

Maranatha Church

Ministry Investment Plan 2021



“Well, that was different!” – While we did not propose “bold dreams” for 2020, we committed to taking some NEXT STEPS towards better understanding and fulfilling our mission. We ran the same programs and we met like we normally met. *And then COVID-19 hit.*

Suddenly everything changed. Unable to do what we normally did, we had to improvise. Our modest plans became radical alternatives, things we would not otherwise do. So many things changed, but some things stayed the same: God is still God, Jesus is still OUR Saviour and Lord, and our mission is still *developing followers of Jesus!*



This past year we met on Sundays and through the week to learn the meaning of GRACE, as well as to worship, fellowship and serve together. We welcomed our neighbours at our Community BBQ, our Community Garden and our Community Kitchen, as well as at Cadets, Gems, Friendship, Coffee Break and the new “Mess Hall” gathering. We assisted those who needed pastoral or practical care. We contributed time and support to many causes including nightlight, Bridges, and Teen Challenge. We partnered with our missionaries in Amsterdam, Central America, Tunisia and Uganda, sharing God’s grace globally!



After the lockdown we had church at home. We recorded ourselves singing, doing readings, giving updates, sharing God moments, telling jokes. We delivered materials for at home Sunday school, as well as seeds and cupcakes! Porch visits, phone calls, drive by birthday parties became new ways of connecting with each other. These are some of the creative ways we turned a challenge into an opportunity.



*Thank
you*

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying, serving and giving. Because of you we were able to be a blessing to many through all the opportunities and challenges!

“In all our prayers for all of you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” (Philippians 1:5)

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:21-22)

This coming year we are making our plans COVID proof. Although online gatherings and masks are not ideal, we are committed to doing as much as we can to stay connected with the Lord, each other and our community.

Our proposed theme for 2021 is...

breathe

In times of uncertainty and anxiety, it is important that we pay attention to our breathing – both physically and spiritually. Your leaders and staff are making it our goal to teach and equip you with the knowledge and skills for breathing well and being strengthened in the Lord.

This is not just for ourselves. People all around us will be battling the same pressures. As we find peace and strength in the Lord, the Lord can use us to bring peace and strength to our friends and neighbours, classmates and co-workers. Our world needs to learn how to breathe in the Lord as well, and this year we hope to help with that.



Because we do not know what the coming year holds, we are setting this goal by faith and entrusting the results to the Lord. We ask you to prayerfully consider how much you will pledge for reaching this goal.

2021 Ministry Goals

More detailed plans are available on request from the office.

LEADERSHIP – To strengthen the health of our leaders, ministries and church community, especially as we go through this pandemic.

DISCIPLESHIP (CHILDREN & YOUTH) – Teaching our children and youth how to breathe through conversations, reactions, obstacles and worship.

DISCIPLESHIP (ADULT) – Promoting 3 core disciplines to be strong in the Lord: personal devotions, small groups, and serving others.

WORSHIP – Digging deeper into what it means for us to individually and corporately worship the Lord through praise and prayer.

FELLOWSHIP – Helping people find one or two others to lean on for mutual support and encouragement.

SERVICE/OUTREACH – Helping us to be more aware of and engaged by the causes and opportunities we support for blessing others.



October is our Annual Partnership Campaign. Please use the Commitment Card provided to pledge your support through praying, serving, and making a financial pledge. We will collect these cards Partnership Sunday, October 25.

Will you partner with us?

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