

regifting

/re-GIFT-ing/, v. 1. The act of passing on as a gift that which one has already received as a gift. 2. The act of one giving to others what God has given to him or her.

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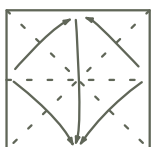
During Mission Year, the principle of “regifting” is put to work – powerfully and distinctively.

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Almost 100 young adults converge upon Atlanta, Chicago, and Philadelphia to spend a year serving the people and the neighborhoods of the inner city. They come to share the whole of their lives – to offer their time and their talents in a radical and intense way. They come to give of themselves, in the name of Christ, to the people in their urban communities.

But nothing they bring is really theirs; each gift they offer is nothing more – and nothing less – than an absolute gift from God. Only in the receiving of what He pours out can they love, serve, give.

They have been given gifts and passions, and they have grown in their areas of skill and expertise – but these things are meant to be passed on to others...regifted, in a sense. And as His servants offer back what He has given, as they live out their unique calls, God’s heart is more deeply revealed – both to them and to the people they have come to serve.





Dear Friends of Mission Year,

Thank you for taking the time to open our ministry's Annual Report! Hopefully, your interest will be rewarded by our stories of Christian young adults using their time, faith, and gifts to love their neighbors in inner-city America. You won't find accounts of sparkling new facilities or successful big events here - but you will learn plenty about MissionYear's stock in trade: Authentic relationships that lead to positively transformed lives.

You will also find those facts and figures that we non-profit ministry presidents use to measure the health of our organizations. While we didn't break any financial records in 2002-2003, we held our own while strengthening our staff and recruiting more new team members than ever before. Combined with our growing family of extraordinary alumni and faithful supporters, Mission Year is quickly growing into a vast, dynamic movement of believers committed to blessing the poor in the name of Jesus. From where I stand, that looks like a very good thing.

Of course, I hope Mission Year looks like a very good thing from where you stand too, because you are among those who are making it happen, day by day. Thank you so much for your trust and support. Together, we really are working towards the Kingdom of God.

Keep the Faith!

