

# KING'S PARK

## ANNUAL REPORT

2020



# FROM PASTOR RON LEWIS

*"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes."*

Isaiah 54:2

2020 was an unusual year and we saw God do unusual things! As we navigated the effects of COVID-19, we were encouraged to see the continued growth of God's kingdom into new territory and new ground!

When the RTP/Durham leadership team, under Pastors Reggie and Bomi Roberson, shifted to online services in March of 2020, we didn't realize an online worship experience would enable us to serve friends and family from across the globe. What we thought was a temporary shift to accommodate the safety needed for our congregation opened the door to new ministry opportunities. We now have regular worshippers joining us from across North Carolina and from West Virginia, Illinois and Texas! We have also welcomed a number of new families into our membership who have only ever participated online. In the fall of 2018, Pastor Reggie had shared with the team that he felt we needed to begin building the infrastructure to begin online services. The subsequent upgrades helped us shift quickly to broadcasting when the season necessitated it.

Another exciting move into new ground was the transition of Celebración's House of Mercy into our building at Odyssey Drive. Pastors Ernesto and Martha Lambert and their team joined together with Pastor Dana Williams and the RTP/Durham Community Outreach team to serve families from across the Triangle. We now see over 50 families served each week in cars that line up across our parking lot.

Pastor Taylor and Elizabeth Stewart at King's Park Raleigh were unable to shift back to in-person worship in their former Sunday morning meeting location due to COVID protocols. This ended up being for their good as they have now leased their own space that they can use throughout the week for worship and activities. During our October ordination service, KPR ordained two new elders to help serve that growing congregation.

Celebración Cristiana, our Spanish-speaking congregation, has moved from their Allendown location to worship in a new facility on Sunday afternoons. Their congregation was potentially hit the hardest by the financial effects of COVID, but they are resilient and prayerful and they continued to serve and see God move in 2020.

# FROM PASTOR RON LEWIS

Pastors Frank and Kai-Di Chi returned to in-person worship in June of 2020. Much of the rest of their year was spent preparing for the upcoming Lead Pastor transition to Pastor Kwang Cheng (KC) and Shih Chia Liu! Pastor KC was the first Lead Pastor of this congregation, before moving overseas to plant a church in Taipei, Taiwan. We are excited to welcome them back!

In just six years of raising funds to advance the gospel among the Unengaged Unreached People Groups (UUPGs) of the world, our Jordan Lewis Missions fund has received more than \$1.5 million. In 2020, we raised over \$150,000 to fund a partial translation of the Scriptures for the Rungwa-Katavi tribes of Tanzania. We also added 140 new water pumps, a new motorcycle and an SUV to our ministry in Pakistan.

Kevin Rowsey and our Life Center team shifted to online tutoring in the after-school program at the Life Center and began food distribution and Saturday enrichment activities later in the year as COVID circumstances settled. We are excited to see how God will continue to use King's Park to transform the youth in our community.

All of this is possible because of so many who join together to participate in the Gospel, through giving, serving and praying. We are grateful! To God be the Glory, for the unusual things He accomplished in this unusual season!

