



# ANNUAL REPORT



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Twenty-five years ago, 1999, Marjorie and I stood on the platform in Casa Grande, First Assembly of God, now Passion Church, with fear and trembling, literally, sensing that God had directed our footsteps in being elected as the District Superintendent for Arizona! It was mind blowing, and yet peace reigned in our hearts. The words of the old hymn come to mind, *“All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?”*

We can say without a shred of doubt, truly the Lord has directed our steps. And now here we stand, on the precipice of laying this mantle of leadership down, and knowing of assurance that God’s hand is on another who will take up the mantle and continue the ministry to this amazing network of people, taking the ministry to uncharted places and to heights that up to now we have not known. Together we stand on the solid, faithful foundation of men the likes of J.K. Gresset, a true pioneer who not only worked physically hard in establishing our network, but whose keen vision was **always for the future.**

Serving alongside me have been Assistant Superintendents worthy of honor. In my tenure, our Assistant Superintendents have been David Stevens, Paul Killingsworth, Craig Carter and for the last 8 years, Pastor Ron Rockwell. Pastor Ron has given me wisdom on so many occasions and is my trusted friend. The strength each one of these men of God brought to this office has been priceless and their love and support of Marjorie and I has been a blessing indeed. They’ve had my back and brought Godly wisdom in a variety of situations. What an honor to have served with these men of God.

By the grace of God, in our 25 years of serving the Arizona Ministry Network, I have been abundantly blessed with the best of staff and fellow workers. James Trewern, Ed Bradford, and for the last 15 years, Leigh Metcalf have served with me in their position as Secretary/Treasurer for this Network. They are friends, men of the highest caliber,

and who to this day have been loyal supporters, men of God I could count on. The value of such cannot be overstated. I will be eternally grateful to have filled my term with these Godly men. It's wonderful to continue fellowship with the Trewerns and the Bradfords, and course the Metcalfs.

God has abundantly blessed this network through the appointment of Youth Directors, who have forever changed the landscape with their innovative approach to reaching the Kids and Youth of our network. Mark & Donae McGrath were in place when we were elected in 1999 and left big footprints to follow. Tim & Ann Black took the baton of leadership and for 13 years faithfully led our network and continued to build the Youth and Kids programs, adding camps and special events as they led and breaking records with the Speed the Lights and BGMC giving and became our personal friends. Then, in 2013, Tim passed the baton to Griffin & Bethany McGrath. I have seen the passion of Griffin's heart firsthand, and watched as he developed this department with such a forward vision to equal the challenges of the day. To say he has built on the firm foundation of former Youth Directors is accurate and taken another step to infuse the ministry with his own leading and following the direction of the Holy Spirit. I have the utmost respect and love for these men, who in their leadership were placed there by God's hand for such a time as this. Griffin continues as a top tier leader in our Nation. On a personal note, Marjorie and I will so miss just being in the office with these precious youth that have surrounded us in recent years, Yoyo Garcia, Megan Kronstedt, Monica Hortiales, Brea Graff, Christian Chambliss. They made me a better leader. Their devotion to the Lord's work and their bravery in stepping out of the norm and allowing their vision to push them forward. I have always felt we have the cream of the crop in our leadership.

Serving alongside me in Women's Ministries was Betty Owens who faithfully served 17 years! When Betty felt it time to step down, Kay Burnett stepped up at our request and continued the quality ministry to the women of our network, and as stated with others, built on the foundation she was blessed with, and took this ministry to a new level with her heart for the women of Arizona. In 2016, when Kay was asked to lead the Women's Ministries department at the National level, we blessed her in her going. After seeking the Lord, I felt led to to ask Lindsay Petri to come aboard as the new Women's Ministries Director for our Network, and Lindsay enthusiastically accepted

and she has run with the direction of the Holy Spirit and has strategically built the strongest Women's Department in the Nation in my humble opinion. How grateful I am for Lindsay and her husband Pastor John who supports Lindsay in her calling.

Leigh Metcalf was leading the Men's Ministries when I was elected Superintendent. For 12 years, Leigh built a strong ministry to the men of our Network, and with God-given vision led this ministry to a new place in the Lord. In 2009, Leigh was elected to serve this network as Secretary/Treasurer, and the leadership appointment went to Dale Gray who has faithfully picked up this ministry and served the men of our network for 15 years now. Dale has such a heart for the men of this network, and has only strengthened their walk with the Lord, and strengthened their relationship in their marriages, and in their ministry in so many different walks of life. Dale is a personal friend that I can count on.

In my vision of building a 'relational district' I saw the need early on for an emphasis that would focus on our pastors. I found that I was not physically able to truly shepherd the pastors as my heart wanted to. The burden of this desire drove me to my knees to ask the Lord for someone to come alongside that could focus solely on our pastors and their families, and become a Pastoral Care Director for our network. Enter Jeff Peterson, God answered my prayer and by His divine appointment, Pastor Jeff answered the call, and said 'YES' to my request to come and serve as our network's first Pastoral Care Director whose sole responsibility would be to care for our pastors in whatever way God directed him.

Pastor Jeff resigned his leadership of Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, and moved back to Arizona, to familiar surroundings and family and friends and has developed a ministry to our pastors and their families well beyond what I had dreamed of. I will be eternally grateful to Pastor Jeff's ministry and what he has orchestrated through his love for pastors and their families to bring our network as close as it's ever been through his vision and ministry as Pastoral Care Director.

Serving with us for several years now, we have been blessed personally, but also this network has been blessed and enriched with the ministry of Rick & Denise Ryan, Intercultural Director and Director of Women Ministers. Again, working together to

build strong relationships among the many ethnicities that call Arizona their home now, and to encourage and give vision to the women in our network called of God to career ministry. Thank you, Rick and Denise.

Pastor Jim Lopez was so gracious to say yes to serving as our Native American Ministries Director. Who better? Pastor Jim and Belinda are so loved and revered among the Native Americans, and with their vast experience, and the wisdom of working with their people has given me inroads that I would not have had were it not for Jim's leadership and giving me direction and wisdom when it comes to the work of God among all tribes of people in our great state of Arizona. How valuable his friendship and wisdom has been to me personally.

I would be amiss to not give thanks to the many men and women who have served this network these 25 years on our Presbytery Board, as well as our regional Executive Presbyters. I have sat in the boardroom, on many occasions, looking around the tables, with a feeling of satisfaction and gratitude to have quality people serving on the network's board. Your sections have chosen well, and the wisdom, insight and support they have given to me personally cannot be overstated. I am so grateful.

So many have graced the halls of our office building and worked as part of the 'team for Arizona Network' our office staff are the finest. It's been a joy to come to work! We so love those God has blessed our network with. Servant hearts, every one of them.

There's an old saying in the corporate world, but applies to the church world as well: "You're only as good as the people you surround yourself with!" Marjorie and I have been blessed of God to surround ourselves with God's choice people and the truth of this saying has been lived out in our 25 years of service to this beloved Network. We have worked with the finest. People of integrity and loyalty. People wise beyond their years. People of prayer and dedication. People who are talented, ambitious and supportive of the vision God planted in our hearts from the beginning of this tenure in office. Their value cannot be written in words, but will continue to be written on our hearts as we lay this mantle down in God's leading.

As I have communicated my vision, the entire team has championed that vision and

done their part to see it become reality. They have met all expectations I could have had for them in their position of ministry. Marjorie and I both have endeavored to be approachable and available, and to be free and constant with words of affirmation for those we have surrounded ourselves with, as well as our presbytery boards, our pastors, all of those under the watch of our care.

I felt tasked with assembling a team and building a culture of love, acceptance, and inclusiveness. How merciful God has been to us to build this fine team we have had the privilege of leading.

Moving from the office building on 7th Street here in Phoenix to our Thomas Road property was led of God from the moment we started outgoing that facility. Now, to have celebrated a building free of debt is reason for great rejoicing for all of us. We have been so blessed with our current office.

To drive onto the campus at Granite hills Retreat & Conference Center is to recognize the importance of the giving of our churches and individuals to see the campground become a place where our youth and kids, men and women meet together and experience life-changing events. We've come a long ways in these last 25 years! So grateful for the ministry that comes from the campground.

So, now we leave this leadership position with NO REGRETS! How good it feels to look back, see the mountains we had to climb at times, the valleys that forces us to our knees to find the will of God, the wisdom that was freely given by the Lord Himself when we could not make sense of what was happening, the equipping of God to do what looked daunting to both of us in 1999. How could 25 years have come and gone? This has been an honor to serve you in these 25 years. We can say with the prophet, Samuel, 'Hitherto hath the LORD helped us!'

We sincerely love you each one, and cherish these 25 years the Lord so graciously has given us. Keep the faith. Be true to your calling. Run the race with no regrets! We have Heaven to gain and an eternity with the Savior.

Our love, gratitude, and respect,  
Pastor Harris & Marjorie

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen L. Harris".



## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Allow me to begin my report by expressing my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Pastor Steve & Marjorie Harris. It has been my sincere privilege to serve under their ministry, first as a Presbyter, then Executive Presbyter, and currently, as Assistant Superintendent. I believe I echo everyone's sentiment when I say this year's conference is one filled with both reflection and anticipation.

We reflect, with deep gratitude in our hearts, on 25 years of exceptional service by Pastor Steve and Marjorie to the Arizona Assemblies of God. Their dedicated leadership and heartfelt love for the pastors, ministry leaders and churches will be sorely missed, and we can all admit to feeling a sense of sadness, knowing this will be their last Network Conference as our leaders.

Conversely, with great anticipation, we are confident God has wonderful plans for their future and in the days ahead, we will rejoice in the goodness of the Lord as we hear the reports of how He is using the Harris' in great visionary, apostolic work throughout the world.

For now, we say, "THANK YOU!" These last 25 years have been so very special, and Pastor Steve and Marjorie's legacy has been deeply established throughout all of Arizona. But we also say, "GO WITH JOY!" We're confident all the blessings of God will be upon your lives, your family and your continued ministry endeavors.

**THANK YOU, PASTOR STEVE AND MARJORIE, FOR NOT ONLY BEING OUR LEADERS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, BEING OUR FRIENDS. WE LOVE YOU!**

As District Missions Directors, Sue and I are afforded the opportunity to communicate with our dedicated missionaries, hear their personal stories, and encourage their hearts as they continue leading the charge to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. We carry their burdens in our hearts and pray the "Lord of the Harvest" will continue to use them to transform lives, villages, cities, and nations.

We are so proud of their commitment and dedication to the Lord, and we consider it an honor to stand with them in support, love and encouragement.

The heart of our Father is to “seek and save the lost,” and until the coming of our Lord, we must remain diligent in this high calling of bringing God’s love to every tribe, nation and heart language. Our dream and vision for world missions continues to be: **Every missionary supported by every church in Arizona to bring the good news to all the world.** This is made possible because of your commitment to support through prayer and finances.

**THANK YOU, ARIZONA NETWORK, FOR PARTNERING WITH OUR GLOBAL WORKERS, MISSIONARIES AND ASSOCIATES!**

At Network Conference I will be sharing vital information concerning the state of our mission, as well as annual giving reports. I close with the words of the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome, **“How are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!” Romans 10:14-15**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Arizona Ministry Network as Assistant Superintendent.

Love and prayers,  
Pastor Ron G. Rockwell





## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

### **2023 has been another blessed year for the Arizona Ministry Network!**

Serving the ministers, churches and various ministries in the Network is a great joy to Jodi and I. We are very honored and blessed by so many incredible ministers who are doing all they can to fulfill the call of God on their life.

All the ministries of the Network exist to help equip ministers, resource churches and support all the various ministries.

Our Network leadership team is outstanding in so many ways. It has been a great honor to serve with our Network Pastors & **Superintendent Stephen & Marjorie Harris** for the last 15 years. Pastor Steve & Marjorie are great friends and I am sure will continue to be a great blessing to the Network and world missions. They have been passionate about building the kingdom of God and expanding the mission of the church.

I am also grateful for Assistant Superintendents **Ron & Sue Rockwell** and their love for World Missions and the local church.

We are always encouraged by the friendship and ministry of our department & ministry directors and spouses – Jeff & Carla Peterson, Dale & Darla Gray, Griffin & Bethany McGrath, Kirstyn & Zion Rempel, Lindsay & John Petri, Yisrael & Christina Vincent.

It has been a great joy to serve with Dorothea Russell as our bookkeeper for the last 14 years. She has brought a lifetime of experience and expertise in accounting to the Network. We celebrate her retirement and are excited to have Rebekah Crandell taking over for Dorothea along with Jeneva Dowell and Boris Manda who do a fantastic job. My administrative assistant – Jeanna Willis and credentialing assistant Vicki Cruz are a great blessing.

