and the pressures of raising a family created a turning away from one another. In the Summer of 2017 divorce was the only thing they could agree on and it looked like it was the only option. They found themselves at TFH as a last-ditch effort and everything has changed. "As we look back at the past it just all seems like a horrible nightmare. We now pray together as a family, we read the Bible as a family and we never fail to thank the Lord for His mercy, greatness, grace and forgiveness. "Randy and Denise now serve in TFH kids as small group leaders, are actively involved in Prayer and Team Night, and are planning on renewing their vows in 2020.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is at its best when we are serving, growing, leading and taking our place in the local church. We cultivate an environment where the ceilings and containments that rob so many women of their potential are removed. As we take our next steps, we continue to host Sisterhood Nights gatherings and create opportunities to gather women across all generations for worship, creativity, connection and influence.

Three Events

1000+-
woman from all **generations** per event

3000
Women reached

361
Women in Sisterhood **groups**

1100
in attendance March 2018

985
attended groups

172
new groups

220
Group Leaders

132
engaged in campus groups

GROUPS

Whether groups gather around the curriculum offered seasonally ie. Be That Girl, Anchored man, Ephesians, or whether it's around a book, as a serve group or a common interest, we are simply better together. We continue to open the doors of community wide, inviting people to make room at the table as we encourage each other on our spiritual journeys.

Mark Buttarazzi started attending *Anchored Man* in the fall. He was not in community and was pretty new to the church.

During *Anchored Man*, he was able to form outstanding relationships with other men who were growing in their faith and learning what it means to be accountable to one another.

When *Anchored Man* ended Mark joined a men's group.

Additionally, Mark accepted the invitation to lead a group on Monday Nights. Now he is helping other men along their journey the same way someone else helped him.

Mark's journey has been truly inspiring, and he is looking ahead to all that God has for him.

A year ago, you couldn't miss **Taylor Festor** running through the lobby to or from the Kids wing.

Every First Wednesday you could count on her bringing a new friend from school.

In August, a handful of Young Adults in the house burdened for their generation decided to step up and lead young adult small groups.

Taylor not only stepped into leading a small group, but she brought her best friend Jenn Specht along with her as a co-leader for their small group.

Taylor found time to be an RA, take 4 Spanish classes, shepherd younger sisters, and not miss a step as a key leader in Kids ministry where she started.

Now one of the strongest Young Adult group leaders in the House, Taylor's group has gotten so big that it had to divide in two.

Taylor raised up new leaders out of her group and stepped into a coaching role… Making more spaces at the table.

SERVE

We couldn't effectively care for those who call The Father's House home without each one of our volunteers and leaders. Thursday Team Night is the most beautiful sight to behold as we gather for "family" dinner, prayer, training and weekend preparation without them.

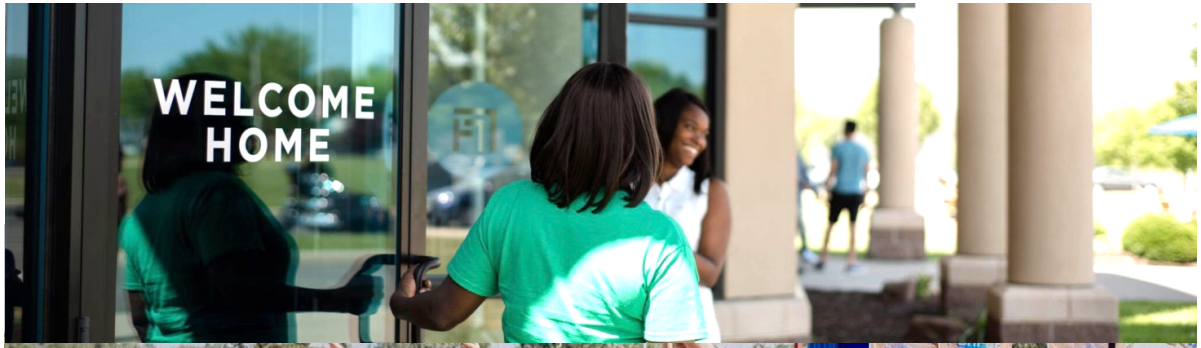
1394
total volunteers

520
new volunteers

LEADERSHIP

Over 350
leaders across the church

108
coaches



LIFE CENTER

The Father's House is committed to share the love and hope only Christ can bring to impossible situations. These endeavors are as diverse as the people they reach. They include feeding and supporting people in Rochester through the TFH Life Center, making a difference in our city through Day of Hope, partnering with churches and missions to impact annual initiatives and resourcing and helping churches through the TFH Network.