Sincerely,



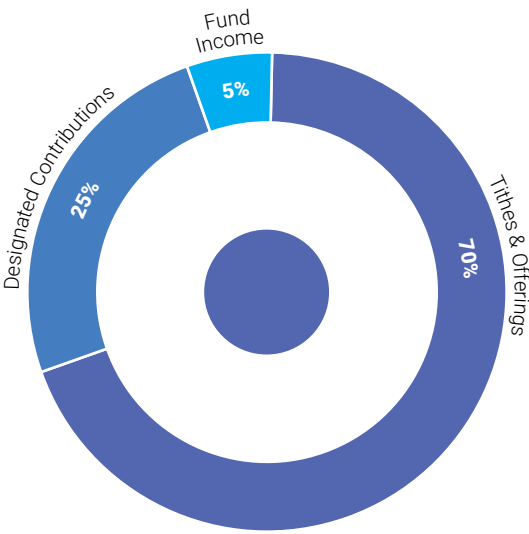
Pastor Ron and Lynette Lewis



# FINANCIAL REPORT

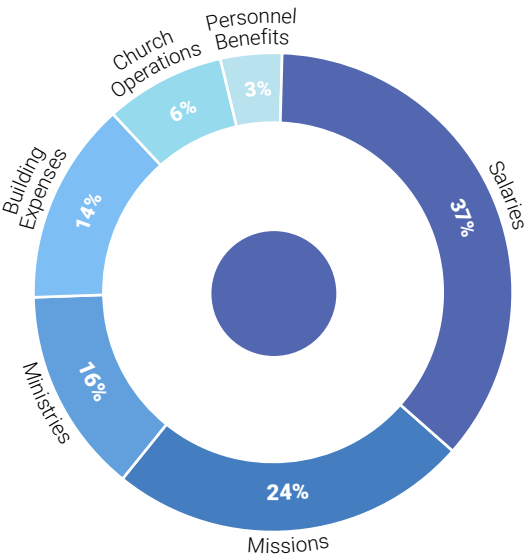
## INCOME

TOTAL INCOME:	\$3,832
Year-end Recap in \$1,000's	
Tithes & Offerings	\$2,696
Designated Contributions	\$965
Fund Income	\$171



## EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$3,365
Salaries	\$1,250
Missions & Giving	\$799
Ministries & Funds	\$530
Building Expenses	\$477
Church Operations	\$210
Personnel Benefits	\$99





# KING'S PARK RTP/DURHAM

We engaged people with the Gospel by helping them to know God.

- We launched our online service, reaching an average of 400 viewers each week.
- There were a total of 18 baptisms, including children and youth.
- There were 24 indications of salvation, including 11 students through Campus ministry.
- We saw dramatic growth in the number of men being actively disciplined in our campus ministries and added a new campus missionary to the team.
- We continued to disciple youth through our youth ministry. There were 2 baptisms in the Holy Spirit, and 1 of our youth led a peer to Christ.
- We launched our "5 More Minutes" Q & A videos to answer questions after each sermon.

We established believers in spiritual community and faith through our commitment to grow together.

- There were over 500 Life Group participants each semester, growing together in over 60 life groups led by over 70 leaders.
- The men grew together and encouraged one another in 3 gatherings.
- 300 women joined in worship during our first Women's Night of Worship in February, and 200 attended our first online Women's Brunch.
- 50 couples were empowered at our Pinehurst Marriage Retreat.
- 200 people attended Spiritual Operations.
- We started our daily noon prayer calls, which we have continued.

We equipped believers with knowledge of their God-given abilities by helping them discover purpose.

- We transitioned our Growth Track to Zoom and saw 41 people complete it.
- We ordained 2 new pastors and honored 7 ministers and 12 new deacons.



# KING'S PARK RTP/DURHAM

We empowered believers for servant-leadership to help them make a difference.

- We added 34 new Go Team Members and our Go Team adapted and continued to serve as we transitioned online and back to in-person gatherings.
- Our section hosts shifted from their regular ministry and helped facilitate our in-person and online services while staying connected with the people in their sections.
- We distributed Easter candy bags to over 180 families in our church and community and our first outdoor Family Movie Night was a huge success.
- We hosted three blood drives in partnership with Spread Love Foundation, the Blood Connection and the Red Cross.
- We continued sponsorship of our Life Center and campus outreaches even as these ministries pivoted to serve students digitally.
- The House of Mercy Food Pantry and Clothing Closet moved to Odyssey Drive and we're serving over 50 families weekly in partnership with Celebración Cristiana.
- We completed building renovations and tech upgrades to serve our weekly ministry in-person and online.
- We partnered with Jordan Lewis Missions, giving \$30,000 to help translate the Bible.
- We supported our international church planters, Charles and Tiffany Kiefer and Caitlin Ball to reach Paris.
- We gave a special gift to World Relief Durham from our Hope Fund to provide for unique educational needs for refugees during the pandemic.
- Our Hope Fund provided over \$15,000 to King's Park members navigating financial challenges this year.



# KING'S PARK RALEIGH

King's Park Raleigh continued in its mission to honor God and make disciples in Raleigh and beyond. Our big news of the year was securing our own building space in October in South Raleigh, which we rigged out beautifully through the support of our loving congregation! Here are a few additional highlights:

- We started the year by supporting the Mirembe Gala for the African Children's Choir at Marbles Kids Museum.
- Our Marriage Seminar Weekend with Pastors Jim and Marla Sink was an exciting gathering for our couples.
- We experienced growth in every demographic of the Church this year. We conducted many baptisms throughout the year, including professionals, children and students.
- During the March Covid lockdown, we successfully transitioned to online services each week with preaching and worship. The format proved to be very well received, even adding new outside listeners to our weekly gatherings.
- We greatly increased our prayer meetings and gatherings through Zoom.
- In the Summer, we transitioned to bi-weekly outdoor services under the Pavilion at the Mirembe House, being led in worship by the African Children's Choir.