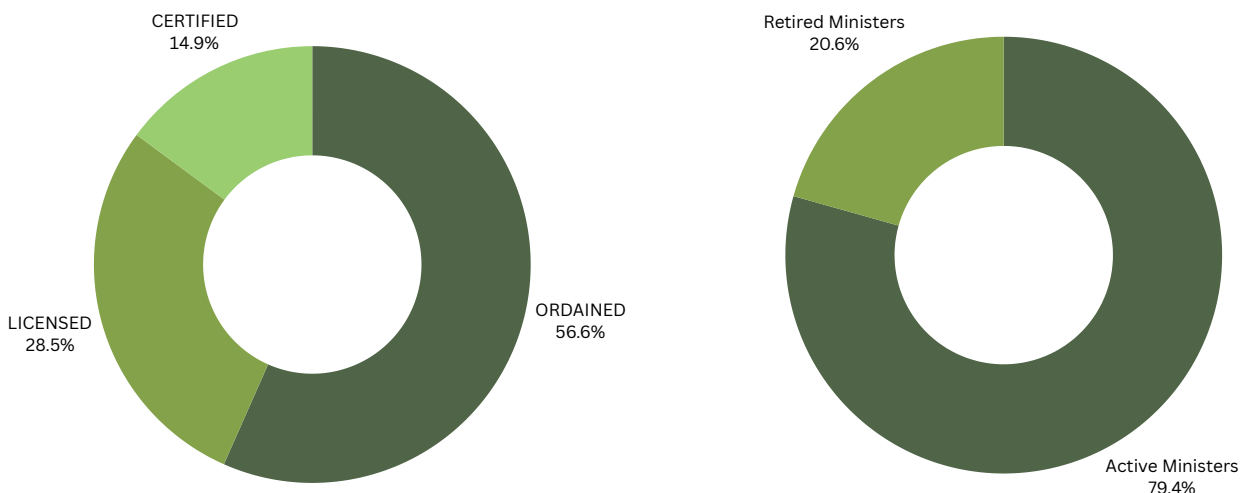
We currently have 14 full-time employees and 10 part-time employees, including our elected officials. At Granite Hills, we currently have 2 full-time employees and 4 part-time with many more during Camp Season.

I am grateful to our pastors for their faithfulness in supporting the local church, including the network office and ministries. We have been able to accomplish a lot together. Jodi and I are honored to serve you.



Leigh Metcalf  
Secretary/Treasurer

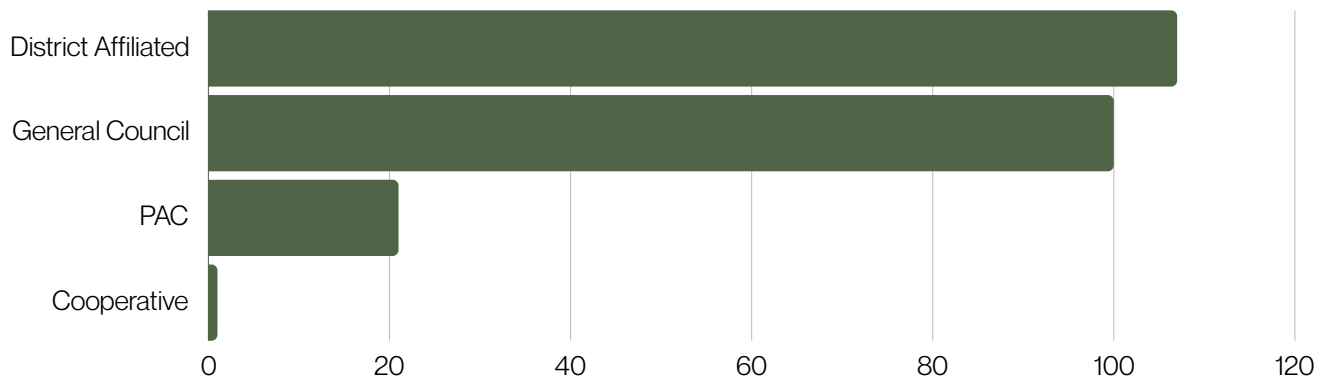
## MINISTERS



Currently, we have a total of 867 ministers. 688 active, 179 Senior Retired. Including 491 Ordained, 247 Licensed, and 129 Certified. Of our 688 active ministers, 248 are Women. Our youngest active minister is 18 and the oldest is 90. Our average age of all active ministers is 53 and average age of Lead Pastors is 56.

During 2023, the Arizona Ministry Network credentialed 61 ministers. 22 were Certified, 22 Licensed, 17 Ordained. This year, 13 ministers transferred to the Arizona Ministry Network and 22 ministers transferred out.

## CHURCHES



We have a total of 228 churches, including 107 District Affiliated, 100 General Council, and 21 Parent Affiliated (In addition we have 1 cooperative fellowship associated with the Arizona Ministry Network.)

4 New Churches were planted in our Network this year including:

- Powerhouse of Hope, Yuma
- Sunland Church, Mesa
- Vietnamese Outreach Mission, Chandler
- Horeb Community Church, Tucson

We provided multiple events over the course of the year to resource churches. Our AZCMN Event with Mike Santiago had 135 people in attendance with about 50 churches/ministries represented. Our Church Health Workshop had 119 in attendance with 25 churches/ministries represented.

We now have 43 Language/Culture Specific Churches including:

6 African, 1 Arabic, 2 East Indian, 3 Filipino, 24 Hispanic, 1 Indonesian, 2 Jewish, 1 Marshallese, 2 Romanian, 1 Burmese, and 1 Vietnamese. We also have 8 Language Services meeting weekly at churches throughout our Network. We also have 39 Native American Churches around the state.

# INTERCULTURAL CHURCHES

## **AFRICAN CHURCHES - 6**

Chandler - Jesus Power Assembly of God  
Glendale - Bethel International Church  
Phoenix - Hope of Life International  
Phoenix - Good Shepherd Community Church  
Phoenix - Pentecostal Assembly of God  
Tucson - Kingdom Keys Prayer Chapel

## **Arabic Churches - 1**

Phoenix - River of Life

## **Burmese Churches - 1**

Phoenix - Faith Assembly Church

## **East Indian Churches - 1**

Chandler - International Assembly of God

## **Hispanic Churches - 24**

Bullhead City - Generations Church  
Casa Grande - Passion Church Español  
Chandler - Revive Church  
Chandler - Fuente de Vida  
El Mirage - Radiant Church  
Gilbert- Oasis de Alabanza  
Glendale - Christian Worship Center  
Guadalupe - Ascend Church  
Mammoth - House of Salvation  
Mesa - Jesus el Redentor  
Nogales - Abundant Life Assembly of God

Phoenix - Centro Cristiano Bethel  
Phoenix - EQUIP  
Phoenix - Neighborhood Church  
Phoenix - Nuevo Nacimiento  
Rio Rico - Hope Assembly  
San Luis - Templo Cristiano "Vino Nuevo"  
San Tan Valley - Iglesia Cristiana Manantial  
Somerton - Templo de Oracion de las AG  
Tolleson - Revolution Ministries  
Tucson - Horeb Community Church  
Tucson - Roca de Salvacion  
Willcox - Revolution Ministries

### **Indonesian Churches - 1**

Phoenix - City Harvest International Glad Tidings

### **Jewish Churches - 2**

Glendale - Baruch HaShem Messianic Congregation  
Sun City - House of New Beginnings

### **Marshallese Churches - 1**

Tucson - Kamolol Marshallese AG

### **Filipino Churches - 3**

Gilbert - Fortress Fellowship  
Queen Creek - Christ's Family Life  
Tucson - Hope of Glory Christian Center

### **Romanian Churches - 2**

Phoenix - Grace Fellowship Church  
Phoenix - Maranatha Romanian AG

### **Vietnamese Churches. - 1**

Chandler - Vietnamese Outreach Mission

# CAMPS

This year our Camp provided a spirit filled space for thousands of kids, youth, and adults to experience transformation. This year, 36 weekends were booked for events. Out of these 36 weekends, 23 were retreats outside of our Youth, Kids, Women's, and Men's retreats. Our Youth Camps brought 3,309 people, our Kids Camps brought 1,046, Men's Retreats brought over 600 men, and our Women's Retreats brought over 800 women.

## OUR U.S. MISSIONARIES

### CHI ALPHA

Ryan & Kelly Ribelin | AZ Directors | GA

Tyler & Paige Staton | University of Virginia | GA

Trevor & Patricia Morevant | Arizona State University | GA

Miguel Ocampo | University of Arizona | GA

Bethany & Richard Carter | Northern Arizona University | MA

Matthew Cooley | Northern Arizona University | MA

Andrew & Erika Lovern | University of Arizona | MA

Vanessa Perez | University of Arizona | MA

Adrian & Eliza Valencia | Northern Arizona University | MA

Kevin & Kim Macfee | Embry Riddle | NA

Matt & Maureen Simpson | Embry Riddle | NA

Brett & Holly Martin | Northern Arizona University | NA

### CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Nathaniel (Zippy) Dirkes | PHX Urban Outreach | GA

Eugene Moore | MA

Brian Farmer | MA

### FOSTER MINISTRY

Gary & Tamara Webb | OCJ Kids | GA

### HEALTH CARE CHAPLAINCY

Paul & Terri Carruthers | RA

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Rodney & Carrie Bradley | MA

## **INTERCULTURAL**

Wayne & Dru Huffman | GA

Randy Wren | MA

Rick & Denise Ryan | AZ Directors | NA

Glen & Peggy Gray | RA

## **JEWISH MINISTRY**

Cosmo & Rebekah Panzetta | GA

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Daniel Hann | NA

## **MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY**

Wayne & Connie Evans | MA

## **NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY**

John & Theresa Flood | GA

Joseph & Nancy Saggio | GA

Kathryn Pierce | MA

Jim & Belinda Lopez | AZ Directors | NA

David & Marsha Cleaveland | RA

John & Doris Knoles | RA

Vernon & Geraldine Poncho | RA

## **OUTDOOR CHAPLAINCY**

Steven & Brenda Lummer | MA

## **RV MAPS**

Chris & Peggy Trombetta | AZ Director | GA

George & Carolyn Amrozowicz | MA

## **YOUTH ALIVE**

Jiovan (Yoyo) Garcia | AZ Director | GA

Megan Kronstedt | GA

Skylar & Brittany Strawn | NA

Marlissa Salas | NA

Nadia Chavira | NA

## **U.S. MISSIONS GIVING**

**Flagstaff - Northland Christian Assembly** | \$85,435.04

**Phoenix - Urban Outreach** | \$64,695.00

**Yuma - Foothills Assembly of God** | \$57,192.37

**Sun City West - Church on the Green** | \$43,060.00

**Glendale - Harvest Church** | \$38,434.25

**Sun City - House of New Beginnings** | \$37,450.00

**Tucson - Trinity Life Church** | \$26,260.00

**Apache Junction - First Assembly of God** | \$24,115.00

**Tucson - Zion City** | \$22,666.00

**Mesa - Generation Church** | \$21,820.00

**Phoenix - Fountain of Life Intl.** | \$19,160.00

**Casa Grande - Passion Church** | \$18,035.00

**Peoria - Fresh Start Church** | \$17,750.00

**Cottonwood - Journey Church** | \$16,450.00

**Oracle - Assembly of God** | \$15,750.00

**Chandler - Desert Springs Church** | \$14,740.00

**Scottsdale - The Rock Church** | \$14,275.00

**Surprise - Radiant Church** | \$13,705.00

**Camp Verde - Desert Willow Church** | \$13,345.00

**Queen Creek - Ascend Church** | \$12,318.14

**Tolleson - Revolution Ministries** | \$11,610.00

**Avondale - Cornerstone Christian Center** | \$11,320.00

**Tucson - Canyon Del Oro AG** | \$10,688.00

**Tucson - Central City Assembly** | \$10,440.00

**Springerville - Momentum Life Church** | \$10,185.00



**Sedona - Canyon Trails Cowboy Church** | \$10,040.00  
**Phoenix - Dream City Church** | \$9,600.00  
**Buckeye - Lifeway Assembly of God** | \$9,350.00  
**Bullhead City - River Chapel Assembly of God** | \$8,883.03  
**Tucson - Glad Tidings Assembly of God** | 8,818.00  
**Kingman - Hope City Church** | \$8,675.00  
**Sierra Vista - First Assembly of God** | \$7,482.00  
**Flagstaff - Breath of Life Church** | \$7,355.00  
**Sahuarita - First Assembly of God** | \$7,290.00  
**Tucson - The Gate Church** | \$7,153.08  
**Prescott Valley - Lifepointe Church** | \$7,066.58  
**Mayer - Mission Church** | \$7,000.00  
**Phoenix - City Church** | \$6,750.00  
**Tuba City - Assembly of God** | \$6,300.00  
**Buckeye - Vescent Church** | \$6,170.00  
**Yuma - First Assembly of God** | \$6,075.00  
**Mesa - Baseline Christian Fellowship** | \$5,850.00  
**Glendale - Hope Chapel** | \$5,710.00  
**Tucson - Discovery Church** | \$5,650.00  
**Coolidge - Indian Assembly of God** | \$5,415.00  
**Parker - Grace Assembly of God** | \$5,340.00  
**Lk Havasu City - Abundant Grace AG** | \$5,155.00  
**Phoenix - Paradise Hills Assembly of God** | \$5,045.00  
**Mesa - Banner Church** | \$4,740.00  
**Flagstaff - Mountaintop Assembly of God** | \$4,553.87  
**Prescott Valley - Fountain of Life Community Church** | \$4,550.00  
**Sierra Vista - Mountainview Assembly of God** | \$4,315.00  
**Phoenix - Celebration Church** | \$4,291.00  
**Anthem - Summit Church** | \$4,258.00  
**Tempe - Ascend Church** | \$4,240.00  
**Phoenix - North Mtn Christian Assembly of God** | \$4,065.00  
**Sells - Papago Assembly of God** | \$3,900.00  
**Chandler - Full Life Church** | \$3,616.00  
**Benson - First Assembly of God** | \$3,579.00