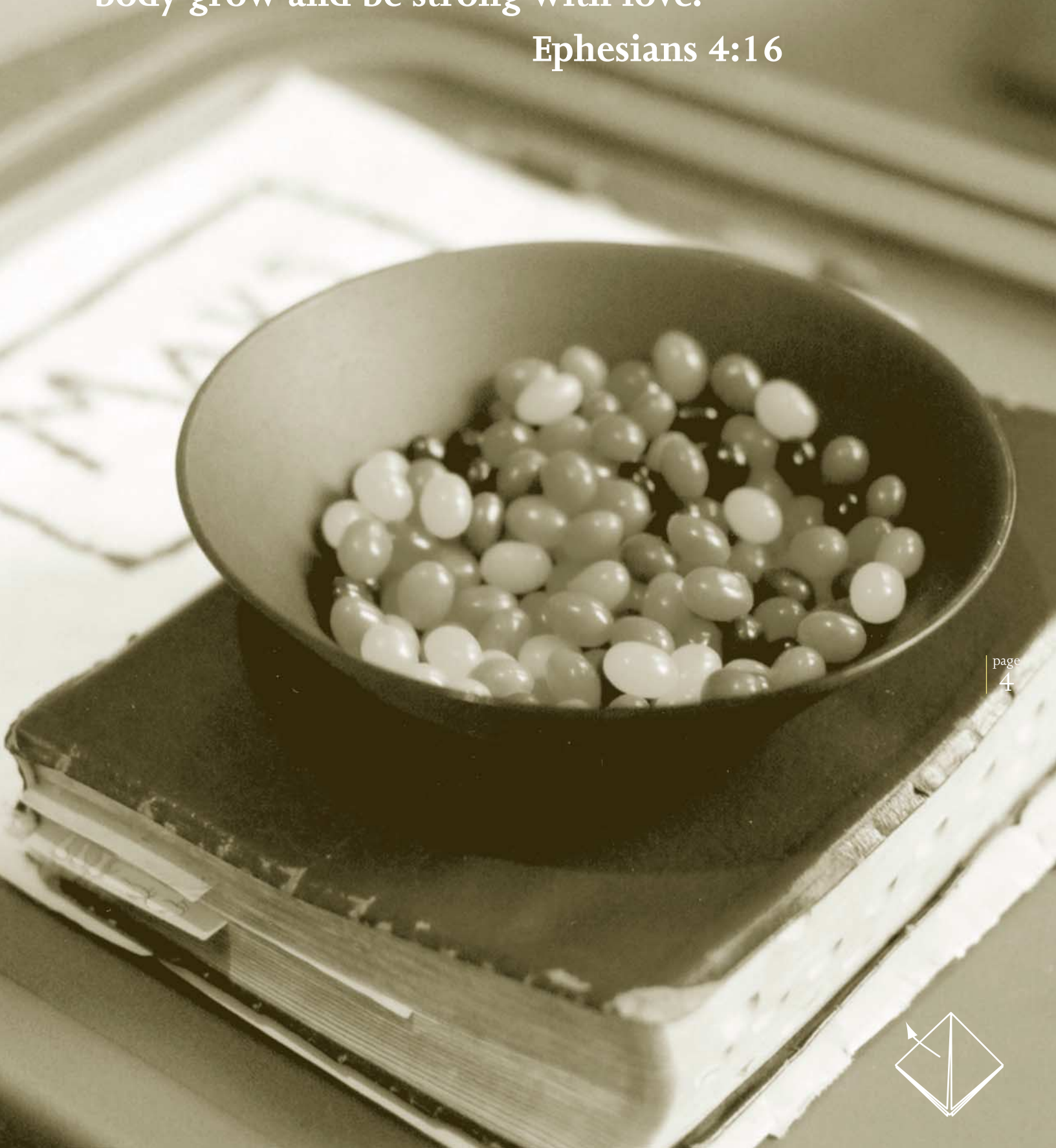
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bart Campolo'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'B' and 'C'.

Bart Campolo



“...each part does its own work to make the whole body grow and be strong with love.”

Ephesians 4:16





Topher Mehlhoff

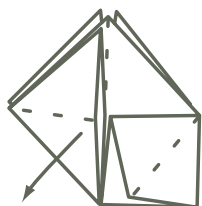
Atlanta, Guitar Player

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God stuck a lot of random, seemingly useless gifts inside me, such as playing guitar and acting like an idiot. Miguel is a middle school-aged kid who I got to live down the street from. While hanging out with Miguel on a lazy Saturday afternoon, I started to play the guitar, and he started to sing along. We ended up composing a rock tribute to our neighborhood, “Sweet Home South Atlanta” (which, coincidentally, sounds a lot like “Sweet Home Alabama”). We performed a number of other hits, including “Double Dog” and “Hubba Wubba.”

It may not seem like much, but it was goofy things like that that let me survive and enjoy middle school when I was a kid. Hanging out with Miguel brought me back to those old times and reminded me that sometimes just having someone to hang out with can be life-saving medicine.

I considered it a privilege to share such times with Miguel, and I hope it helped him get through life too.



MarcieSchweigert

Chicago, Exercise Science Major

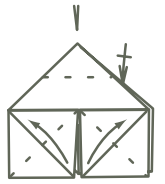
It seems that the life of a follower of Jesus is not only learning to love Him but also learning the gifts that He has given and then learning how to allow Him to use them in you. I have always had a desire to help people who are hurting and so I was naturally drawn toward the medical field in college. For various reasons I graduated with an exercise science degree, one that laid a solid foundation in the medical field. When I moved to Chicago I met Sandra through an adult literacy class. It turned out that she lived very close to me so a friendship started by me running homework over to her when she wasn't feeling well enough to make it to class.