6,824
people served with groceries and a smile

49,862
pounds of food unpacked and distributed to families

175
people enjoying home cooked meals, including executive Chef Brian Ford's own Roast Beef for Easter

300
Christmas gift bags distributed

Life Center Day of Hope

527
people in our city community impacted with God's love

800
meals served

80
gallons of ice cream consumed

42
haircuts given

140
backpacks distributed

Stories of People Responding to God's Love:

Mike - Mike recently recommitted his life to Jesus. Mike has experienced heartache and pain beyond what most ever will. Despite his hard circumstances, Mike continues to seek God—recently showing up for prayer and team night at the Life Center and Sunday morning service. He is not giving up on life and is holding on to the hope of Jesus.

Eddie - Eddie has experienced an incredible year of growth. Living in a home infested with bed bugs, Eddie was struggling to find belonging and many times considered giving up on life. He did not give up. With prayer and friendship as a support, Eddie was encouraged to find a new home. He did. He is now living in a home free of bugs, has been attending the LC Wednesday Community, Life's Healing Choices and Sunday Service at the Life Center! Eddie is celebrating his 58th birthday now and wrote in a praise report card that he was excited about the new year and is looking forward to getting a job this year!

DAY OF HOPE

In August 2017, we spread hope across the City of Rochester. We served community centers, cleaned inner city parks, schools, libraries, community gardens, homes servicing people with special needs, and helped with various housing project and community outreach organizations. We also launched our first annual Life Center Day of Hope community festival, providing a cook-out BBQ meal, haircuts for families, backpacks for children, live music and fun for every person completely free of charge.

53
teams

65
leaders

700+
volunteers

2100+
hours served

Hope Fest at the Life Center

60
volunteers

527
community members reached

INITIATIVES

TFH Network Support

On-site visits and trainings with pastors and churches from across the **United States, Canada and South Africa**

Continual Partnering with the Association of Related Churches

Hosted pastors from **7 different** churches across **South Africa** for a week of training, collaboration, and networking.

$12,750
in disaster relief for Peru Floods

$6,000
in disaster relief for impact of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana through ARC

$12,683
in disaster relief for impact of Hurricane Irma in Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Haiti and Cuba

OUR BOARD

Our Board serves to ensure we are effectively governed, are stewarding our finances well and that we are in a strong position to fulfil our vision and implement strategy. The Board is comprised of both church leaders and business people.

ERIC ROGERS, TREASURER

APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR NOVEMBER 20, 2013; SELF-EMPLOYED

Eric Rogers is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology and president of Rogers Enterprises (a construction safety and quality engineering firm). Rogers Enterprises has been in business for over seventeen years and works throughout Northeast America. Married to Deirdre for more than 25 years, they have three children: Ericah, Calvary and Lorrisa. Eric's passion is to serve his family, engage with people, and to influence positive change regarding the world around us.

KEITH JENKINS

APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2014; PROFESSOR, RIT

Dr. Keith B. Jenkins, Professor of Communication in the School of Communication, is the Vice President & Associate Provost for Diversity & Inclusion at Rochester Institute of Technology. Keith, a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, received his B.A. in Communication from the University of Arkansas and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Communication from the Florida State University.

Since coming to RIT in 1992, Dr. Jenkins has served as RIT Faculty-in-Residence (1993 – 1995), RIT's first Assistant Provost for Diversity (1999 – 2002), Director of Undergraduate Degree Programs in the School of Communication (2011 – 2016), and Vice President and Associate Provost, Division of Diversity & Inclusion.

Keith and his wife, Terria P. Jenkins, Esq. They have been married for 14+ years, are the proud and happy parents of two children—Kristal and Timmothy. Keith's scholarly publications and presentations center around studies in intercultural communication, political and visual rhetoric, and the rhetoric of gospel song.

