

# Maranatha Church

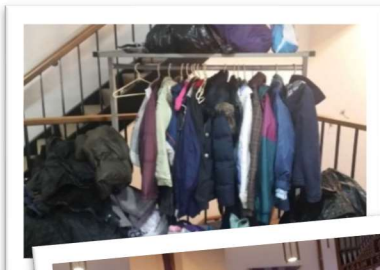
Ministry Investment Plan 2020



**"I'm helping God!"** – Katie, one of the girls from the Summer Lunch Program, and her dad were helping me put the sign by the road. When we saw garbage on the driveway, I suggested that if we picked it up, we would be helping God clean up his world. She got very excited, and kept pointing to more garbage, until our hands were full. When we came inside to put it in the recycling, she headed straight to her Mom first. *"Mommy, Mommy, I'm helping God!"*

As small as she was, and as small a thing as picking up some garbage may seem to be, Katie was right. She was helping God. And so are we!

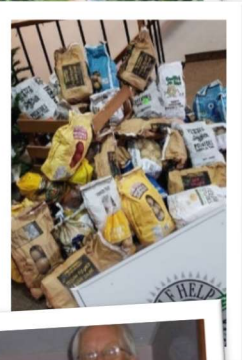
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**2019: A year of helping God --** This past year we helped God by helping others. We talked about God and Jesus, about forgiveness and hope. We inspired people to look up in worship. We welcomed people by talking, visiting and eating together. We shared the love of Jesus through our many programs. We assisted those who needed pastoral or practical care. We prayed with and for those who needed God in a special way. We contributed time and money to many, many causes and charities including the Food Bank and Urban Hope. We partnered with missionaries in Georgia, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Tunisia and Uganda. We welcomed our neighbor at our Community BBQ, our Community Garden and our Community Kitchen, as well as at Cadets, Gems, Friendship, Coffee Break and our Summer Lunch program.

As small as we are, and as small as what we did may seem to be, Katie is right.

We are helping God!



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**2020: Taking the Next Step!** We are standing on the threshold of a new decade. Your Elders have been prayerfully discussing and discerning God's vision for our community of Jesus followers. At this point we are not proposing a grand vision for 2020 since we are still trying to figure out what following Jesus means! But we are proposing to take some next steps in the right direction.

# NEXT STEPS

Our theme for 2020 is “**Next Steps**”. We have asked our ministry leaders and teams to set goals for the coming year to help us move closer towards God’s mission and vision for Maranatha. We share these goals with you in the hope that you are willing to join us in stepping forward in faith into the next decade, fulfilling our mission to develop followers of Jesus!



We are setting these goals with humility and hope. Our confidence is not in our programs or strategies. Our confidence is in the Lord, and we entrust all our steps to Him. Through this ministry plan, we are inviting you to partner with us in 2020. We need you to pray, to serve and to give if we are to succeed in our work with the Lord.

## October is our Annual Partnership Campaign

We are asking you to prayerfully consider pledging your support through prayer, through serving, and through making a financial pledge.

Last year we pledged **\$490,000** toward our 2019 Ministry Plan. This coming year our projected budget will be for:

**\$524,000.**

Commitment Cards will be handed out during the campaign, and we will be submitting them on our Partnership Sunday, October 27.

## 2020 Ministry Goals

**LEADERSHIP** -- To evaluate our current ministries, and to strengthen our vision and strategy for developing followers of Jesus.

**DISCIPLESHIP (CHILDREN & YOUTH)** -- To explore the meaning of grace, the grace to know who we are, and the grace to become who the Lord wants us to be.

**DISCIPLESHIP (ADULT)** -- To increase our desire to know Jesus and to grow stronger in living WITH, LIKE and FOR Him.

**WORSHIP** -- To grow in our day to day experience of the Lord, so that our hearts overflow with worship when we gather together.

**FELLOWSHIP** -- To grow in our hospitality and care for each other and for those in our community.

**SERVICE/OUTREACH** -- To discover how the Lord has gifted and shaped us, so that we can bless others by serving the Lord with our gifts!

## Your 2020 Ministry Commitment

**PRAY:** Your commitment to pray is more than just saying a prayer. It is a passionate desire to see our ministry flourish and succeed in fulfilling God’s mission!

**SERVE:** Your commitment to serve involves picking an area of serving/volunteering where the Lord can use your gifts to bless others, and draw them to Him!

**GIVE:** Your commitment to give is your pledge to contribute to Maranatha’s budget on a regular basis so that we can continue developing followers of Jesus.

**“We pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.” (Philemon 1:6)**



## Will you partner with us?

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