Through time a real friendship developed and Sandra shared with me some more details about her health problems. Sandra's health problems were potentially serious, and I was able to encourage and press for her to pursue medical atten-

tion. Sandra is not insured and so went to a local hospital which accepts everyone for treatment.

The hospital had a great vision, but their execution was poor to say the least. Because of our friendship I was able to walk through that time with Sandra and escort her to and from the hospital. She called me in after the examination, and I was able to talk to her and her doctor and explain to Sandra what the doctor was saying.

The day before I left Chicago, Sandra had a biopsy to test if a tumor was cancerous. Two weeks later, Sandra got a green light from the lab results; she did not have cancer! It was because of my knowledge of the medical field that I was able to push Sandra through the system and get her the care she needed. It was because of the gift I have to serve and help people that are hurting that I was able to meet Sandra's needs. Sandra adopted me into her family and while I would always chuckle at the nurse's reaction when she called me daughter, I knew it was the love of Jesus that Sandra felt from me. Nothing compares to serving with the love and genuine care of Jesus.





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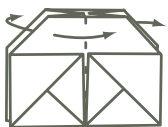
Philadelphia, Praise Dancer

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Being a member of the praise dance ministry at my church was one of the greatest opportunities I had during Mission Year.

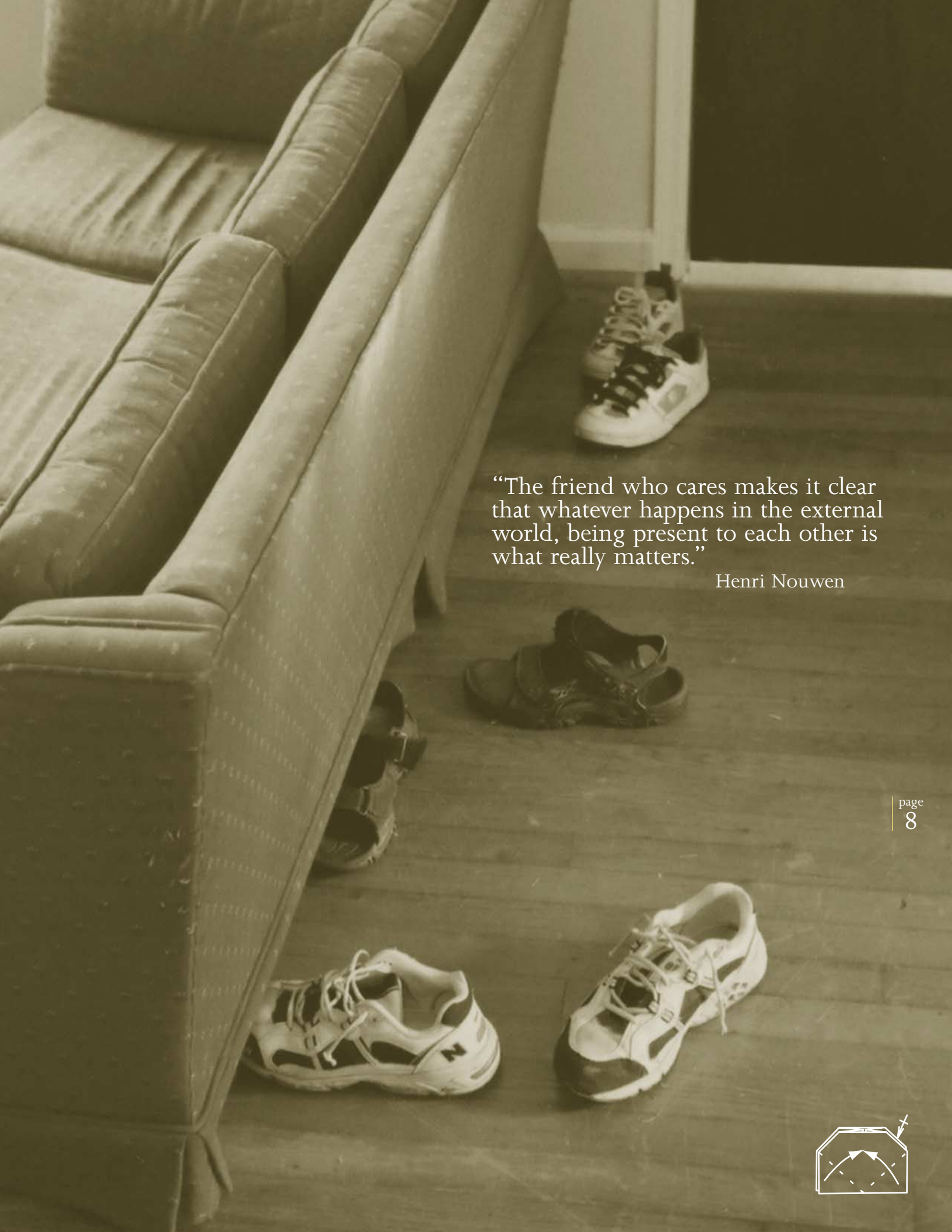
I joined because I have always loved to dance, and I wanted to get to know a different group of church members. Through the praise dance ministry I learned how I could truly praise God through dancing. I also established a few unique friendships. One friend in particular, Melissa, left a lasting impression upon me.