**Scottsdale - Salt River Indian AG** | \$3,550.00  
**Tucson - Praise Center Assembly** | \$3,384.00  
**Tempe - Twentynine Eleven Church** | \$3,183.00  
**Chino Valley - Word of Life Assembly of God** | \$3,100.00  
**Ajo - First Assembly of God** | \$3,020.00  
**Glendale - Family Life Assembly of God** | \$2,850.00  
**Wickenburg - Mount Hope Assembly of God** | \$2,790.00  
**Tucson - Calvary Assembly of God** | \$2,650.00  
**Bouse - Community Assembly of God** | \$2,540.00  
**Dewey - Faith Assembly of God** | \$2,535.00  
**Morenci - First Assembly of God** | \$2,443.10  
**Prescott - Prescott Life Church** | \$2,250.00  
**Phoenix - Christ's Church AG** | \$2,210.00  
**Mesa - Without Walls Church** | \$2,200.00  
**San Manuel - Assembly of God** | \$2,185.00  
**Coolidge - First Assembly of God** | \$2,125.00  
**Queen Creek - Christ's Family Life Church** | \$2,100.00  
**Fort Apache - Canyon Day AG** | \$2,055.00  
**Lakeside - Blueridge Christian Center AG** | \$2,000.00  
**Mammoth - House of Salvation** | \$1,950.00  
**Phoenix - Desert Cove Assembly** | \$1,810.00  
**Chandler - International Assembly of God** | \$1,800.00  
**Wittmann - Assembly of God** | \$1,800.00  
**Tucson - Hope Church** | \$1,750.00  
**Mesa - Via Church** | \$1,725.00  
**Whiteriver - Assembly of God** | \$1,675.00  
**Florence - First Assembly of God** | \$1,640.00  
**Sierra Vista - God's World** | \$1,560.00  
**Williams - Northwoods Church** | \$1,525.00  
**Hereford - Church of Palominas** | \$1,504.38  
**San Tan Valley - Desert Willow Prayer** | \$1,460.00  
**Maricopa - Assembly of God** | \$1,400.00  
**Chandler - Revive Church** | \$1,350.00  
**Miami - Word of Life Assembly of God** | \$1,275.00

**Payson - Restoration Church** | \$1,220.00  
**Winkelman - Lighthouse Assembly of God** | \$1,220.00  
**Gilbert - Sunrise Assembly of God** | \$1,200.00  
**Tempe - 2:Ten Church** | \$1,200.00  
**Safford - MVMT Church** | \$1,200.00  
**Maricopa - Propel Church** | \$1,180.00  
**Teesto - Crossroad Assembly** | \$1,160.00  
**New River - First Assembly of God** | \$1,145.73  
**Phoenix - North Valley Assembly of God** | \$1,100.00  
**Surprise - City Church** | \$1,050.00  
**Wellton - Assembly of God** | \$1,050.00  
**Arizona City - Freedom Family Church** | \$1,040.00  
**Show Low - White Mtn Life Church** | \$1,030.00  
**Cedar Creek - Assembly of God** | \$1,000.00  
**Prescott - Discovery Church** | \$1,000.00  
**Nogales - Abundant Life AG** | \$980.00  
**Bagdad - Christian Life Assembly of God** | \$960.00  
**Rio Rico - Hope Assembly** | \$932.00  
**Globe - Calvary Shadows AG** | \$900.00  
**Page - First Assembly of God** | \$900.00  
**Phoenix - Rivers Church** | \$900.00  
**Glendale - Christian Worship Center** | \$720.00  
**Avondale - Good News Church** | \$600.00  
**Mesa - Jesus El Redentor** | \$600.00  
**Stanfield - Indian Assembly of God** | \$600.00  
**Yuma - Relevant Life Church** | \$600.00  
**Phoenix - Breath of Life Intl Fellowship** | \$570.00  
**Peoria - Hope of Life Intl Church** | \$553.00  
**Buckeye - Passion Church AG** | \$550.00  
**Phoenix - City Harvest Intl. Glad Tidings Assembly** | \$540.00  
**Marana - Bread of Life AG** | \$525.00  
**Holbrook - First Assembly of God** | \$516.00  
**Dennehotso - Trinity AG** | \$515.00  
**San Carlos - Apache Assembly of God** | \$500.00

**Douglas - First Assembly of God | \$495.00**  
**Cibecue - Indian Assembly of God | \$490.00**  
**Eloy - First Assembly of God | \$485.00**  
**Kingman - Living Faith Assembly of God | \$480.00**  
**Gilbert - Kingdom Church | \$450.00**  
**Bitá Hochee - Broken Arrow Chapel | \$400.00**  
**Polacca - Assembly of God | \$400.00**  
**Shonto - Victory Assembly of God | \$400.00**  
**Phoenix - Bethel Intl Church | \$360.00**  
**Mesa - New Life Assembly of God | \$310.00**  
**Bisbee - First Assembly of God | \$300.00**  
**Phoenix - Restoration Community Ministries | \$300.00**  
**Carrizo - Apache Assembly | \$300.00**  
**San Luis - Templo Cristiano Nuevo | \$290.00**  
**Mesa - Focus 314 | \$285.00**  
**Glendale - Baruch HaShem Messianic Congregation | \$275.00**  
**Cameron - Assembly of God | \$260.00**  
**Concho Valley - Word of Life Assembly of God | \$220.00**  
**Tucson - First Assembly of God | \$210.00**  
**Tucson - Kingdom Keys Prayer Chapel | \$200.00**  
**Sacaton - River of Life AG | \$150.00**  
**San Tan - Assembly of God Indian Church | \$150.00**  
**Lk Havasu City - Christian Assembly of God | \$100.00**  
**Phoenix - Neighborhood Church | \$100.00**  
**Peoria - Reclaim Church | \$25.00**  
**Peoria - Victory City Church | \$20.00**  
**Apache Junction - Iglesia Cristiana Manantial**  
**Bullhead City - Generations Church**  
**Bylas - Lighthouse Assembly**  
**Camp Verde - Christian Assembly**  
**Casa Blanca - Assembly of God**  
**Casa Grande - Grace Assembly of God**  
**Cave Creek - Carefree Highway Community Church**  
**Chandler - Fuente de Vida**

**Chandler - Jesus Power Assembly of God**  
**Chandler - Vietnamese Outreach Mission**  
**Cornfields - The Lighthouse**  
**Dolan Springs - First Assembly of God**  
**Fort Defiance - The Family Church AG**  
**Fredonia - Trinity Church**  
**Gila Bend - Faith Assembly of God**  
**Gilbert - Fortress Fellowship**  
**Gilbert - Oasis De Alabanza**  
**Glendale - Camelback Community Church**  
**Golden Valley - Abundant Grace Fellowship**  
**Heber - Encounter Church**  
**Holbrook - Faith Assembly of God**  
**Houck - Bethel Navajo AG**  
**Jeddito - Broken Arrow Chapel**  
**Kayenta - The Living Word Assembly of God**  
**Mesa - Palm Canyon Assembly**  
**Mesa - Sunland Church**  
**Mohave Valley - Assembly of God**  
**Navajo Mtn - Rainbow City Assembly of God**  
**Oak Springs - Assembly of God**  
**Phoenix - Centro Cristiano Bethel**  
**Phoenix - EQUIP**  
**Phoenix - Faith Assembly Church**  
**Phoenix - Good Shepherd Community Church**  
**Phoenix - Grace Fellowship Church**  
**Phoenix - Maranatha Romanian AG**  
**Phoenix - Nuevo Nacimiento**  
**Phoenix - Pentecostal Assembly of God**  
**Phoenix - Remnant Church**  
**Prescott - Christian Fellowship Assembly of God**  
**Quartzsite - First Assembly of God**  
**Safford - Glory Life Assembly of God**  
**Saint Johns - Venture Community Church**

**Somerton - Templo Oracion de las AG**  
**Superior - Family Life Christian Center**  
**Tempe - Hope of the Valley**  
**Tombstone - Bethel Chapel Assembly of God**  
**Tuscon - Faith Assembly of God**  
**Tucson - Flowing Wells Assembly of God**  
**Tucson - Hope of Glory Christian Center**  
**Tucson - Kamolol Marshallese AG**  
**Tucson - Living Word AG**  
**Tucson - Oasis Assembly of God**  
**Tucson - Roca de Salvacion**  
**Willcox - Revolution Church**  
**Winslow - First Assembly of God**  
**Winslow - Maranatha Assembly of God**  
**Yarnell - Assembly of God**



***“The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me. Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Do not abandon the works of your hands.” Psalm 138:8***

It is my honor to have served our Network Superintendent, Steve Harris, in the area of Pastoral Care for the past seven years. With the increasing stresses and complexities of pastoral work, his vision to provide this ministry to our pastors is both prophetic and practical. I am grateful for this opportunity and for all who have in some way benefited from this ministry over the past year.

### **Pastors' Zoom Calls**

Motivated by the rise in Zoom calls during the 2020 pandemic, weekly Pastors' Zoom calls have provided an avenue to gather pastors/spouses from across the state for one-hour weekly meetings. The two-fold purpose of these calls is: fellowship and personal growth.

In 2023, over 100 pastors/spouses participated in 11 groups extending over 36 weeks of the year. The seven books discussed encompassed several key areas of pastoral work:

- Leadership: *Lead Like IT Matters* by Groeschel
- Leadership: *Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership* by Rima & McIntosh
- Marriage: *The DNA of Relationships* by Smalley
- Marriage: *A Couples' Guide to a Growing Marriage* by Chapman
- Mental health: *Soul Restore* by Fellman
- Soul care: *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by Comer
- Pastoring/Culture: *Letter to the American Church* by Metaxas

## **First Annual Marriage Getaway**

In June, thirty couples received a refreshing boost to their marriages as we met at the Wigwam Resort for two days of teaching and fellowship. Dr. Don and Renee Worcester brought excellent insights into marriage from a professional ministry perspective. The sessions were marked by great times of worship, prayer, and creative activities in application of the teachings. I want to thank the many pastors/churches that generously provided sponsorships for several of our pastoral couples.

## **First Desert Fathers Collective**

Joining with the ministry of our own Steve Lummer and the Outdoor Nations Network, we piloted a unique experience for our pastors in 2023. We met for three days of solitude and fellowship at the Death Valley National Park. Our focus was the cultivation of spiritual disciplines such as silence and Scripture meditation amidst a backdrop of nature. The days were marked with rich teaching by a few guests and worship around the campfire in the evenings.

## **A Safe Place**

A critical element of pastoral care is my weekly confidential meetings with pastors and ministry leaders. It is an honor to serve our credential ministers, whether through pastoral counseling or coaching/mentoring. Many pastors were referred on to professional counseling when deemed necessary. Others sought consistent meetings over a length of time for on-going support and encouragement. I am honored to serve in this capacity.

I also want to thank the twelve elders available to serve our ministers as an extension that safe place for our pastors to find encouragement and counsel:

Lavon Reep

Susan League

Catie Naranjo

David Groff

Mark Swee

Raul Borrayo

Tom Rakoczy

John Luttmann

Jim Lopez

Denise Ryan

Roy Cheriyan

Jerry Strandquist



It is always a privilege to speak in many settings throughout the year, including sectional meetings, church staff/board trainings, marriage seminars, teaching ASOM classes, providing counseling training for Teen Challenge, and serving at several network funerals. It is an honor to serve our wonderful network!

