



# stories of IMPACT

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS 2024



In Peru: Emergency medical training & Vacation Bible School

## Loving Our Neighbors Locally & Globally

In addition to the missions and outreach work detailed here, we also laid the groundwork for sending our first team to work with a dorm ministry in Cambodia in 2025. Another exploratory team traveled to Colombia to learn about Compassion International's work there. Please be in prayer for these two countries, and about where God is leading our church in the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.



Our friends from World Relief picking up donations.



## Community Care Drive 1,800+ items donated

In February, our church family collected items for three local partners: Vida Medical Clinic & Support Services, World Relief and CTR's own Food Pantry. You showed up strong, donating cases of diapers, hygiene and household supplies, non-perishable food items and more, responding to Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Thank you!



420 households served



It's been an unprecedented year for our Food Pantry, as our number of clients doubled, and we met increased needs for our Fox Valley neighbors who are facing hunger.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

## MEDICAL TRAINING & VBS IN PERU

In February, a CTR team served with RiverWind, our Peru ministry partners. The team conducted medical training, to equip people who live deep in the rainforest outside Pucallpa to offer emergency care for those who live far from hospitals. The team also offered Vacation Bible School to children there, teaching them about the God who loves them dearly.

## SERVING CHILDREN IN ALASKA

In July, we sent a team to serve with elementary-age kids at Tanalian Bible Camp. There was plenty of outdoor fun and fruitful teaching, worship and small group time. Many of the children live in remote areas where there is no church. Camp is a vital time of growth in Christ during their precious childhood years.



Tanalian's swim area.



# 2024 Ministry Highlights

While numbers don't tell the deeper story of how God is changing lives and families, they do reflect how He's moving. And they also show how all of you give your time, prayers and finances to reach people for Jesus.

**805**

Volunteers currently serving

**206**

Operation Christmas Child boxes sent

**114**

Attended First Step so far this year

**87**

People were baptized in 2024

**47**

Attended Experience Discipleship to learn more about CTR's mission and get connected

**41**

Experience healing at Celebrate Recovery each Friday, on average

**31**

Lay Counselors completed counseling with 38 people, with another 33 people currently receiving care.

**25**

Men find hope at Freedom Fighters each Tuesday, on average

**24**

Couples took part in Premarital and Marriage Development Classes

*Below: Global Mission Night in October*



## Making Disciples Across the Fox Valley

This year, we've been blessed to have **98** dedicated Discipleship Group leaders meeting throughout the Fox Valley with more than **550** Discipleship Group participants. We are grateful for this commitment to growing as disciples of Christ, and seeing lives transformed through Him. Below is one story of change:

*A few years ago, we started a Discipleship Group in our neighborhood. One of the couples in our group was preparing together to retell a story about Jesus and the disciples, and were amazed that they spent most of their Saturday talking about it. They had even gone the whole day without turning on the TV. They said it had been years since they talked to each other that long and at that level.*

*This couple was struggling then, and though things still aren't perfect today, we witnessed a kind of miracle seeing their renewed connection and growth since they invited God and Christian people into their lives and relationship.*

*~ Nola & Ron,  
Discipleship Group leaders*



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In its second year, Breakout Jr (grades K-2) has an incredible 65 children registered! Our original Breakout group (grades 3-5 has 98 kids registered. We are so grateful for 62 Breakout volunteers who make both groups happen. We continue to welcome 250-275 children on Sunday mornings as well, with the help of 183 wonderful volunteers.



## STUDENT MINISTRIES

On average, we've had 165 students (grades 6-12) attend CTR Students on Wednesdays! And an additional 27 new students joined since kick off on September 11. As a result, they've officially outgrown The Loft, and have moved to the Worship Center now. We are thankful for 60 volunteers who lead small groups, check kids in, and more. In July, 55 students attended SummerBlast middle school day camp, with 17 leaders and 11 kitchen volunteers. We love seeing students grow!

**This good work is possible because of you!**

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