# CELEBRACIÓN CRISTIANA

2020 was a year of transition and growth. The biggest highlight is that we moved to a new location in August. After spending a couple of years searching for a more affordable location, we were able to partner with another church in Durham, where both congregations now operate. The new space and flexibility have opened the doors to more ministry. Here are some more highlights we're excited about:

- 55 people responded to the Gospel. Many of them received the Lord in the food pantry line and several started attending our church
- 25 people were added as volunteers. Most of them serve on the worship team, welcome team and our food pantry team.
- In June 2020, we had 9 baptisms in the Eno River. It was a rainy day of blessings!
- Due to the pandemic, we weren't sure we would be able to host our Annual Women's Conference, which is celebrated in the mountains every year. It usually takes over six months to coordinate but, in an act of faith, with only three months left, our women decided to go forward with the event. It turned out to be the most attended event, with more than 100 ladies from multiple states and 100% participation from the women of our church.
- We converted our food pantry and clothing closet to a drive-through format to assist with social distancing. In March of 2020, we were serving an average of 30 families per week and we saw this increase to 60 families per week. Our volunteers remained committed each week and we spent time in prayer and evangelism as families waited in line. There was a crowd willing to receive the word of God right in our parking lot every single week.
- We resumed in-person services in June.
- On March 15th, the day that all churches closed, we established a prayer line to pray three times each day and we have not stopped since. It has been a blessing that has raised new leaders from the dark who are now shining stars within our congregation. We have also raised up a large core of intercessors for such a time as this.
- Our Sunday services are now at 3 PM, but that has not stopped the great majority of our congregation from praising the Lord together as one family.



# CHINESE CONGREGATION

The Kingdom continued advancing in 2020, even through difficult times. Here are the highlights of the Chinese Congregation:

- 16 people responded to the Gospel, including 2 children, 6 youth and 8 adults.
- We added 4 volunteers this year.
- We collected \$4,300 and purchased over 5,000 masks for local medical centers, nursing homes, community centers and local businesses. Praise the Lord for giving us the opportunity to show love to people in need.
- Due to the pandemic crisis, social unrest and other challenges, we started daily early morning prayer meetings using Zoom. From June 13, 2020 - January 20, 2021, about 20 people were praying together every day to build a hedge of protection over our nation. We continue holding morning prayer meetings on weekdays with about 15 people committed.
- We invited Pastor Henry Byamukama from Uganda to minister to us a couple of times and saw great breakthroughs happen among us, including healing, deliverance, salvation and re-dedication, etc. Within one month, 7 people got saved, including 6 youth! It is so wonderful to see people be hungry and thirsty for more of God.
- There was a family facing a great challenge. While ministering to the parents, the husband was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and their two children also responded to the gospel afterward.
- We held a 10-week ELS program on Zoom in the summer, and 4 people accepted Jesus as their Savior. We believe more people will be saved as well as more miracles will follow us in 2021!





# JORDAN LEWIS MISSIONS

It's our privilege to work alongside you to make disciples and plant churches around the world through Jordan Lewis Missions. We continued to see God move miraculously in 2020.

- In India, we have significantly helped 3 children homes that have cared for over 4,000 children, trained 2,500 church planting leaders and planted 7,000 churches.
- Our partners have shown the Jesus film to over 70,004 viewers in Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Five churches have been established through our first water well which was in Nepal.
- We have provided over 1,000 Bibles for the unreached in Sudan.
- We have active evangelists and missionaries in Syria, Jordan, Bangladesh, Iran and Indonesia.
- In 2020, we started a new outreach to the 800,000+ Muslims in New York City. More than 25 Muslims have come to faith in Christ through our team and your efforts.
- JLM is breaking through in 15+ nations!



[jordanlewismissions.org](http://jordanlewismissions.org)

## LIFE CENTER

2020 was a challenging year for us all. However, despite the challenges from COVID-19, God has continued to bless the Life Center and we continue to make a significant impact in the Cornwallis community.

- God continued to equip the center with dedicated volunteers to help serve the community.
- We provided food to families that were experiencing hardship.
- We were able to provide furniture, clothing and household items to many of the families.
- The Life Center's interns from UNC and NCCU played an important role in delivering online learning to our students.
- Our Saturday Academy was well attended each week.
- We established a Health and Wellness committee to help assess the needs of the community.



[lifecenterdurham.org](http://lifecenterdurham.org)