TONY GREEN

APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2014; FINANCE EXECUTIVE, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Tony (Anthony) has worked at the University of Rochester since 2008, where he is the Deputy to the Provost. In this role, Tony leads projects related to strategic planning, broad university initiatives, and acts as a liaison with internal academic and regulatory committees. Prior to this role, he served as the Director of Finance & Administration at the Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences where he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the school. The Hajim School is comprised of more than 350 faculty and staff, 2,000 students and over $70 million in annual operations. Prior to the University of Rochester, Tony worked as a Sr. Associate providing brand and strategy consulting services to Fortune 500 companies. He has been recognized with the Rochester Business Journal 40 under 40 award, outstanding staff member of the year and other awards. He received his M.B.A. from Syracuse University and his B.S. in Information Systems from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Tony and Elizabeth, his wife, have 2 young children.

ANDRES SPYKER

APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2014; MORELIA, MÉXICO

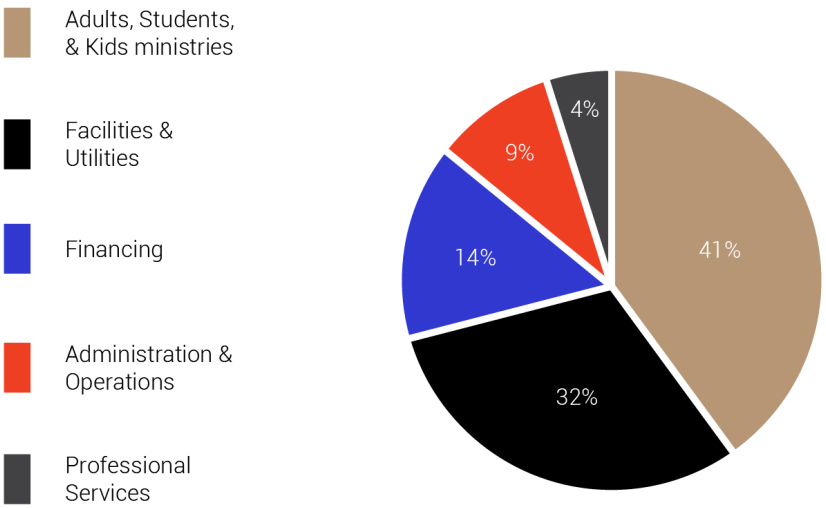
Andrés Spyker is senior pastor of Mas Vida, México, a growing and contemporary church with multiple campuses across the Nation and international TV and media ministry. Third generation missionary in Mexico. Married to Kelly for more than 15 years and together they have three children: Jared, Lucas and Sofía. His passion is preaching, leadership development and to plant, strengthen and empower relevant local churches everywhere.

Finances

In November 2017, The Father's House renewal was approved by the ECFA Board, certifying our compliance with, and commitment to adhere to, high standards of financial management, governance and responsible stewardship. This national certification speaks of an organizations commitment to integrity and accountability, with a due diligence review for continued certification annually. Willow Creek Community Church and LifeChurch.tv are amongst some of the larger ECFA certified members.

INCOME COMPARISON

SPEND BY CATEGORY



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGNS

In June of 2016, 543 Households pledged $965,186 over 2 years for H4TH – at December 31st of 2017, 40% of households were on track with their pledges with a total of 70% having given something.

	INCOME	INITIATIVES	
2017	RECEIVED $324,996 SOWED $251,000	$10,000	Outreach
		$12,000	FMSC
		$19,000	Disaster Relief (Peru & ARC)
		$162,000	Life Center, including Food Pantry
		$9,000	Day of Hope
		$17,000	ARC, Spain, & Pastors Network
		$9,000	Church to Church - SA Missionary
		$6,000	Chili Campus Renovations
		$7,000	692 Prayer Chapel Renovations
2016	RECEIVED $427,295 SOWED $493,000	$10,000	Outreach
		$63,000	Feed My Starving Children
		$181,000	Life Center, including Food Pantry
		$14,000	Day of Hope
		$10,000	ARC (Association of Related Churches)
		$9,000	Haiti Wheat
		$1,000	South African Missionary
		$169,000	Chili Campus Renovations
		$36,000	692 Prayer Chapel Renovations
2015	RECEIVED $465,718 SOWED $1,223,000	$1,045,000	Greece Campus Launch
		$110,000	Outreach
		$48,000	Feed My Starving Children
		$20,000	Life Center, including Food Pantry
2014	RECEIVED $656,308 SOWED $320,000	$150,000	Greece Campus Launch
		$45,000	Wheelchairs for Peru
		$105,000	Outreach
		$20,000	Life Center, including Food Pantry

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