



MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT & STORIES

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Good News Friends and Family,

We hope you're doing well. Our last update was in November, and with Easter upon us, we wanted to share some exciting news. Your encouragement, generosity, and prayers have made a huge impact. *Thank you.*



The Marriage Course... Success!

On March 25, we wrapped up eight weeks with fifteen couples at Elixir Brew Co., and it was one of the most impactful things we've done in our four-year history as a church. The Marriage Course content (from HTB Church, London) was incredible, and we highly recommend it. For more info: themarriagecourse.org.

We advertised on Eventbrite and had five couples join from outside our church. Several shared that the course significantly impacted their marriage.

"Loved every bit of it. It was a lot of fun... Very good advice for all marriages and couples."

"Loved the valuable content and conversations of each session... The topics and layout of the course was extremely beneficial to our marriage."

"I loved the course and the fact that it forced you to talk to your spouse and open up. In one of the videos, there was a couple that said they hadn't been happy for a while, and they haven't laughed together in a long time. I turned to my husband and started crying unexpectedly, and I told him I never want to stop laughing with you."



Christmas Hymns & Hops (December 11)

December was amazing for Good News Church. At our 3rd annual Hymns & Hops carol singalong, the Elixir Brew Co. staff was so excited and told us that they had never been that busy. Thee 150+ attendees (many from Eventbrite) sang classic carols, won prizes, and ended the night with a candlelit "O Holy Night" and "Silent Night."

Christmas Eve EVE (December 23)

A good number of people who attended Christmas Hymns & Hops came back and worshipped with us for Christmas Eve EVE. It was also a packed house.

December 23 is also “Festivus” (Seinfeld fans, you get it), so we had a little fun with that, as well, as a meaningful night of worship and community... complete with post-service pizza.



It was such a fun night that was well attended by many people who would say that they’re “done with church” or are not currently connected with a church. Those are the people we have the biggest heart for, so it seemed to be a fruitful opportunity to scatter seed for the Kingdom of God.

Inspiring Story... “A Song and a Prayer”

On March 30, Georgia State Patrol Officer Joe Song shared a moving testimony. While on duty, he pulled over a frustrated woman for using her phone (an offense that nearly always results in a ticket rather than a warning).

As he readied to finish, she said: *“Do you have children?”* He said, *“Yes.”* She said curtly, *“I hope they’re never suicidal.”* It bothered him, but he moved on. She drove off.



What she said struck him. He recognized he missed an opportunity to understand her better. She was gone.

As Joe thought and prayed more about the situation, he realized that, in all the rush hour traffic, she wasn’t able to get too far down the road. He might be able to catch up to her. Sure enough, he spotted her car. Joe turned on his lights and pulled right behind her to pull her over again.

“What in the world is this officer doing pulling me over again?” She rolled down her window with fire in her eyes. *“Ma’am, please give me the ticket.”* He told her he realized that she was going through a hard time. He took the ticket and tore it up. Surprised, she cried softly.

Joe continued, *“Before I went into law enforcement, I was a pastor for twelve years. I realize this is unusual, but I wanted to know if you would let me pray for you.”* Through her tears, she told Joe about her fourteen-year-old’s struggle with depression and suicide. Joe prayed for her, and she wept as he prayed.

Two days later, Joe received a letter from the woman through his local State Patrol office. She thanked him again and told him that she felt like her life was in shambles. She had not prayed in a long, *long* time, but that morning she asked God for help. When Joe pulled her over that second time, she connected the dots. She knew it was God, and it reignited hope in her life. She knew that God had come near in her desperate situation to provide comfort and to remind her of His love.

Joe’s story could not have been a more perfect illustration for our sermon topic, *“Sharing God’s Love with Others through Mission.”* Joe was just being who he was and sharing God’s love in the moment the best way he knew how. *That’s mission.*

Exciting News... Hillside Property Update

On Friday, March 28, we went under contract for the purchase of the Hillside property (17 acres). We have 90 days of “due diligence” and expect to close on the property in early July.

One of the big changes in the vision is that this will not be a “for profit” venture, but instead, Good News Church will be purchasing the property for 100% ministry use and benefit. Therefore, all financial contributions will be a tax-deductible kingdom investment for ministry.



We’re not going to build any new structures right now. Instead, we hope to retrofit the existing houses and buildings for ministry and special event usage. We’ve scrapped the plans for a coffee house / brew pub, because we realized that, in the grand scheme of things, it’s not necessary. We do still hope and plan to build a nice event venue and chapel down the road that can be used for ministry and special events.



Figure 1: Example of Tent Structure

Our plan is to purchase or rent a nice, climate-controlled wedding / hospitality type tent that can be used for Sunday worship, ministry, and special events. The tent would go up in the front yard of the main house on the hill, and the backyard area would be used for outdoor weddings.

This \$2.8 million project is a huge step of faith, but we are confident that this is the direction God is leading. In a nutshell, we’re putting \$300,000 down up front and owner financing the balance with full payoff in the 35th month.

We will be talking to many potential “Kingdom Investors” over the coming weeks and months. The task definitely seems quite daunting, but we know it’s where God has called us, and we trust in His provision. We are thankful for your bold generosity.

The morning after signing the contract, I read in my “*Streams in the Desert*” devotional:

One of the most essential qualities of the faith that is to attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God, is holy audacity (boldness and daring). When dealing with a supernatural Being, and taking from Him things that are humanly impossible, it is easier to take much than little; it is easier to stand in a place of audacious trust than in a place of cautious, timid clinging to the shore. Let us, today, attempt great things for God; take His faith and believe for them and His strength to accomplish them.

Wow! I’ve had countless confirmations like this devotional along the way, but I thought this would give you a taste of how God has been whispering to our leadership team and to me, “*This is the way, walk ye in it*” (Isaiah 30:21). Be encouraged. God is up to something BIG with Good News Church.

Church Family Update

Since our last GNC Ministry Update in November, we've had 2 households move away, but God has brought 6 new households our way. Sadly, we've had to say goodbye to one of the families that has been on our leadership team, from the start, due to a job change. We have 54 total active households attending regularly, 11 of which are families with children (elementary, toddlers, and newborns). As a result, our children's ministry continues to grow and so does our need of volunteers (a good problem to have). Additionally, our men's ministry is thriving. The guys are meeting weekly for dinner and Bible study. We also recently launched a "one-on-one" spiritual mentoring initiative and currently have 8 spiritual mentor (discipleship) pairings. Most encouraging, several of our teens have also been connected with one-on-one mentors.



We are blessed by your friendship, partnership, and prayers. If you'd like to support Good News Church, you can text-to-give (855-363-5096), donate online (goodnewschurchga.com/give), or mail a check to "Good News Church GA" (5602 Thistledown Terrace, Sugar Hill, GA 30518), or click the QR Code.

Head to our website and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter to keep in the loop of all that's happening. Please pray for us as we enter this next exciting chapter for Good News Church GA and the Kingdom work God has for us in our community.



We love you and hope you have a Happy Easter.

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