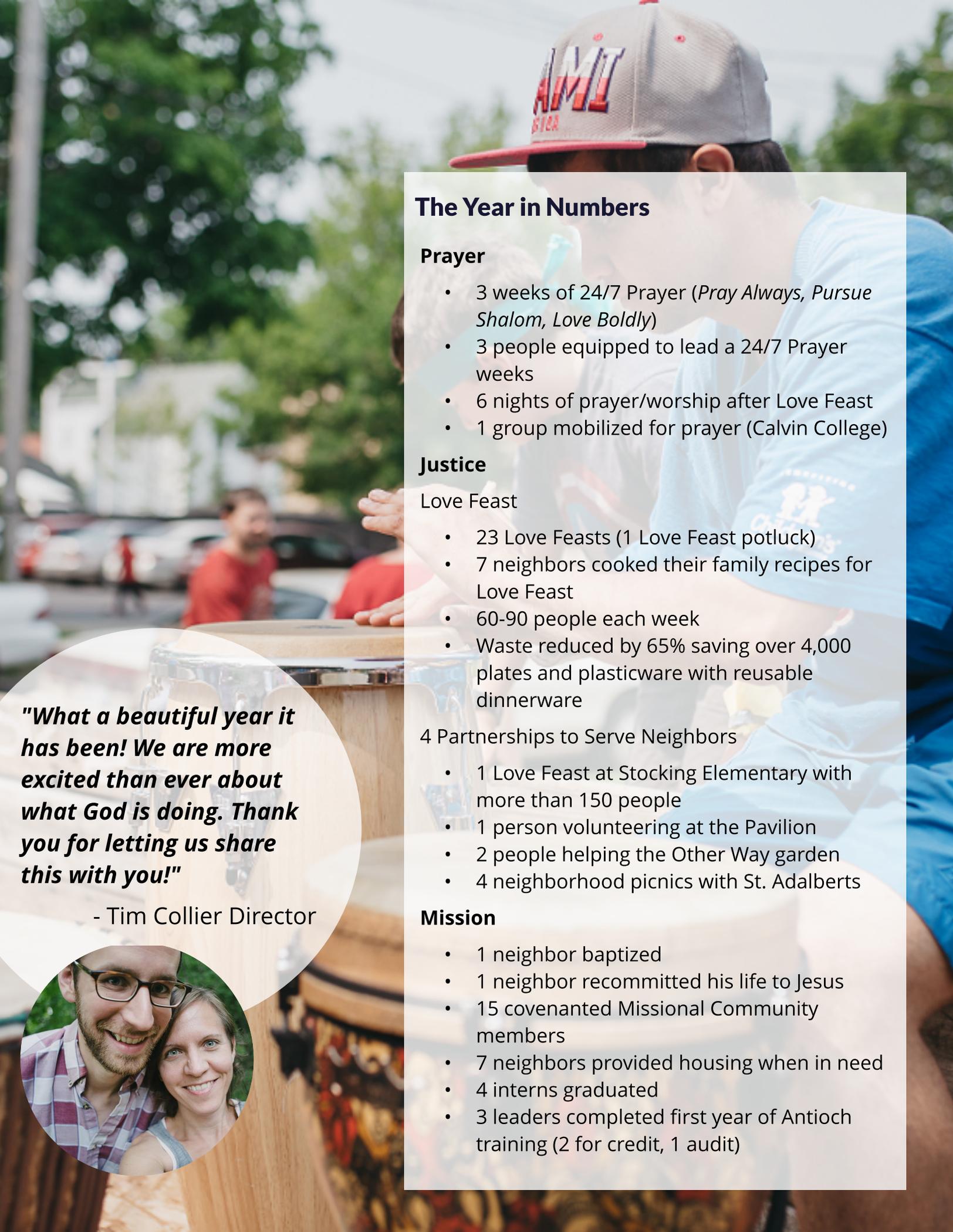




2016 Annual Report





"What a beautiful year it has been! We are more excited than ever about what God is doing. Thank you for letting us share this with you!"

- Tim Collier Director



The Year in Numbers

Prayer

- 3 weeks of 24/7 Prayer (*Pray Always, Pursue Shalom, Love Boldly*)
- 3 people equipped to lead a 24/7 Prayer weeks
- 6 nights of prayer/worship after Love Feast
- 1 group mobilized for prayer (Calvin College)

Justice

Love Feast

- 23 Love Feasts (1 Love Feast potluck)
- 7 neighbors cooked their family recipes for Love Feast
- 60-90 people each week
- Waste reduced by 65% saving over 4,000 plates and plasticware with reusable dinnerware

4 Partnerships to Serve Neighbors

- 1 Love Feast at Stocking Elementary with more than 150 people
- 1 person volunteering at the Pavilion
- 2 people helping the Other Way garden
- 4 neighborhood picnics with St. Adalberts

Mission

- 1 neighbor baptized
- 1 neighbor recommitted his life to Jesus
- 15 covenanted Missional Community members
- 7 neighbors provided housing when in need
- 4 interns graduated
- 3 leaders completed first year of Antioch training (2 for credit, 1 audit)

We **MOBILIZED PRAYER** by:

sustaining rhythms of prayer as a community, **inviting** friends and neighbors to experience the joy of encountering God, and **resourcing** others in the city to pray.