Before leaving Philly, Melissa left a note in the mailbox for me. She wrote about how she would miss me and that she wished we could have had more time to get to know one another. She surprised me when she shared what she learned over the past few months.



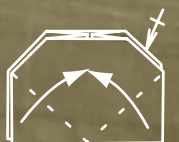
“You taught me that I should definitely smile more because of how good God has been and still being to me rather than worrying. You have also shown me that I should get to know more people outside of my circle and don’t be afraid to step out.”

Throughout our friendship, I had never realized that God was using my gifts to bless her in those ways. Moreover, I was excited to see her desire to apply those blessings to her own life. The amazing reality is that she also possesses diverse gifts and has unknowingly passed those gifts on to other people, including me. I think that is what God meant when He said in 1st Peter, that “each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

A photograph of a living room with a light-colored sofa on the left. On the wooden floor, there are several pairs of shoes: a pair of white sneakers with black laces near the top right, a pair of dark sandals in the middle, and another pair of white sneakers with black laces near the bottom. The lighting is soft and natural, creating a warm atmosphere.

“The friend who cares makes it clear that whatever happens in the external world, being present to each other is what really matters.”

Henri Nouwen



Mt. Pleasant

L to R: Jessica Verlare, Alyssa Gossen,
John Tramel, Topher Mehlhoff



Piney Grove

Duffy and Amy Beigel



New Jerusalem

L to R: Paul Kim, Laura Baker,
Steve McConnaughey, Phil Sipka, Joy Concina



**Atlanta
Georgia**
citydirector
LEROY BARBER



“We must become the change we want to see.”
Mahatma Gandhi

Community Bible

L to R: Rebekah Stillwell, Sheila Collins,
Kristin Muenster, Katie Weber,
Katie Lewis, Gina Theesfeld



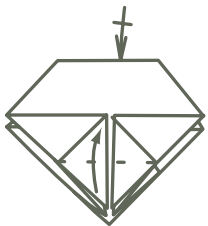
West End Lighthouse

Top L to R: Clare Bridges, Chris Glinski
Bottom L to R: Hilary Marks, Aaron Villa,
Lana Brewer, Michael Pearson



Bible Way

Top L to R: Melissa Meyers, Dave Mellott,
Kevin Pruitt. Bottom L to R: Stephanie Brown,
Annie Klink, Ben Chan



Gap Church

Top to Bottom: Jana Leonard, Maree Allen, Bethany Egger, Melissa Engard, Karla Yatckoske.