Sincerely submitted,

Jeff Peterson

# 2023 Annual Report

## ***Introduction / Personal Note***

In an age of artificial intelligence and digitally fabricated experiences, what happens when we leverage every resource in our local churches and ministerial leadership to fix our eyes on the true author of our faith and have an authentic encounter with our Creator God?

What happens when this emerging generation hungers for the presence of God, no longer satisfied with the cravings of this world but set on a life-long course

of surrendering themselves fully and making disciples who look and live like Jesus?

This generation is ready to abandon the status quo, to live generously and sacrificially, no longer satisfied with the world's offerings. Our students are hungry for the real presence of God and are offering their lives to share Jesus with their friends, filling heaven!

Thank you for trusting me with the spiritual formation of the leaders in the emerging generation in Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,



Griffin T. McGrath  
Youth & Young Adults Director  
Arizona Ministry Network



## ***Vision***

A desert on fire, empowered by the Spirit to spread the gospel around the world.

## ***Mission***

Equipping the church for gospel-centered youth & young adult ministry, empowered by the Spirit & personally responsible to the mission of God: until all know Jesus.

## ***Year Emphasis***

We made an intentional effort in 2023 to create the greatest generational impact with a clear target of making disciples who make disciples.

## ***Leadership Staff***

- Network Youth & Young Adults Director: Griffin McGrath
- Assistant Network Youth Director: Monica Hortiales
- Administrative Assistant to the Director: Bethany McGrath
- Ministry Coordinator: Asheley Ouimet
- Creative Media Manager: Adrian Alcaraz

## ***Leadership Coordinators***

- Christian Chambliss (Resource)
- Brandi Martinez (Network of Care)
- Yisrael Vincent, PhD (Development)

## ***Youth Ministry Coordinators***

- Yoyo Garcia, AGUSM (Youth Alive Director)
- Miguel Alvarez (STL/AIM)
- Jamin Metcalf (Fine Arts Coordinator)

## ***Young Adult Ministry Coordinators***

- Asheley Ouimet (Young Adults Pastor)
- Skylar Strawn (Young Adults Pastor)
- Ryan Ribelin (Chi Alpha)
- Josh Blackford (Young Adults Pastor)



## **YOUTH LEADERS' SUMMIT**

We prioritized discipleship in 2023, beginning the year with our annual Youth Leaders' Summit. 135 leaders gathered at Granite Hills. Former National Youth Discipleship Director, Rod Whitlock, shared an opening message on the cost of discipleship. Chris Moore (with Youth Pastor Roundtable) shared a practical message about creating a discipleship culture in our appropriate context.

I cast the vision for our annual theme with our Assistant Youth Director, Monica Hortiales, and we had practical breakout messages from various ministers seeing fruitful discipleship from their local contexts. One of the moments we always cherish is our special AZYM Banquet, where we honor and celebrate exceptional stories of youth leaders living out our core values of truth, honor, grit, and innovation as well as sacrificial giving through Speed the Light and leading students in Youth Alive.

## **REGIONAL TOUR**

Over 750 students and leaders rallied across six strategic locations throughout Arizona for Regional Tour. We aimed to draw closer to Jesus each night and make room in our hearts for the Great Commission.

Peter Reeves challenged us to live generously, 50 students responded to be missionaries, many others to stand in the gap as intercessors, and we set an ambitious dream of \$400,000 for Speed the Light!



## FINE ARTS

The discipleship ministry of Fine Arts continues to grow in Arizona. At our Network Fine Arts Festival, 168 participants combined for 428 total entries from 18 churches. On the national level, Arizona received 19 top 10 awards, six in the top three, and one national award of merit: special recognition to Dream City Church! In December, we introduced our newly appointed Fine Arts Coordinator, Jamin Metcalf.



Jamin serves on the national Fine Arts steering committee and has a deep passion for drawing modern inspiration from our rich heritage of the arts in church history. He is an Arizona PK/MK, has a background in education as an academic dean, and carries a bachelor's degree from Southeastern University and a master's degree from the University of Dallas.

As of this year, Jamin published his first book, [\*Many Times & Many Places: C.S. Lewis and the Value of History\*](#). He lives in Cottonwood, Arizona, and is on staff as the Journey College Director and Discipleship Pastor at Journey Church Network.



## YOUTH CAMPS

I'm grateful for the rowdy bunch we get to climb this hill with every summer. In 2023, we had seven youth camps with a record 2,309 in attendance from 80 different churches! God knows we cannot do this alone, and we truly have the most dynamic team around us. God is always faithful to exceed our expectations and crazy ideas. Here's just a glimpse of this summer of miracles:

- 633 first-time campers
- 827 decisions for Christ
- 378 filled with the Spirit
- 722 sensed God's call
- 2,297 accounts of healing



Our Speed the Light focus was addressing the foster care crisis and taking care of home. More than \$37,000 was given to share the Father's love to kids in foster care and aid in the crisis.

Thank you to every pastor, leader, parent, sponsor, and camper who continues to believe every year that camp matters. We are honored that you would trust us with your kids and be our prayer support for a safe place to encounter God together.

## **SPEED THE LIGHT & AIM**

Two consecutive record years for Arizona STL Giving (over \$173,000 in 2021, \$193,219.33 in 2022), and now **\$271,635.23 in 2023 with over 53% of our churches contributing. We were acknowledged by the National Office with a 41% increase in 2023, surpassing \$5,000,000 all-time giving as a district!** The ALL-IN mentality and generosity of our students and leaders have fueled a new wave of missions in our network. From Botswana to Navajo Nation, from AG Foster Care to Kenya, we are committed to spreading the gospel worldwide in this generation!



In April, I had the privilege of joining Pastor Harris in Botswana for the 60th anniversary of the Assemblies of God with special recognition by the Government of Botswana. We led another team back to Botswana in November to lead the first Assemblies of God Youth Leaders' Conference and a Women's Ministry Team with Lindsay Petri for the National Botswana AG Women's Conference. What a blessing to be the hands and feet of Jesus extended through the generosity of our Arizona churches!

In May, our youth leadership team traveled on a multi-national mission trip in Latin America (Costa Rica & Panama). 2.5 million Catholics will pilgrimage to visit the historic Balisica in Costa Rica each year from all throughout Latin America.

Costa Rica is our Assemblies of God missions gateway into Latin American culture. Our time was brief but loaded with cultural experiences (coffee, futbol, guava) and stories from missionaries studying at CENCIL language school (where over 1,000 missionaries have graduated and responded to the call of God).

In Panama, our team led the first Panama AG Youth Leadership Conference. Nearly two decades ago, my dad was in Panama with a group of youth directors, dreaming about the future of student missions. Tragically, he passed away weeks later. The dream never died. On this trip, we experienced the fulfillment of that dream through the next generation. As it is in heaven, so be it in Panama. As it is now is in Panama, so be it in Latin America.



### AIM Navajo Nation 2023

This was our fifth tour back to Navajo Nation, and it was our largest team yet. We crossed paths with @timblack65 and his church in Florida. We continue to see more groups around the nation serving our First Nations, and I'm so encouraged by this.



I'm so proud of each of these team members and how their hearts are growing for our First Nations. We are committed to serving our neighbors in the North and seeing the gospel presented in every native home across America. This land is God's land, and this land was made for all of God's children.

My favorite highlight on this trip was reading a LiveDead journal, filled with prayers written by a Navajo teenager for unreached people groups. One of the Navajo pastors said we were an answer to his prayers, but I'm telling you this has been an answer to mine. God is so good!

## **SOUTHWEST NATIVE YOUTH**

This is the beginning of a new tradition for a rich heritage. AZ Native Youth Ministries had its first Youth Convention in April and its first Youth Camp in July. I'm honored to be part of this special ministry with Pastor Jackie Holgate. I am also privileged to serve on the board of our strategic ministerial pipeline, SAGU American Indian College, with President Jonathan Gannon.

With 22 indigenous tribes here in Arizona and more represented in the Southwest region, God is just getting started in this emerging generation. We are poised for a spiritual revolution in training up and commissioning Native ministers through our 30+ churches. There is hope for tomorrow!



## **EMERGING HISPANIC YOUTH**

Ushering in the next generation includes the Church having an intentional plan to receive and disciple the emerging Hispanic culture. I thank God for sending leaders like Obed Escobar and the Titus Foundation to encourage us to lead and equip the next generation.

When I witness God's hand on young leaders like Thomas (Blue) Salgado with a desire to resource and collaborate with his peers, I am filled with so much hope for the best days ahead of the Church. Our world sees walls that divide us, but our God reveals stairways that bring His Kingdom here.



## **YOUTH ALIVE CAMPUS MISSIONS**

Jiovan (Yoyo) Garcia is OUR Youth Alive Director! I'm incredibly proud to know he belongs to us because we have the best Youth Alive Missionary in the nation. He is



learning to say no to many peripheral opportunities (outside Arizona), but that doesn't stop the requests from other districts wanting to launch a Youth Alive model like what we have in Arizona. Yoyo is our Youth Camp REC Director, he has preached at PK Retreat, the Native Youth Camp, and traveled to SoCal and Washington to help launch Youth Alive. He was invited to lead the online experience for National Youth Convention, and in his spare time he runs a viral meme page (@Campchella). Yoyo led his first official AIM trip to Navajo Nation in June, and he went on his first international AIM trip to Botswana with a US Passport. We call him a real missionary now!



Yoyo leads Megan Kronstedt (Assistant Youth Alive Director) and a dynamic team of Network Associates (Skylar Strawn, MarLissa Salas, and Nadia Chavira) to increase our reach of campus clubs around the state. We are nearing 60 campus clubs, which is past our pre-pandemic numbers now. We believe we will hit 100 campus clubs in 2024, placing Youth Alive in 10% of all schools in AZ.

Youth Alive One Day was a great success! We are still riding the momentum created from this training event. Because of your support, we saw 36 Churches present, with 505 students and leaders in attendance!

In order for the vision of Youth Alive to expand, Yoyo and Megan will need to focus on their itineration to become fully funded as US missionaries. We are so proud of our Youth Alive team and excited to see how God increases the vision of reaching every student in every school.

## **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES**

Seven years later, Arizona Young Adults Ministries is thriving with stories of significance. We hosted our second official Young Adults Conference (AZYA Pop Up+) at Desert Springs Church with Andrew Matrone from Red Rocks Church (Denver), Reggie Hill from Journey Church (Kenosha), and Hillsong College Worship (Orange County).

After seven youth camps, we brought back Summer Weekend: a three-day camp experience for young adults. Reggie Hill returned with Dan Rivera and his SEU Worship team. Over 100 young adults registered for this powerful weekend, pastored by Blare and Elise Wood. Our young adults team grew in the Fall, adding Elise Wood as our Young Adults Network Associate (contracted through her non-profit, Ripple Effect).



Our AZYA Fall Pop Up was hosted by Pastor Raul Salgado in their beautiful new facility in Tolleson, Revolution Ministries. Featuring Christian Dawson from Bridgetown Church (Portland) and Grace City Music (Lakeland), over 100 young adults gathered from all around the state. Our young adult community had a unique atmosphere and anointing for healing.



Chi Alpha is poised for excellent leadership in all four anchor campuses: the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona, and Embry Riddle. Our six fully accredited colleges/schools of ministry continue to see growth and stability: SAGU AIC, Dream City College (SEU), Radiant College (SAGU), Journey College (SAGU), Generation Leadership College (SEU), Lifepointe Internship (Northwest University), and Pure Heart College (SEU).

As Young Adults Ministries grows, we want to see this become an autonomous, sustainable department in our ministry network. Arizona continues to gain influence as a sending network, a pipeline for leadership to equip our local churches and coach other districts as they look to Arizona as a model for young adult ministry.

## YOUTH CONVENTION

Youth Convention 2023 was at full capacity at Radiant Church! Thank you, Pastor Caden Metcalf and your church staff, for hosting us again. We stewarded the weekend the best we could and are grateful to find hundreds of additional chairs to accommodate the



AG World Missionary, Scott Berkey as a special guest. We raised over \$56,000 for Speed the Light to spread the gospel in East Africa. This generation is more desperate for Jesus than we imagined.



overflow! Over 300 students made decisions for Christ, flooding the altars in the first few moments of the weekend! We introduced a 3v3 STL basketball tournament and brought



## PERSONAL REMARKS

At the beginning of 2023, I was sitting on a dream to get my doctorate. I was already accepted through Southeastern University, but I was waiting on the Lord's timing and provision. This dream wasn't about me but about being obedient to the burden God gave me to prepare the way for the emerging generation of leaders.

