



FIRST PRES  
COLORADO SPRINGS



*"...the kingdom of  
God is in your midst."*

*Luke 17:21*

# *Living Sent*

GOD'S PEOPLE  
ENGAGED IN  
GOD'S MISSION

*Mission Engagement  
Annual Report 2023*



# Dear First Pres,

Our work flows out of our worship. Because we gather and sing in glory to God, because we gather and pray, because we are a people shaped and transformed by the presence of God in worship, we are passionately involved in the needs of the world around us. When you glimpse the heart of God for this broken world, you cannot help but get moving to pitch in and participate in making His Kingdom known.

In his *Treatise on the Religious Affections*, Jonathan Edwards said the real test of genuine worship, a heart transformed, is that the person is moved to acts of charity and service toward their neighbor. True love acts. True worship inflames the will to do good. Tim Keller explains,

"the acid test of a heart with its affections truly raised toward God (Edwards' definition of worship) is love toward one's neighbor, working for the common good in society...It is not just

faith in general, but worship in particular that will be the fountain of strength and desire to work for peace and justice in the world."

In this year's *Living Sent*, you will see evidence. We have loved and honored God. We worshiped well. And our hearts are aflame with energy to love our neighbors here in our city and around the world. The light of Christ in us is the illumination of the world around us. As you read, think and pray about how you might get more involved and how you and your family can take one more step on the mission of our church to be [Light and Life for the City](#).

Yours in Christ,



Tim McConnell  
Lead Pastor



*"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

*Hebrews 13:15-16*

# Hey First Pres Family,

It is with great joy that I write to you. I serve as the director of our Mission Engagement Ministry, "Mission Engagement" because all mission is God's, His grand purpose, His marvelous story that we, His people, are invited into! All God's people, every church, from every nation, the whole body of Christ, empowered and commissioned by the Holy Spirit into the world together as agents of His redemption—proclaiming, embodying and demonstrating the gospel of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom come.

What is this gospel we declare? That in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus, the Father has claimed the world for Himself. That by the Holy Spirit, there is power in the name of Jesus to shatter the vice grip of sin, death and the Evil One, reconciling a people to Himself, declaring her righteous. A declaration that Jesus reigns, and everywhere this gospel

is received, everywhere the lost are being reconciled to the Father, oppression broken by the Holy Spirit, the orphan and refugee received and shown hospitality in Jesus' name, the abused and neglected shown dignity as image bearers, and everywhere factionalism is replaced with fellowship in Christ, there the Kingdom of God is revealed. Do you want to be there? Yes!

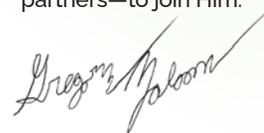
Our Lord Jesus said, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst" (Luke 17:20b-21, NIV).

Do you see it? It is foreign to most eyes because it is a work of the Spirit, not mere riches, nor worthiness, nor stature, nor any power of this world. It has no respect for fallen appraisals of value, usefulness and potential.

The Kingdom of God is in your midst. Have you seen it? Don't miss it! It is ours to see and live into as the people of God!

First Pres, this annual report is so much more than a list of facts, or mere proof of productivity, but a testimony, many testimonies, to the faithfulness of God demonstrated through the body of Christ coming together, embracing one another in love, one with the Father and Son, in mutual partnership, together laying down the gifts of God to live into His glorious purposes for His world.

It's the mission of God. And He's inviting us—you, me, our partners—to join Him.

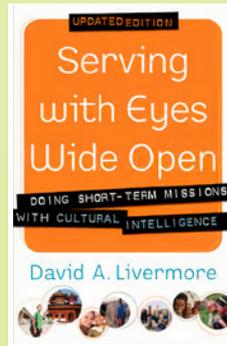
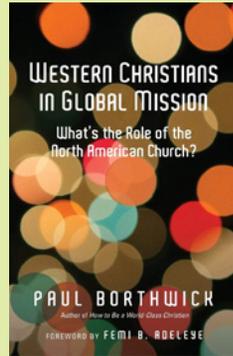
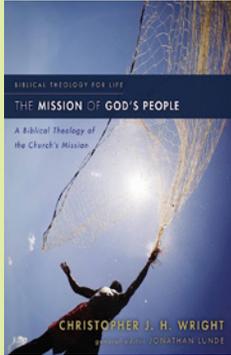


Greg Zaloom  
Missions Director



# Want to Learn More about Missions?

## HERE'S GREG'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



- ***The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission***  
by Christopher J.H. Wright
- ***Western Christians in Global Mission: What's the Role of the North American Church?***  
by Paul Borthwick
- ***Serving with Eyes Wide Open: Doing Short-Term Missions with Cultural Intelligence***  
by David A. Livermore

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## MISSION ENGAGEMENT E-BLAST



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## MISSION ENGAGEMENT INSTAGRAM