Sustaining: Testimony from the 24/7 Prayer Week: *Pray Always*

For the *Pray Always* week in February we went door to door asking folks for prayer requests.

When Tim went to one man's home named Tom, he invited him in. **Tom had shared three months before that he had just lost his job, his brother was very ill, and he was discouraged.** This time he was still looking for a job, and asked for prayer because he was going to be calling on a lead that afternoon. Tim laid a hand on his shoulder and asked the Father to bless Tom with a new job to provide for his family.

Tim left after some more conversation and received a phone call from him the next day. He sounded more excited than before as he reported that he had called the company shortly after Tim left, and they told him a factory position for his exact skill set had just opened up a few minutes before he called. And, because of his experience, they said it was his if he wanted it!

He attributed this amazing provision to the prayer we prayed before he got the call. We bless God for the incredible ways He moves among us!



Inviting: Testimonies from Prayer After Love Feast

One of the Interns, Renee, was moved to lead a prayer time after Love Feast during the Spring in which they would come to rest in the presence of God by listening to worship music and praying in silence.

A familiar neighbor, **Roy**, strolled into the prayer garage for worship one week. He asked for prayer in regards to healing, so Renee quietly prayed for him. Later he told her he **felt the presence of God during that time in a really powerful way** and that he felt his body tingling. It was beautiful to see him deeply engaged with God as we worshiped together.



Another neighbor, **Shay** (pictured below between Interns Renee and Rebecca), joined us for one of the worship nights. She shared afterwards that she had been struggling with a lot of doubts and hadn't really been able to connect with God. But that night she said that she **was so near to God that even her body was shaky and she felt like crying. She said she**

hadn't felt so close to God "in a whole year."

She said the music was so beautiful and that God was speaking to her!

Mobilizing: Testimony from Calvin's Week of Prayer

In May we coached a team of Calvin students through the process of doing a 24/7 Prayer tent. One of the leaders shared with us: "To have a concentrated and devoted place and time of worship and prayer was really powerful. It was evident that the students had a longing and delight in God. The random encounters and connections that were made amongst students was probably the most exciting part for me; people I would have never met praying with me and for me. The times of worship were also great. All the worship leaders coming together and bringing their own style and song to praise God was awesome."

"To have a devoted place of prayer... with students I had never met praying with and for me... was really powerful."

- Calvin Student

JUSTICE: We **EMPOWERED NEIGHBORS** by:

listening to people's stories in conversation, **celebrating** who they are and the gifts they have, and **connecting** them with opportunities to serve the neighborhood

Listening, Celebrating, Connecting: Neighbors Serving Love Feast

The Love Feast is the primary environment we seek to empower neighbors as we listen to their stories, celebrate their gifts and connect them to opportunities to serve. There have been a lot of neighbors stepping in to cook meals on a regular basis.

Mark V, who has been around the community for several years and interned in 2015, made chicken pot pie.

An Intern, **Eddie**, and SBR community member, **Curtis**, teamed up to make grilled barbecue chicken.

A new neighbor, **Aaron**, made tacos with Spanish rice. Aaron has had a difficult year as his construction tools were stolen in the Spring preventing him from finding work. "Cooking this week totally brought me out of my depression," he told us. "I'd cook every week if I could."



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- Aaron, neighbor

Connecting : Stocking Elementary

In 2015, Stocking Elementary administration asked us if we'd host Love Feast at the school as part of their larger plan to help the students' families see the school as a hub for the neighborhood. By developing stronger parent-staff relationships they sought to combat chronic absenteeism and raise attendance.

For the 2015-16 school year we hosted three Love Feasts (2 in the Fall and 1 in the Spring) that provided meals for over 150 people. This plan was effective in significantly raising attendance this past year!

Connecting: the Pavilion

Having grown up on the Westside himself, Curtis has a heart to see the young people of this neighborhood experience transformation. Many of those young people hang out after school at the Pavilion coffee shop on Bridge Street. He volunteers there, serving bagels and coffee, building relationships with these young people as well as friends from the Bridge Street House of Prayer.

Connecting: The Other Way Garden

Two Interns, Dan and Eddie, connected with those who run the Other Way ministry's garden. Dan used his farming experience to help facilitate the planting and upkeep of the garden. Many of the neighbors who use the garden are native Spanish speakers, so Eddie, being bilingual, was a huge help in aiding the translation necessary to work well together. Cheri, from the Other Way staff, expressed how much these two made this garden season much smoother for the neighborhood.



"I want to be a role model for the younger generation, to disciple them so they can see they are invited to be a part of God's family."

- Curtis



MISSION: We **ESTABLISHED AND GREW OUR MISSIONAL COMMUNITY** by:

making & maturing disciples and training leaders for future multiplication.