In short, the Lord opened a door of provision through the Hoskin's School of Mission in the Barnett College of Ministry & Theology. I have received a full-tuition Presidential scholarship to complete my doctorate in this three-year DMiss program with OneHope, accredited through Southeastern University. I can see God's hand on this and how exceptional this opportunity is as presented by SEU and Dr. Kent Ingle's generosity. I am humbled and blown away by the encouragement and support from Pastor Harris and our network leadership. I have committed to stewarding this gift wholeheartedly.

## **NEXTGEN STAFF**

Our NextGen staff is envied around the nation, but I don't think people see even half the value of what I experience every week from this team. These amazing individuals are anointed by God, incredibly gifted, and highly sought after. Each one of them are a blessing to the youth ministries of Arizona, network office, and our national office.



As our Assistant Youth Director for four years, Monica Hortiales has become a recognized and trusted voice after speaking at our Arizona Network Conference, several other AG districts, and an invitation to speak at our National AG NextGen Conference. Fittingly, she was asked to speak about how to serve your leader well. I can't fully express how faithful Monica has been to give her best 'yes' to Jesus in leading young people to the table in the family of God.

Asheley Ouimet coordinates our volunteer and ministry pipeline for the youth and young adults departments. The culture and spiritual leadership she brings to our interns during the summer is a standard we would like to see established across our network throughout the year in a strategic effort for the recruitment and retention of ministry leaders. Asheley is loved and respected by our team and the 50+ interns she has led in the past two years. We are excited to see her influence continue to grow in the network.

Megan Kronstedt pioneered a new wave of missions for Youth Alive, becoming the first Network Associate. Earlier this year, Megan felt the Lord calling her to pursue full appointment through Assemblies of God US Missions. She graduated from SAGU with her Masters in Organizational Leadership. As the Assistant Youth Alive Director, Megan continues to itinerate as a missionary and pursues full appointment. Until then, we have contracted Megan to coordinate our events and registration for the youth and young adults departments as a missionary in residence. We know this is temporary and the ultimate goal is for Megan to reach full support as a missionary.

Although she is indeed my wife of 13 years and mother of our two boys, Bethany McGrath is an exceptional person and well-suited to serve church leaders in our Ministry Network. I did not think I would ever work with my wife. She was a self-employed photographer before we had children and a founding entrepreneur since. Our boys are both in school, so the door opened for us to explore hiring Bethany at an opportune time. I cannot think of anyone who knows my personal and ministry schedules better than Bethany in this season. I am grateful she accepted my offer to work part-time as our NextGen administrative assistant.

Bethany is the daughter of a District Youth Director (Nebraska) and National Youth Director (AG Fine Arts/Discipleship). She graduated from Evangel University with a Bachelor of Science in Advertising & Public Relations and a minor in Photography. Though she doesn't prefer the microphone, Bethany is a gifted communicator. I am grateful that our team loves Bethany and sees the excellence she brings. This is a new endeavor for us working together, but I can see how God prepared us for this season of life and ministry. It's an honor for us both to serve our network as a family!

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# YTH ALIVE ARIZONA

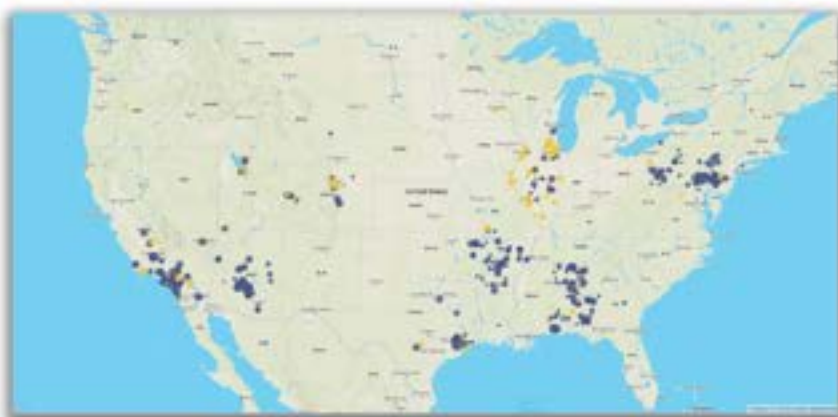
## YA MOVEMENTS



AZ Youth Alive has seen major growth in our Movements across the state. From traditional campus clubs to Youth Alive huddles, our Campus Missionaries never give up on the call to Evangelize Every Student in Every School with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Before 2020 AZ had 56 campus clubs. The pandemic knocked us down to 3. We can proudly say, by the Grace of God, we are on 67 campuses in AZ. We have an aim to be at 100 campus clubs by the need of the calendar year, which will place around 10% of all High Schools in AZ.

To the right is a map of Youth Alive's presence in the USA from the "Every Student, Every School" Datatbase. AZ proudly stands as one of the largest Youth Alive movements in the country. It's all thanks to amazing Youth Pastors, Leaders, Students, and Supporters within the AZ Network.



Thank you for helping us Evangelize Every Student in Every School with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## CAMPUS MISSIONARIES



A Campus Missionary is a student that commits to share Jesus no matter what the campus of their life may be. We reintroduced this idea to the Students at One Day to include students that may not have a physical school campus or may not want to lead a campus club.

Students like Mayah (left) took this call and started Youth Alive Huddles to reach those in various niche communities. In Youth Alive Arizona, we have 130 plus Campus Missionaries reaching their community.

We want to encourage the students of Arizona that they are Missionaries. Missionaries find a way. They don't stop, and they do not give up.

# OUTREACH



**A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN ONE DAY!**  
This year's Youth Alive One Day was one of the Most Successful. The momentum of campus ministry we saw was amazing! As you can see to the left, our stats are truly encouraging.

The goal of our One Day is to equip and empower students and leaders to take the campus together. The underlying theme of this even is "practical." We wish to give practical tools to our students and leaders so they can start campus ministry now.

The most encouraging outreaches are the outreaches that students initiate and lead themselves. Our Prescott High club decided to host their own outreach (Ignite) event and had over 200 students present!

Our Desert Vista club responded in the wake of tragedy as a fellow peer unfortunately took their own life on campus. The Youth Alive club responded with prayer and encouragement.

Hosting a vigil with 450 students present and a prayer movement with 275 students present. These students were encouraged with Godly community and were able to see the Gospel in action.

These events were 100% student initiated. We are seeing students take ownership of their school!



# PRAYER



Coming soon! We want to launch an initiative that will connect the Local Church and the School Campsu in the most important ministry possible; prayer.

Our largest Campus club (Prescott High School) consistently has over 200 students attending weekly. And every Wednesday morning they have a small prayer team of elderly men and women covering that very classroom in prayer. I do not believe this is a coincidence.

The AZ Youth Alive team will be partnering with Pastors, parents, and Youth Leaders to cover every AZ Campus in intentional and powerful prayer. Stay tuned!

# THE TEAM



Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to our great friend, Matt Maestas, as he continues to Youth Pastor in Texas. However, we are blessed to add Nadia Chavira to the team as our Student Connections! Megan also joined the team as a Fully Appointed AGUSM Missionary and is now our Assistant Youth Alive Director!

AZ Youth Alive does not happen without an amazing team like this! We are honored to serve such an amazing Network and have only seen God move in mighty ways through our team and through our students. The Best is yet to come!



# KIDS MINISTRY REPORT



Introducing our new Kids Ministry Director - **Anna Crandell!** Anna is a familiar face to many of our churches, being part of our leadership team within the Kids Department. As a kids' director and youth director in her local church (Summit Church, Anthem), the intern coordinator for AZ Kids Camp, and volunteer in various leadership roles with our former kids' director, Kirstyn Rempel, Anna will build on the strong culture of KidMin in Arizona.

## KIDS CAMP STATS

**Total Campers:** 1,046  
**First Time Campers:** 341  
**Salvations:** 128  
**Rededications:** 283  
**Baptized in Holy Spirit:** 54  
**Heard God's Direction:** 254  
**Received Healing:** 249





# WOMEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

## **God did amazing things in the Arizona Women's Ministry in 2023!**

### **Imagine Women's Conference**

The Imagine women's Conference was a huge success in 2023. We hosted our conference at Radiant Church in April of 2023. We were excited to sell out hosting over 1000 women at our conference this past year. We stood in unity, worshiped together, prayed boldly and watched as God is miracles in the women of Arizona! We celebrated with 59 women who decided to follow Jesus for the first time! It was a life-changing night for the women of Arizona!



### **Missions**

This year we continued our support for Botswana as we raised money for the National Women's Ministry. The women of Arizona not only raised money but also made gifts, provided handwritten scriptures for the women and prayed over each gift.

In November we took a group of women to Africa to help with their National Women's Conference. We danced together, worshipped together, prayed together, shared our testimonies and watched as women found healing over generational curses, addictions and mental health struggles. The altars were open and the Arizona team stood alongside our African sisters to go to battle for them in prayer! We concluded by giving each of them a personalized gift from the women of Arizona.

In addition to pouring into the Assemblies of God Botswana Women's Ministry we were able to provide funding for a local hospital which gave them the means necessary to update and equip their maternity ward.

## **Bridging the Gap**

Bridging the Gap is our monthly partnership for the Arizona Women's Ministry. We have over 50 women giving on a monthly basis to support the Arizona Women's Ministry. Because of this support we were able to help and support other ministries such as Teen Challenge, Chi Alpha and single moms. We were able to provide scholarships for 42 women from Home of Hope and Springboard. Due to the generosity of the Arizona women these women were able to attend both the Imagine Women's Conference and Fall Retreat where they were able to encounter God, be encouraged on their journey to find freedom!

At Christmas time the Lord put it on our heart to reach out and support some of the single moms in our network. We realize oftentimes single moms have no one to get them a stocking – so this seemed like the perfect way to step and let them know they are loved and supported. We were able to fill the stockings with treats, gift cards, jewelry, fuzzy socks, lotions and lots of other fun surprises. We loaded up the trunk of our cars and delivered them around the greater Phoenix area!

## **Fall Retreat**

This year we hosted fall retreat over two weekends with over 800 women. We highlighted speakers and testimonies from women around Arizona and the Holy Spirit moved in a powerful way. It was an incredible weekend full of laughter and tears. We surrendered our burdens, worshipped under the stars, renewed our commitments to the Lord and left different than when we arrived.

There were so many stories of transformation, baptism in the Holy Spirit and healing that happened throughout the weekend. One young lady who recently made a decision to follow Jesus decided she wanted to get water baptized in the pool. On Friday night after service 400 women gathered in the pool area and sang worship songs as our friend Miranda made a public declaration of her new faith in Jesus and was baptized. Miranda is just one of many stories of redemption and restoration!



## **The Dream Team**

The Dream Team is the heartbeat of the Arizona Women's Ministry. Women from many churches around the state come together to serve. It doesn't matter where you live or what church you attend – the Dream Team is united with one purpose. Our goal and purpose is to help create environments and opportunities to serve and make an impact both locally and globally for Jesus! Whether they are serving at the women's ministry events or helping with our annual project these women are sacrificing their time and talents to build the kingdom! These are mothers and grandmothers, pastors and leaders, students and full-time working women, and everything in between. They attend, give and serve on the Dream Team because God is moving in a powerful way and they know their sacrifices are making an impact!

## **Adventure Trips**

This past year we took a group of 18 women to Bryce Canyon for our annual adventure trip. We were able to step away from the chaos of our everyday lives to connect with God and meet new friends. We spent several days camping, hiking, paddle boarding, and connecting around the campfire. These moments are special opportunities to connect with God in a new way and go deeper in our faith!

***We are still celebrating all God did in 2023 and we are moving in to 2024 with an anticipation in our spirit! We believe that God is moving in a special way in the Arizona Women's Ministry. There is a spirit of unity that is allowing us to move forward with boldness and purpose! We are believing that the best is yet to come – in Arizona as it is in heaven!***

Sincerely,  
Lindsay Petri  
Women's Director



## **It's been another banner year for Men's Ministry in the Arizona Ministry Network!**

Our camps were impactful, discipleship ministry more resourceful than ever, missions giving was generous, and we added a full time missionary to men.

There were over 600 men in attendance at our 360 Man Camps. Both our english and spanish speaking retreats were powerful. Many were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and encouraged. These retreats are truly transformational weekends.

Our discipleship ministry continues to expand with an abundance of free resources. All types of training materials, Bible Studies, devotionals, and podcasts are available.

Because of your generosity, it was another great year for Light for the Lost. We raised over \$142,000 to equip our missionaries with Bibles and evangelistic resources.

This was the year the Lord fulfilled a 25 year vision that was in my heart. Dan Hann was approved as an AZMN Missionary and became a 360 MAN Missionary. He is only the second in the nation and will be able to give his full time to reaching and discipling men. Please consider picking up Dan as one of your missionaries.