Rock of our Salvation

Top L to R: Ben Osborne, John Kirstein, Josh Macha, Hannah Briggs Bottom L to R: Marcie Schweigert, Emily Caporuscio



New Life Covenant

L to R: Natalie Fairbridge, Blaine Kimura, Kelly Milner, Colin Haydu, Samantha Hagar, Kimbell Kornu



“[Jesus] wants us to respect one another and take care of one another; he wants us to fuss and worry about, to be concerned about and involved with, to forgive and make exceptions for, to be good to and love one another until the day we die and ever after.”

Brennan Manning



Chicago

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ANDREA KIRKSEY

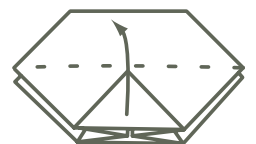
New Mount Pilgrim

L to R: Mike Roth, Kim Painter, Melissa Hughes, Jake Weidler, Nate Greenland, Elizabeth Henson



Christian Valley

L to R: Patrick McComas, Kristin Darnell, Ashlee Krull, Joe Kwon, Ben Goodwin



Cornerstone

L to R: Todd Snyder, Melanie Peapell, Andrew Rice, Rachel Roosma, Lindsay Wike



Redeemer Baptist

L to R: Angel Gallardo, Katie Jo Brotherton, Ryan Romine, Ann Kuehlman, Joe Kennedy



Bibleway

L to R: Emily Chisek, Joel Holwerda, Tity Kpandeyenge, Carolyn Miller, Tim Hughes



**Philadelphia
Pennsylvania**

citydirector
DAVE THOMPSON



“I believe that when all is said and done, all you can do is show up for someone, which seems so inadequate. But when you do it, it can radically change everything. Your there-ness can be life giving.” Anne Lamott

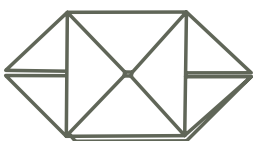
Lighthouse

L to R: Amber Ruhm, Davin Anderson, Michael McCoy, Kara Bender, Carrie Riley, Jesse Hansell



Atonement Lutheran

L to R: Marisa Washington, Angel Halston, Natalie Mendez, Julie Lampe, Sherri Peterson, Tara Drew



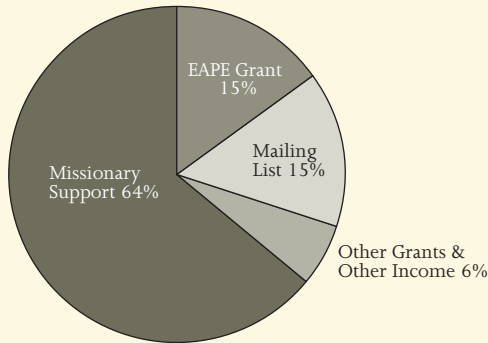
“The Kingdom belongs to those,
artless as children, who love others
simply and directly without thinking
about anything but them.”

Brennan Manning

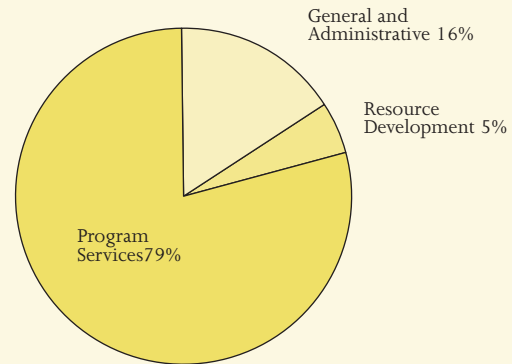


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Sources of Income



Expenses

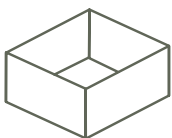


Mission Year Statement of Financial Position August 31, 2002

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ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	768,370
Advances to city directors	26,426
Due from landlord	7,642
Prepaid expenses	25,804
Security deposits	19,495
Property and equipment	43,875
Computer equipment	15,495
Furniture and equipment	(24,260)
Less accumulated depreciation	
TOTAL ASSETS	882,847
Liabilities and net assets	
Accounts payable	3,028
Capital lease payable	6,790
Accrued expenses and taxes	4,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,818
Net assets	
Unrestricted	359,036
Undesignated	240,000
Designated-general reserve	
Designated-website development	15,000
Designated-video production	8,269
Designated-computer upgrade	246,724
Temporarily restricted	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	869,029
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	882,847