Maturing as a Community: Growing to House Neighbors in Need

Throughout this year we have had several opportunities to grow in our capacity to offer hospitality to folks who are experiencing instability whether it is homelessness, lack of work or an unsafe living environment. It has been beautiful to see people in our MC opening their homes to these neighbors with the gentleness and strength it takes to love people in this kind of situation.

This summer **Gary** recommitted his life to Jesus after running away from him for years. **Though he sought to change, he was in a living situation that would only draw him back into the temptations he'd just come out of.** Because of his friendship with Curtis, Gary was around the Boiler Room house often this fall, and we felt the Lord calling us to invite him to stay at the Boiler Room for a few months to find work and a stable living situation.

He has come into the family, worshiping, praying, sharing meals with us as we work together to find the resources that will help him live into the call he feels to follow Jesus with all his life. The Lord has already done a good work in Gary and blessed us through him, and we are trusting that the Father will continue leading him.

"Through the Boiler Room, I feel like God has given me a second chance at life."

- Gary



"The Internship helped me grow in ministering to others out of my weakness by receiving my place as a daughter in the Father's family."

- Renee



Our Interns and Antioch students. From top left, clockwise: Mark, Eddie, Dan, Rebecca, Michelle, & Renee.

Maturing Disciples: The Internship

Dan: "I appreciated Tim and Jordan meeting with me on a weekly basis to give me a safe space to process the depression and anxiety I experienced. These conversations helped me emotionally and spiritually, to relocate my identity on the teachings of Jesus.

Now, in the midst of a huge life transition (getting married this fall and moving to a new city) my identity is founded in the reality

of my heritage: I am a child of God. I am seeking daily to believe this, and to live into the freedom that this reality implies."



Rebecca: "Before the Internship I had experiences where Christians were an influence on my life, but I'd never received an invitation from someone here on earth

to "follow me." I accepted the invitation, and spent a year submitting to the practice of living like Jesus in daily life as part of a community. The leaders and other interns directed and challenged me in stepping out to live like Jesus in a broken world.

"The internship is where my first revelation of identity occurred. With the guidance of the Lord and the people He placed at the Boiler Room, a refined dream

of my heart is unfolding. As God continues to show this dream to me, I have the ability to steward my whole being into daily surrender to Christ and his family. How I am living now I owe all to Jesus and he used the internship to refined me from my old self to live into who God is calling me to be."





"When you catch the vision of God's plan for the redemption of the entire world...being a family on mission together... it is exciting!"

- Michelle, Antioch student

Renee: The internship helped me mature as a disciple of Jesus by teaching me what it looks like to be family on a mission. This included practicing the art of hospitality and preaching the gospel to each other and to the larger community around us. I matured in my capacity to minister to others out of my weakness and brokenness by receiving my place in the family of God as a daughter.



I am now in a new season where God is building something different in my heart. But I believe that my experience in the internship has solidified my calling and fueled my passion to take the steps on the path God has set before me: training to be

a counselor to serve people to heal from trauma. At the heart of it all I am confident that the gospel has the power to set people free and in everything I do I want the Spirit of Jesus to work in and through it; to bring healing to the brokenhearted and hope to the hopeless.

Training Leaders to Multiply: Antioch

We had three community members complete the first year of Antioch training which focused on character, biblical training and carrying leadership responsibility within the community. Mark and Michelle led several 24/7 Prayer weeks, helped lead the interns and serve the needs of our neighbors. We studied the book

of Acts and the Epistles of Paul to understand how to effectively make and multiply Missional Communities.

Mark and Michelle

shared with us, "When you catch the vision of God's plan for the redemption of the entire world and you imagine these pockets of people who are in love with Jesus popping up... really being a family on mission together, pursuing transformation... it is exciting! We've begun dreaming about how we could facilitate one of these missional communities; discipling and training others to be a part of that multiplication."



2016 Budget Total: \$89,514

Collier Family Compensation

- \$38,924

Cooper Family Compensation

- \$38,539

Oversight Travel: \$520

- Leader Pilgrimage: 67
- Coaching/Consulting: 453

Oversight Costs: \$7,671

- Insurance: 3,757
- Accounting Fees: 550
- Bank Services: 634
- Website Hosting: 120
- Education: 87
- Books/Reference: 25
- Administrative Contracting: 1,080
- Miscellaneous Oversight: 101
- Payroll Services: 783
- Office Supplies/Mailing: 504
- Administrative Expenses: 30

Internship Pilgrimage: \$717

BR House: \$610

- Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water, Trash): 4,212
- Repairs: 450
- Telephone/Internet: 856
- Supplies: 133
- Property Tax: 1,686
- Rent from Community Members: -3,850
- Utilities from Interns: -2,877

Love Feast/Neighborhood Impact: \$2,533

- Supplies/Food: 1,616
- Hall Rental: 750
- Prayer Room Supplies: 167

WE BLESS GOD for the fruit he has brought this past year!

And THANK YOU for the ways you have partnered with us to seek transformation in our neighborhood! We are continually reminded that the expansion of the Kingdom is really the work of the Holy Spirit, that we are so dependent upon him and interdependent with one another to truly accomplish this mission.

- the SBR Family