It is a joy to serve the churches of our Network. If you need assistance with your men or LFTL, feel free to contact me anytime. Blessings your way.

Sincerely,  
Dale Gray  
Men's Ministry Director



# GRANITE HILLS RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER REPORT

2023 at Granite Hills Retreat & Conference Center was a great one! We operated at a higher capacity than ever this year with our retreats and summer camps. Griffin McGrath and Kirstyn Rempel put on excellent programs for the Kids Camps and Youth Camps.

The Network Women's Retreat this year was incredible! This year we were able to host two back-to-back weekends in September. Lindsay Petri and her team put together an excellent program and experience for the women of Arizona. The Network Man Camp was also a wonderful camp this year. Dale Gray, Dan Hann, and the Network Men's Ministry represented great dedication and effort to put on another successful and impactful Man Camp. All the Department Leaders represented unmatched dedication and passion in their ministry and events, we know that lives have been touched and changed by the grace and love of Jesus Christ!

As usual we have had tremendous amount of support from our Teen Challenge volunteers. Through the year we had volunteers doing everything from serving in the kitchen, maintenance and repair, renovation, landscaping, and much more. So many projects at Granite Hills are worked on and completed by Teen Challenge and we are grateful for their ministry!

I would like to mention all the staff at Granite Hills, starting with Charlie Arnold our Food Service Manager. Amongst creating menu's, staffing, scheduling, inventory and much more, he has brought great improvement and quality to our food service program. I would also like to mention our Facilities Manager, Joseph Schnupp. Joe continues in his position with zeal and is bringing new structure and qualities to our facilities department that we are very excited about. I would also like to thank

Melissa Gaitan, she was with us for almost 5 years as the head of our housekeeping and hospitality department, she has recently graduated nursing school and will be stepping away from camp and to her new career. We pray the best for her and continue to pray for the Lord to provide our next great housekeeper for His ministry at the Camp. In addition, Our Camp Host Zach Mckeown continues to show excellence and pride in his position and is an exceptional employee and asset to Granite Hills!

Our camp board has also been such a valuable resource to Granite Hills and has given us the ability accomplish so much more than we have ever before. This board consists of a group of wonderful God-loving men. They are great leaders, entrepreneurs, and have a great understanding of business as well as ministry. Due to the help of the Lord, the Camp board, Granite Hills Staff, and additional bookings the camp has shown that it can financially sustain itself as an organization and has ended the year with funds to carry over!

I am profoundly grateful for the team we have at Granite Hills and the Network we are a part of, as well as the opportunity to serve this organization. My wife Cristina and I are excited to be here and know that the Lord has called us to this ministry, we are excited to see what the Lord has in store for Granite Hills Camp in 2024.

May His will be done, and His kingdom come!

Thank you,  
Jason Dyer  
Granite Hills Camp Director



## 2024 Director Report

It's with great enthusiasm that I share the latest updates from the Arizona School of Ministry as I step into my fourth year in this role. We exist to produce Pentecostal leaders in the state of Arizona. This past year has been remarkable in terms of growth, outreach, and the Kingdom impact we've made across Arizona.

We've made significant strides in expanding our educational offerings, notably with the introduction of Spanish classes at both the Certified and Licensed levels. This initiative has opened doors for more individuals to access our programs in their native language, fostering a more inclusive learning environment.

A milestone achievement this year was the launch of our first African cohort, marking a significant step in our global outreach efforts. This cohort not only enriches our community with diverse perspectives but also extends our mission's reach to new geographies and people groups.

In a powerful collaboration with the Phoenix Dream Center, we've been able to provide education to displaced women, youth, and those in recovery. This partnership embodies our commitment to using ministry education as a tool for empowerment and transformation in the lives of those who need it most.

Our impact within the Network continues to grow, with one in three AG churches in Arizona now having an ASOM student. This statistic underscores our position as one of the main pipelines for newly credentialed ministers for our Network, a testament to our dedication to developing leaders who are equipped to serve their local churches effectively.

As we reflect on what God has done this year, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve on such a dynamic and impactful network team. The journey thus far has been incredibly rewarding, and I look forward to the continued growth and success of ASOM in the years to come.

With gratitude,

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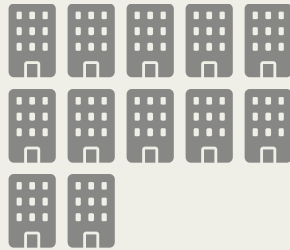
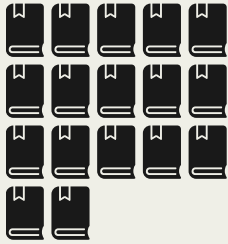
Yisrael Vincent, PhD  
ASOM Director



# Arizona School of Ministry

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## 2022-2023 YEAR-END REPORT



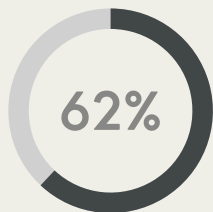
This year ASOM had **17 different cohorts** meet in **12 different locations** around the state and online over the course of a year.

Last year we had over **250** students sign up for a total of **1,050** class registrations.

Students participated in **57** ministry practicums in AG churches across Arizona.

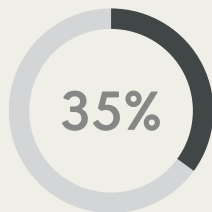


Over **\$14,000** given in scholarships to high school students, ethnic cohorts, and emerging leaders.



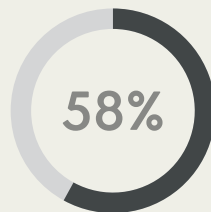
Credential Recipients

38 of the 61 newly credentialed ministers at 2023 Network Conference took ASOM classes



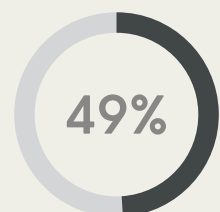
Churches with an ASOM student

About 35% of AZAG churches have at least one student taking classes



Under the Age of 40

About 58% of our registrants were under 40, with about 36% being under the age of 30



Male : Female

Our class make up for the last year was 49% female students

This year has been one of the best yet for ASOM. We were happy to see a Spanish and an African cohort launch this year. We saw increased growth in our license track and a record number of new credential applicants come through the school. Our students are serving and making a difference in churches across the state and we are excited to see what God has in store for this next year. Below are a few goals for the upcoming year:

Develop an ASOM Leadership Committee

Raise scholarship funds for high school and ethnic cohorts

See a marked increase in ordained applicants

Partner with Logos Bible Software to provide study materials for all students



## CHI ALPHA MINISTRIES REPORT

Pastors, thank you for taking your valuable time to read the Chi Alpha report for Arizona for 2023. We love our ministry network and feel well-loved and supported by our state leaders. Thank you, Pastor Harris, and Pastor Leigh, for always championing Chi Alpha to churches and ministry leaders. We will miss you deeply, Pastor Harris, and Marjorie. You have loved and served us well. Continue reading for specific reports from your favorite campus.

### **University of Arizona Jose Miguel Ocampo**

This past year the Lord has done a wonderful work at the University of Arizona. We finished our first Discipleship Training class! We trained 5 new small group leaders throughout the course of the 2023 Spring Semester. We also took 15 students to our first “overseas” mission trip to Hawaii. The students had to learn how to support raise to pay for this trip. We hope this area of our ministry will grow every year and we and missions to be a key focus point of our efforts. This year I’ll return to Hawaii with another crew of 15 and another group will go to Indonesia for two weeks.

We were off to an incredible start in the Fall of 2023. With 10 small groups meeting every single week I shifted my efforts to: still leading my own small group but also overseeing our new student small group leaders. We planned and hosted our second Fall Retreat (Desert Spring Revival) with NAU. This is one of the ways we serve other XAs in the state. Several of our students were baptized and others were filled with the Holy Spirit. Our large group attendance grew to an average of 50 throughout a “things Jesus never said” fall series and we’re close to outgrowing the room we’ve been meeting in.

In the Fall we also pin-pointed 6 other Faithful, Available, and Teachable students that have begun a new Discipleship Training class in the Spring of 2024. Also one of our student leaders, Josh, has begun his credentialing classes with ASOM in the Fall of 2023 with the aim of being credentialed with the AG in the state of Arizona and joining our staff in the near future.

We’re excited to see where the Lord is taking our ministry in the future and we believe we’re about to see the exponential growth we’ve prayed and dreamt about from this DTC class. Please pray that all happens according to the Lord’s timing and His wisdom. All glory be unto Him, for without Him we can do nothing.

Amen.  
Miguel Ocampo

**Embry Riddle Chi Alpha,  
Kevin and Kim MacFee**

### **Students Finding Jesus in Small Groups**

We want to see students that *don't* know Jesus come to know him & students who *do* know him to become students of him. We spend most of our time during the week meeting with students - discipling them in hopes that they'll grow in maturity & disciple their peers. The student leaders we invest in lead small groups of students in Bible studies throughout the week in their dorms, apartments, the library etc.

These small groups not only help build a stronger, more intimate community - but as our student leaders facilitate Bible studies & conversations pointed at the hearts of their friends - BIG things happen. Students that have grown up in church but are quietly wrestling with doubts find a safe space to explore & ask questions they've been afraid to ask. This leads to a stronger, tested faith they can call their own. Students who aren't following Jesus can explore the Bible with friends & lean in for a closer look. It's in this smaller setting where those who are searching often find Jesus.

On Easter morning 2023, we had the privilege of baptizing 8 students. Small groups played a significant role in the story of 6 of those 8 students finding Jesus. We're excited to watch what God will do with student-led small groups in 2024.



### **Kevin Serves as Air Force ROTC Chaplain**

Embry Riddle has a large Air Force ROTC Detachment (2nd only to the Air Force Academy). In fact, a fair number of students attend Embry Riddle for just this reason. It positions them well for a better shot at their dream job (fighter pilot, astronaut, etc.).

This fall, Kevin was invited to be the Air Force ROTC Chaplain here on campus. Here's why this matters > He's been given "Chaplain Hours" on Thursday mornings in the ROTC Building. This gives him opportunity + access to students he wouldn't normally have a chance to meet. We're praying that real relationships are built on Thursday mornings > relationships that lead to opportunities to encourage, serve, mentor, love + pray with students who are looking for hope.

In just the last few weeks, some of the students Kevin has met as Chaplain have started to show up for dinner on Tuesday Nights. We're praying God will write beautiful stories of redemption in the hearts of these Air Force Cadets.



### **A New Baseball Team Bible Study**

Kevin was meeting with a student at a coffee shop just off campus when the student pointed out some guys who had just walked in. "If you really want a challenge, you should try to reach out to those guys." Those guys were members of the ERAU Baseball Team. This student explained how infamous the Baseball team was for partying & just generally bad behavior. Right then, Kevin whispered a prayer, "God, give me a shot to reach somebody on the Baseball Team."

About a month later on a Friday night after our service - a couple guys introduced themselves to Kevin & asked a few questions about the message. A follow-up text a few days later revealed those guys were from the Baseball team! That text was an invite to share at a Bible study they were starting at their house. Since that time, Kevin has been invited into their home many times & we've had them for dinner at our house as well. We're just starting to build real relationships - we're praying God will continue to give us opportunities to spend time in their home & invite them into ours.

At a Bible study in January Kevin was able to hand out 7 of the Chi Alpha Fire Bibles to some guys on the team who don't yet know Jesus. We're extremely hopeful + grateful about this new opportunity!

### **A Home Cooked Meal for 90+ Students**

Our Tuesday Night Dinner has exploded in the last few years. It turns out if you feed college students a home cooked meal they will come & invite their friends. We cooked dinner for an average of 90 students for dinner this fall (Kim cooked for 120 one Tuesday night!) Tuesday nights have become maybe the most valuable outreach we have.

Students find it really easy to invite their friends which allows us to meet a lot of new students - many who don't yet follow Jesus. As dinner wraps up, one of our Student Leaders shares their story of faith with everyone while sitting around fires in our backyard. These raw, sincere stories of faith have led to conversations that have been invaluable. Often these moments are the



first steps in our students deciding to follow Jesus.

If you support us in any way, you've set the table for these students & allowed us to meet their physical, relational & spiritual hunger. The stories we've been a part of, whether in Air Force ROTC, the Baseball Team, discipling Student Leaders, or inviting students who don't know Jesus into our home - these are your stories as well. We are deeply grateful + honored to partner with you. Thank You!!

With Gratitude + Respect,

Kevin + Kim MacFee  
Embry Riddle Chi Alpha

**Arizona State University**  
**Trevor and Patricia Morvant**

Trevor and Patricia Morvant and their son Michael have moved to Tempe, AZ in December of 2023 to relaunch Chi Alpha at Arizona State University in the Fall of 2024. Since they have relocated to Arizona, they have been meeting with current ASU students and alumni to help them get connected. They are excited to be a part of the Arizona Network and to make disciples on the university campus.