Mission Year Statement of Activities Years Ended August 31, 2002 August 31, 2001

	Year Ended August 31, 2002
Revenues and Support	
Contributions	1,289,627
Application Fees	2,230
Interest Income	15,844
TOTAL Revenues and Support	1,307,791
Net assets released from restrictions	
TOTAL	1,307,791
Expenses	
Program Services	956,421
Supporting Services	
General and administrative	199,192
Resource development	60,735
TOTAL expenses	1,216,348
Increase in net assets	
Net assets at beginning of period	91,443
Net assets at end of period	777,586
	869,029



this year's staff



Board of Directors

Bart Campolo
President

Cindy Hauger
Treasurer

George Karavattuveetil
Member

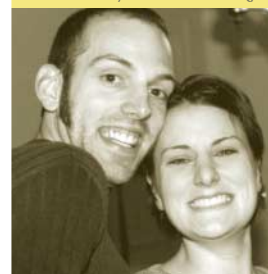
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Member

Jon Seltenheim
Chair

Joseph Sun
Member

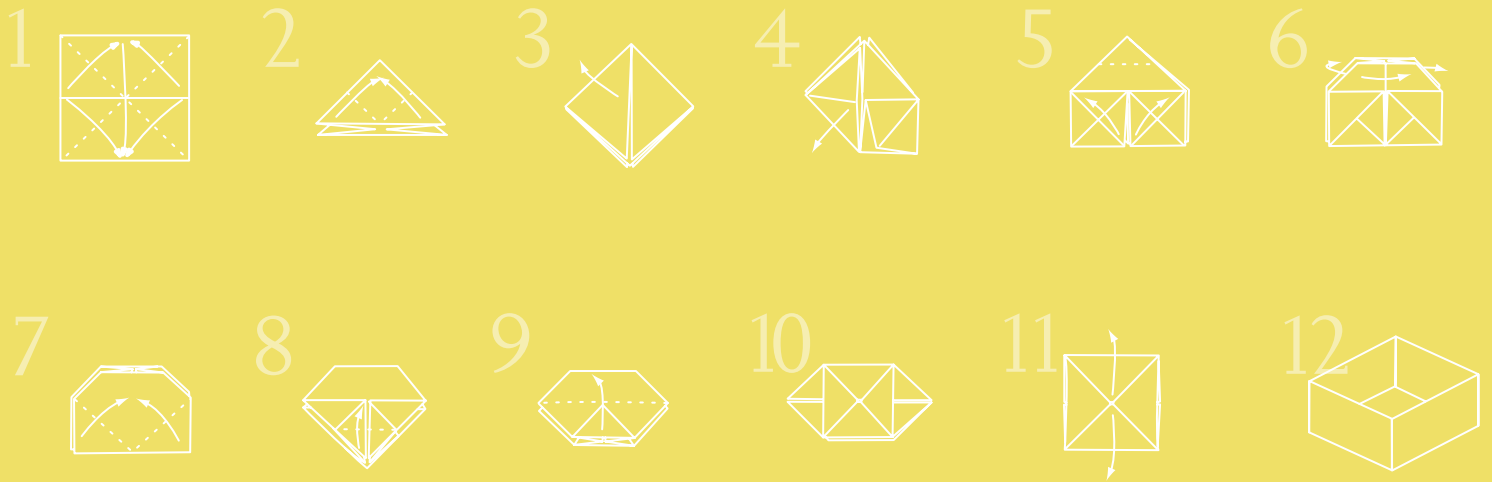
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Member

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