**Northern Arizona University**  
**Ryan and Kelly Ribelin**

The Gospel continues to transform lives at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Kelly and I have ministered at with Chi Alpha at NAU for 23 years. As a result, we are beginning to see the children of our first couple years of Chi Alpha coming to NAU as Freshmen. I had the privilege of having one of those alumni progeny, Trevor, in my small group. After just a few weeks of connecting with the community and reconnecting with the Lord, Trevor recommitted his life to Jesus! What a cool opportunity, to see fruit in the second generation of our original crew.

Matthew, a first-year staff missionary, connected with Luciano in his freshmen year. He was skeptical about faith but intrigued by the community. Gradually he became more involved in the life of Chi Alpha and began faithful small group involvement. A few weeks into the spring semester after a year and a half-long journey, he surrendered his life to Jesus. He told me, “You guys have been the light showing me the path to Jesus.”



During our fall retreat, called “Desert Springs Revival” in Tucson, we baptized four students who were either recently saved or recommitted their lives to Jesus. Jesus continues to transform young lives in Arizona!

Matthew and I also connected strongly with a group of eight students from southern India. We have shared many meals in the past six months and are having ever-deepening spiritual conversations. Two things have happened. First, I have eaten the spiciest food I have ever tasted, and second, one of the students, Christian by upbringing but not by faith, surrendered her life to Jesus for herself. What an incredible privilege university ministry is!



Thank you churches and pastors for your support of Chi Alpha at Northern Arizona University. Kelly and I will be transitioning to pastoring a local church (Desert Willow AG in Camp Verde) by summer and will hand the ministry to qualified, capable younger staff missionaries. Pray with them as we hand the baton to them in the coming months.

Be blessed,

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Ryan and Kelly Ribelin  
Lead Missionaries at NAU Chi Alpha  
Arizona Chi Alpha Reps  
Lead Pastors, Desert Willow AG

# NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

Denise Ryan, director



*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*  
Acts 2:17 NIV

I write this report with a great deal of humility. Serving our Ministry Network in this capacity was not something I expected when Rick and I returned to Arizona. I am thankful that God guided me to accept Pastor Steve Harris' invitation. It has been an honor to work under the direction and leadership of Superintendent Steve and Marjorie Harris. It brings me joy to serve the 300+ credentialed women in our state. I have a special love for women who are called to lead. I am aware that God wants to see them realize their full potential so that we can influence as many as possible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## MINISTRY ROLE

Since I took on this role, my responsibilities have evolved. Along with my position as NWM Director for Arizona, I serve as the Southwest and Northwest Regional Director, working with NWM Directors in these networks. My role at the national office has included serving on the leadership team. In 2023, I was invited to join the NWM Lead Team. This blessing includes regularly meeting with our National Director and Arizona credentialed, Crystal Martin. It is a wonderful joy to work with Crystal. My belief is that these ministry roles all enhance God's vision for our network.

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## **NWM BOARD**

Great things are accomplished when we partner with others. God has blessed our department with a phenomenal NWM Advisory Board. This includes eight members: Tina Dickison, Brandi Martinez, Helia Martinez, Catie Naranjo, Tracy Porter, Lavon Reep (the now Mrs. Mercil), Courtney Rose (the now Mrs. Harris), and Amy Visconti. Clearly, this board has God's favor in creating marriages! Our meetings are bi-monthly to focus on the best way to serve the credentialed women in our network. Our team is intentionally diverse in age and ethnicity to help us remain mindful of the women we serve. These godly women have played a major role in helping us assist the women in our network.

## **CALLED TO LEAD**

We have maintained an opportunity to meet quarterly in various locations throughout our state, and have titled these gatherings *Called To Lead*. Each event is different and led by credentialed women in their local churches. Our times together give women an opportunity to connect, be encouraged, encourage others and hear from the Lord. In 2023, we gathered at Summit Church in Anthem with leaders Catie Naranjo and Courtney Harris; Harvest Church in Glendale with leaders Sue Rockwell and Lavon Reep, and hearing from our missionary Joy West; and Radiant Church in Surprise with leader Tracy Porter and hearing from our missionary Sarah Berkey.





## **ANNUAL RETREAT**

Our retreat in 2023 was held at Passion Church in Casa Grande. Brandi Martinez and her team did an amazing job hosting our event. Alexa Pineda taught, preached, and flowed in the Spirit for two days. God greatly encouraged our women, and they gained an increased understanding of God's call on their lives. The Lord has set a higher standard for what He wants to accomplish during our extended time together. It is an honor that we were able to secure the newly elected General Presbyter Melissa Alfaro before General Council '23. We are certain that the wind of His Spirit will fill our retreat in 2024!

## **MISSIONS TRIP**

During this past year, I accompanied a team of credentialed women leaders from across our nation to Rome, Italy. There, we served the International Church alongside AGWM Missionary Pastor Jennifer Pasquale. The Arizona Network team was made up of pastors Brandi Martinez, Lynda Espinoza, Rachel Vasquez, Tina Dickison and Nora Martinez. Being a part of the national Church of Italy is an opportunity and privilege that we are thankful for.

We are overwhelmed to God for all that has been accomplished in 2023, but we also know there is more to be accomplished with great things are on the horizon. God is at work in our state as the atmosphere changes. Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve you.

Serving with joy!

Denise Ryan



RICK RYAN, DIRECTOR

# MONUMENTAL IN 2023!

- Revolution Ministries in Tolleson has grown by more than 600 with the leadership of Pastor Raul Salgado
- First Vietnamese church plant in Chandler with Pastor Levy Li and the help of Full Life Church and Pastor James Brown
- First Filipino church plant in Yuma with Pastor Beatriz Nebril
- Second Hispanic church plant in Tucson with Pastor Genaro Venalanzo, Sr. and Iglesia Horeb (2024 anticipate three more Hispanic churches)
- Twelve Hispanic churches experienced growth by more than 15%
- 3 African churches double (2024 anticipate Downtown Phoenix African church)
- 11 African pastors receive Assemblies of God USA credentials after one year of study in their native language. **Largest ever one-time inclusion of African pastors in the Assemblies of God**
- With tremendous growth in Intercultural Ministry, **largest inclusion of ethnic pastors in Arizona Network history**
- Arizona grows in recognition as a leading network in IM church and planting growth of ethnic churches
- Gifts of the Spirit actively increase in ethnic churches with Spirit baptisms, healings and miracles



# THANK YOU

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I am deeply grateful to Pastor Harris and Marjorie, as our Ministry Network has been impacted by their 25 years of faithful service. Five years ago, they opened the door for Denise and me and have been a constant source of encouragement and support for God's work through our individual ministries. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and anoint them as they continue to support God's Kingdom work!

# BRIGHT FUTURE

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We are promised an outpouring of His Holy Spirit with signs and wonders, and God has given us the word, **MULTIPLY** for 2024!

*Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings! Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills. I'll make everything right again for my people Israel: "They'll rebuild their ruined cities. They'll plant vineyards and drink good wine. They'll work their gardens and eat fresh vegetables. And I'll plant them, plant them on their own land. They'll never again be uprooted from the land I've given them." God, your God, says so. Amos 9:13-15*





# CURRENT INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES CONGREGATIONS

## Hispanic Congregations

1. Apache Junction - Primera Asamblea de Dios (Hispanic) PAC 2021  
Pastor Tulio David Gonzalez
2. Bullhead City-Generations Church (Hispanic) DA 2013  
Pastor Juan y Angelica Mejia
3. Casa Grande - Passion Church Hispanic (Hispanic) PAC 2020  
Pastor Ivan y Damaris
4. Chandler-Fuente de Vida (Hispanic) DA 2002  
Pastor Isaac y Elizabeth Escobar
5. Chandler-Revive Church (Hispanic) DA 2002  
Pastor Jesus y Norma Garza
6. El Mirage - Radiant Church (Hispanic) PAC 2022  
Pastor David y Mizraim Vega
7. Gilbert-Oasis de Alabanza (Hispanic) DA 2010  
Pastor Randall y Damaris Calderon
8. Glendale-Christian Worship (Hispanic) GC 2004  
Pastor Lynda y Freddie Espinoza
9. Guadalupe-Ascend Church (Hispanic) PAC 1957  
Pastor Jesus Gutierrez
10. Mammoth-House of Salvation (Hispanic) DA 1956  
Pastor Carlos y Paty Gonzalez
11. Mesa-Jesus el Redentor (Hispanic) DA 2008  
Pastor Eugene y Dorothy Jeffery
12. Nogales-Abundant Life Assembly of God (Hispanic) DA 1986  
Pastor David y Elizabeth Lopez
13. Phoenix - Centro Cristiano Bethel (Hispanic) PAC 2022  
Pastor Julio y Edith Rameriz
14. Phoenix-EQUIP (Hispanic) GC 1999  
Pastors Maurice y Rose Chavez
15. Phoenix-Neighborhood Church (Hispanic) DA 1961  
Pastors Alfredo y Nora Martinez
16. Phoenix - Nuevo Nacimiento (Hispanic) PAC 2021  
Raymundo y Veronica Gordillo
17. Rio Rico-Hope Assembly (Hispanic) DA 2012  
Pastor Jose y Maritza Salazar
18. San Luis-Templo Cristiano (Hispanic) DA 2006  
Helia Martinez
19. San Tan - Iglesia Cristiana Manantial (Hispanic) 2022  
Pastor Tulio David Gonzalez
20. Somerton-Templo de Oracion de las AG (Hispanic) DA 1999  
Pastor Hector y Sonia Lopez





21. Tolleson-Revolution Ministries (Hispanic) GC 1940  
Pastor Raul y Nora Salgado
22. Tucson - Iglesia Horeb (Hispanic) DA 2023  
Pastor Genero and Imla Venalanzo, Sr.
23. Tucson-Roca de Salvacion (Hispanic) DA 2018  
Pastor Othoniel and Lesley Hernandez
24. Wilcox-Revolution Church (Hispanic) PAC 2022  
Pastor Raul and Nora Salgado



#### **African Congregations**

1. Chandler-Jesus Power Assembly of God (Ghana) DA 2013  
Pastor Dr. Edmund and Awurama Eghan
2. Glendale-Bethel International Church (Congoese) DA 2019  
Pastor Fanuel and Pascasia Nyanshoshi
3. Phoenix-Good Shepherd Community Church (Congoese) GC 2013  
Pastor Bizimana Bigege
4. Phoenix-Hope of Life International (Congoese) DA 2011  
Pastor Theo - Aimee Mucuranyana
5. Phoenix - Pentecostal Assembly of God (Congoese) DA 2021  
Pastor Semajeri Thomas Munyamahame
6. Tucson-Kingdom Keys Prayer Chapel (Ghana) DA 2017  
Pastor William Abaidoo

#### **Asian American Congregations**

1. Gilbert-Psalm for Christ Church (Filipino) DA 2018  
Pastor Nomer and Marcelina Valdez
2. Phoenix-City Harvest International Glad Tidings (Indonesian) GC 2004  
Pastor Luther and Chandralina Bolung
3. Queen Creek-Christ's Family Life (Filipino) DA 2020  
Pastor Samuel and Melita De Asis
4. Tucson - Hope of Glory Church (Filipino) DA 2022  
Pastor Benny and Lydia Vergara
5. Yuma - Power House of Hope - DA 2023  
Beatriz Nebriil

#### **Jewish Congregations**

1. Glendale-Baruch HaShem Messianic (Jewish) DA 2005  
Rabbi Tim and Candyce Hyslip
2. Sun City-House of New Beginnings (Jewish) GC 2008  
Rabbi Cosmo and Rebekah Panzetta Jr

#### **Romanian Congregations**

1. Phoenix-Grace Fellowship Church (Romanian) GC 2016  
Pastor Gheorghe (Gelu) Boanta
2. Phoenix-Maranatha Romanian A/G (Romanian) DA 2003  
Pastor Ioan and Daniela Filip

#### **Southeastern Indian Congregation**

1. Chandler-International Assembly of God (Southeast Indian) GC 2002  
Pastor Dr. Roy and Sarah Cheriyan

#### **Arabic Congregation**

1. Phoenix-River of Life (Arabic) COOPERATIVE 2016  
Pastor Nageeb Sedaros

#### **South Pacific Congregation**

1. Tucson-Kamolol Marshallese A/G (Marshallese) DA 1999  
Pastor Hiloon and Jane Subillie





### **Intercultural services tied to an English Speaking Church:**

1. Camp Verde-Desert Willow Español in Desert Willow Assembly  
Pastor Angel y Rosa Diaz
2. Cottonwood - Iglesia Journey in Journey Church  
Pastor Raul y Maria Borraya
3. Phoenix - El Agua en El Diserto in Rivers Church  
Pastor Macario y Margarita de la Cruz, Sr.  
Pastor Mac, jr. y Sandra de la Cruz
4. Queen Creek - Iglesia Ascend in Ascend Church  
Pastors Ricardo Sanchez
5. Tucson - CDO Español (Hispanic) PAC 2022 in CDO Assembly  
Pastor Luis Castro
6. Yuma - Iglesia Primaria de Las Asambleas de Dios (Hispanic) Yuma First  
Pastor Frank y Yulianna Gonzalez
7. Chandler - Vietnamese Mission Church (Vietnamese) DA 2023 in Full Life Church, Chandler  
Pastor Levy Li

### **Churches in Process for 2024**

#### **Hispanic Congregations**

1. Glendale - Hope City Español
2. Phoenix-Esperanza Del Mundo Misión (Hispanic)  
Pastor Javier Reyes
3. Phoenix - Encuentro Con Dios (Hispanic)  
Pastor Victor Espanola
4. Phoenix - Iglesia Palabra Vive (Hispanic)  
Pastors Joel Cano
5. Tucson - El Agua en El Desierto (Hispanic)  
Pastor Lesly Merlos
6. Avondale - Momentum Community Church  
Jesse Soto
7. Catalina-Discovery Church Español

#### **African Congregations**

1. Phoenix - Eritrea Assembly of God (Eritrea)  
Pastor Huruy Zerzghi
2. Phoenix - Jesus Power Church Downtown  
Pastor Dr. Edmund Eghan

#### **Asian American Congregations**

1. Catalina - Discovery Church Asian American (Filipino)  
Pastor Milan and Miguel Rodriguez
2. Glendale-Living Waters Assembly of God (Burmese)  
Pastor Mang Mang Bawi

#### **Southeast Indian Congregations**

1. Phoenix - International Assembly of God (Southeast Indian)  
Pastor Finney

### **VISION Congregations in 2024**

1. Slavic Christian Church  
Pastor Anatoliy Keselev
2. Elim Pentecostal  
Pastor Alin Calini
3. 2 Samoan Churches  
Pastor Joe and Pastor Fugo
4. Persian Church  
Pastor Johnson
5. Zion City Spanish
6. Dream City Spanish
7. Glendale - Iglesia Ciudad de Esperanza  
Jose Vasquez -
8. Tucson - Living Waters Español





### **“Together, Making a Difference”**

What an amazing year of 2023. It has been within the Native American Ministries in Arizona that the on-going theme of “Together, Making a Difference,” has seen a difference within the thirty-eight Assembly of God churches serving Native American communities both on and off the reservation of life changes. Pastors have testified of street outreaches, church/tent revivals and one on one ministries that resulted in salvations, Holy Spirit baptismal, drug and alcohol deliverances and countless victories over hopeless situations.

The following are testimonies of churches: **“Making a Difference, When Working Together”**

Carrizo Assembly of God, on the White Mountain Apache Reservation has been without a pastor for the past three years, with a congregation of less than a dozen. However, under the Leadership of Pastor Marty Paxton and members of the congregation, they were able to continue ministry in Carrizo. During the month of October, Rev. David and Vonda Cota, Arizona Missionaries accepted the position as pastors and during the month of November and December, with the assistance of fellow believers, Carrizo AG has averaged 60 to 100 in attendance.

Kayenta Assembly of God on the Navajo Reservation, during 2022 and 2023 have been without an on-site pastor and church facilities were in desperate need of major renovations. In 2023, Pastor Jackie Holgate of Mountaintop Assembly of God, was willing to take on the challenge of a nearly impossible task of rebuilding a congregation and remodeling a church building both inside and outside. Members of Mountaintop AG, along with volunteers both within and out of Arizona, and countless resources remodeled the church that is now known as Mountaintop Church-Kayenta with Pastor Jackie Holgate as the satellite pastor. Due to the tireless effort of Pastor Holgate and volunteer help, Mountaintop Church-Kayenta has a pastor and a wonderfully remodeled church to worship in.

Sacaton Assembly of God recently had their parsonage within the church renovated in 2023, making it possible for the newly elected pastors, Rev. Floyd and Bonnie Lee to have a residence. Prior to Pastor Lee's arrival the church was averaging two to three adults, and presently the adult, youth and children's attendance has increased.

Belinda and I continue to serve Native American Ministries within the Arizona Network in a variety of ministries that service both pastors and churches. Such as assisting in pastoral search, church and parsonage remodeling, pastoral/board leadership training and occasionally serve as Interim Pastor while the church is going through the pastoral search process. Due to the endless needs in Arizona ministry, opportunities may vary from week to week.

We appreciate you and are thankful for your prayers, friendship, and financial support as we together in Christ, are making a difference.

Sincerely,  
Jim Lopez  
Native American Ministries Director





## TEEN CHALLENGE REPORT

In 2023, we witnessed God helping the ministry expand and sustain us in miraculous ways! For 40 years, we have been members in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and the Better Business Bureau, which annually reviews our activities. Teen Challenge maintains one of the highest documented success rates nationally.

### **Here are a few of our highlights:**

- Our **Spring and Fall Fundraising Banquets** were well attended, and our guests helped us successfully reach our financial goals for the ministry.
- In our **Spring and Fall Graduation Ceremonies**, we celebrated 58 of our students who successfully completed the program and are now contributing members of society.
- At our **Christian Life Ranch**, we have been greatly encouraged by the recent completion of the **Peabody Family Fellowship Center**.
- **Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge** hosted their annual **"Back to School Bash"** where over 900 guests were treated to a free meal, Christian entertainment, and the message of the gospel. We distributed backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies to over 1,000 inner-city kids.
- **Blessingdales Thrift Stores** had an amazing year with the expansion of our CLR Bell Road Store, and the success of all our Thrift Stores and Boutiques. All our stores have provided many opportunities for evangelism to the communities.
- The **Home of Hope** continues to reach women and children and offer them comfort and direction as they embrace God's truth for their lives. In November, Sarah Hayden Wilinski became the new Center Director.

- Through **Springboard**, teen girls overcome loneliness and addiction by experiencing the power of God's healing, hope, and love. Parents received essential tools in healthy family development as they attended the **Parent Workshops** at Springboard. Additionally, a brand new Gala Event in May was very successful on behalf of Springboard!
- The **Tucson Men's Center** is moving forward with its **"Redeem the Corner"** project, which now will include new facilities to be built on all their present property. It will indeed be a shining light in the city of Tucson. Construction will begin in early March of 2024.
- Our Centers statewide participated with other ministries around the country in a national campaign called **"Project Reach."** The primary purpose was to share the gospel creatively and pray with people. What an enriching experience for all of us! Thousands of people were presented with the gospel just here in Arizona.
- We have over **35%** of our graduates now entering full time ministry.

### **Our Centers:**

The **Greater Phoenix Men's Center** under the capable direction. Of Rev. Doug Coats focused this year on sustainability and evangelism outreach to the community. The highlight of the year once again was the amazing **Back to School Bash** with approximately 1,000 backpacks given out with grade appropriate school supplies to inner-city kids.

The **Tucson Men's Center** directed by Klayton Kirkwood has done a tremendous job focusing on bringing hope throughout Southern Arizona to those bound by drug addiction. A special team has been working all year to put together plans to begin the construction of our new Tucson Men's Center on the original property. "The Redeem the Corner" Campaign had a miracle moment at the groundbreaking for the new center on June 28th.

The Christian Life Ranch, which is located in New River, Arizona, is under the excellent direction of Rev. Rick Casto, who has been with Teen Challenge of Arizona for twenty-three years. Rick along with his dedicated staff, who are also graduates of the program, do a tremendous job in this advanced discipleship phase of our year-long Christian Recovery Program.

On April 20th, our Teen Challenge of Arizona Board of Directors, Lead Staff, and friends of the ministry, gathered to dedicate the new “Peabody Family Fellowship Center.” In 2024, Phase Two will begin which will expand to add forty new bed spaces to the O’Reilly Center, our original multi-purpose building.

Special thanks to Josh McLeod, Center Supervisor, for his wonderful assistance to Rick during this time of construction on the Campus.

The **Home of Hope** for women and women with children, in Casa Grande, Arizona, was overseen successfully for part of the year by LaHoma Cope as Interim Director. Then, in November, Sarah Hayden Wilinski, a graduate of the Home of Hope thirteen years ago, was selected to lead the ministry.

We celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the 35,000 square foot facility in 2023. The Home of Hope has become a model program for many around the world.

Special appreciation goes to the dedicated Childcare Staff for the great job they are doing through this state-licensed childcare facility.

The **Springboard Home for Girls** ages 12-17 had a busy year of ministry with the Center staying at capacity most of the year. Former Director, Rev. Georgia Morrison is commended for her years of ministry and for successfully obtaining the annual license renewal by the AZ Department of Child Services before she resigned shortly after she completed her maternity leave.

Then on May 15th, Rev. Candace Mayer was selected to become the new Center Director. She is a Licensed Social Worker with the state of Arizona. She graduated from Arizona State University with her master’s degree (2022) in social work, and her undergraduate degree in psychology from University of Arizona. She is also credentialed with the AZ Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God.

We commend the whole staff team at Springboard for their dedicated ministry.

The **State Corporate Office** in Tucson administered all receipting of donations, accounting, coordination of fundraising events, programmatic and accreditation management of our centers, and staff training.

*Rev. Jeff Richards*, our Chief Operations Officer, is to be commended for his tremendous help all year, assisting the Executive State Director in the daily oversight of each of our recovery centers. Jeff, a graduate of TCAZ, has been in leadership with the ministry over the last thirty-three years. He currently serves also as the Southwest Regional Representative and is serving on the National Teen Challenge USA Board of Directors during his term.

*David Dobkins*, a TCAZ graduate, has served as our Chief Financial Officer for over eighteen years. He is to be commended for overseeing our annual budgeting and auditing process as well as two major building projects for the Christian Life Ranch and the Tucson Men's Center.

*Jamianne Tessler*, our State Public Relations Director, did an outstanding job overseeing both the Spring and Fall Fundraising Events that were the very successful!

*Paul Cox* resigned as our Director of Advancement to enter retirement and Chad Offutt, a TCAZ graduate was selected to continue the great work that Paul Cox began. Chad previously served as the Phoenix Center Public Relations Representative, the first Blessingdales Thrift Store Manager for the Bethany Home Store before being selected and is doing an excellent job.

Special appreciation goes to *Patrice Bloom*, our Director of Learning and Development, who oversees our statewide staff training and student curriculum through our Learning Management System, BRIDGE.

*Rev. Jim Moyer*, our former Phoenix Center Director, is the Regional Manager for our five Blessingdales Thrift Stores and two Blessingdales Boutiques. He has achieved a lot in his second year beyond initial projections! It's great to have Jim now on the corporate staff.

Four additional dedicated staff members do a very professional job daily running the Corporate Office under the leadership of the Executive State Director.

It has been an honor over the past 47 years to serve as the Executive State Director. I also appreciate the prayerful backing and counsel from our Assemblies of God Arizona Ministry Network Superintendent, Rev. Stephen Harris. I am most grateful for my loving wife, Ladelle, who directs the music ministry for Teen Challenge of Arizona and assists with creative content for our multimedia efforts statewide.

In conclusion, I'm very thankful for our TCAZ Board of Directors, especially our new Chairman of the Board, Rev. Leigh Metcalf, who I enjoy working with.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Snow Peabody



Executive State Director  
Teen Challenge of Arizona, inc.



## **EVANGELISM REPORT 2023**

<b>*Known Decisions for Christ</b>	<b>702</b>
<b>Program Graduates</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Church Services</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Hospital/Home Services</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Outreach Meetings</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Outreach Meetings Attendance</b>	<b>227,678</b>
<b>Radio &amp; TV Interviews</b>	<b>662</b>
<b>School &amp; Church Drug Prevention Talks</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>School &amp; Church Drug Prevention Talks Attendance</b>	<b>865</b>
<b>Counseling Sessions, Via Phone, of Non-Students</b>	<b>3,815</b>
<b>Counseling Sessions, Drop-in</b>	<b>9,264</b>
<b>Counseling Sessions, By Appointment, of Residential Students</b>	<b>5,823</b>
<b>Court Appearances</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Group Bible Studies</b>	<b>844</b>
<b>Adolescent Girls Helped by Phone Calls/Counseling, Non-Residential</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Door to Door &amp; Storefront Distribution of TC Literature</b>	<b>24,779</b>
<b>Bibles Distributed</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>Christian Books Given Out</b>	<b>602</b>

\*The majority of these people were drug & alcohol abusers; however, today they are free from their life-controlling problems.