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# Our Local Partners



**Catholic Charities**  
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**COSILoveYou**  
cosiloveyou.com



**Crossfire Ministries**  
crossfireministries.org



**Dale House Project**  
dalehouseproject.org



**Family Life Services**  
flscs.org



**Family Promise - IHN**  
ihn-cos.org



**Fostering Hope**  
fosteringhopefoundation.org



**Greccio**  
greccio.org



**Hope and Home**  
hopeandhome.org



**Life Network**  
elifenetwork.com



**Lutheran Family Services**  
lfsrm.org



**Pikes Peak Academy**  
pikespeakacademy.net



**The Place**  
theplacecos.org



**Springs Rescue Mission**  
springsrescuemission.org



**Solid Rock Community Development Corporation**  
solidrockcdc.com



**Thrive Network**  
thethrivenetworks.org



**Voice of the Truth**

# God's Love Shines When His People Show Up

Every day in houses and apartments across Colorado Springs, people are making gut-wrenching choices. They must choose what's important today—groceries or heat? Clothing or rent? Gasoline or school supplies? Sometimes they're weary from the pressures of unending medical bills. Or they're seniors whose costs of living increased but their subsistence checks do not. These folks are often one paycheck away from the specter of homelessness despite their best efforts or multiple jobs to provide for themselves and their families. These are the unheralded households whose financial pressures, lives and histories don't make headlines. And they are the guests Crossfire Ministries serves. They are the ones for whom Crossfire is a tangible experience of Jesus through the dignity and freedom of shopping for groceries without cost.

Crossfire is also a ministry hotspot for volunteers. Most are Jesus followers from churches across the city, eager to express practical, tangible love. They are individuals, small groups and youth groups with hearts to give. There is a place for everyone and the need for volunteers is great. This is a great way for churches and church members to get involved.

*Rebecca, a single mom, came to Crossfire at her lowest point in life.*

Rebecca, a single mom, came to Crossfire at her lowest point in life. A few months ago, her kids were removed from the home. With a broken heart, she sat with our intake volunteer and shared her struggles that went beyond the need for groceries. She began using our services on a weekly basis to make ends meet. During her shopping experiences at Crossfire, we were able to pray with Rebecca, providing a glimmer of hope for her to cling to. Recently, she came with a visible weight lifted off her shoulders. Her smile was ear to ear and her eyes were shining. She wanted everyone to know that she got her kids back and she said it was all because of the kindness and prayers from volunteers at Crossfire. When coming to Crossfire, she found more than groceries and clothing.

*– Renee Beebe, Executive Director*



  
**CROSSFIRE**  
MINISTRIES

***Crossfire Ministries exists to show the love of God to folks in tight places by providing no-cost groceries, clothing and care.***

## BY THE NUMBERS:

In 2022...

11,521 unique individuals received services.

248,395 personal hygiene items distributed.

1,863,341 pounds of food distributed.

2,784 Bibles and New Testaments distributed.

## FIRST PRES MEMBER BEA BASSETT'S TESTIMONY

*Crossfire is a place where we see God's Kingdom revealed through the faithfulness, love and compassion shown by the staff and many volunteers in a very tangible way to the people of our community. I help as a Spanish-language translator. It has been a blessing to serve the Hispanic community, not just by speaking to them in their language, but also helping them feel welcome. We are here to be God's hands and feet, and in this way, to shine His light and show His love to the people in our midst.*

## KEEP CROSSFIRE IN YOUR PRAYERS

- For the guests that we serve who are struggling and need hope. That they would see Jesus and feel His love through us at Crossfire.
- For volunteers. As we serve more people, we need more people willing to step into ministry right here in our community. We need Spanish translators, grocery department workers, clothing processors and intake volunteers.



For more information, visit our website [CROSSFIREMINISTRIES.ORG](https://crossfireministries.org).  
To join the volunteer family, email Amy at [volunteer@crossfireministries.org](mailto:volunteer@crossfireministries.org).

Learn how you can easily donate food and hygiene items on **page 17**.





**A City Gospel Movement  
in Colorado Springs**

# **COSILoveYou Q&A with Stu Davis**



*Stu Davis,  
Executive Director*

consequences for the poor—those dependent on both public and church assistance for their support. If the faith community and civic sector can learn to work together, it not only builds a greater network of support for struggling families and households, it also helps foster a relationship of trust between the church and the city.

## **Who is COSILoveYou and what is your mission?**

COSILoveYou exists to unite and ignite the church of Colorado Springs so that every woman, man and child experiences the tangible love of Jesus. We want the unified church to show up in ways that demonstrate the love of Christ in practical, tangible ways in every part of our city, to every person who calls it home.

## **What does it mean for the church to be partnered with the city?**

We have derived our vision from Jeremiah 29, where Israelite exiles living in Babylon were called by God to seek the peace and prosperity of the pagan city in which they were residing. In recent years, there has been a tendency for the faith community to view the government or other public organizations as an opposing force. But this approach has only served to divide the sense of community in our city, and ultimately ends up having the greatest

## **BY THE NUMBERS:**

COSILoveYou has deployed nearly *25,000* church-based volunteers to serve tangible needs in just five years.

Over *75* local churches have participated in COSILoveYou's efforts to love and serve the city.

On behalf of local churches, COSILoveYou has contributed over *\$1.2 million* of service to our city in just five years.

Every dollar donated to COSILoveYou results in more than *\$2* worth of service to our city.



*If the faith community and civic sector can learn to work together...[it would] help foster a relationship of trust between the church and the city.*

**What are the two most pressing needs in our city?**

This is an enormous question, with lots of perspectives, so I'm not sure that we can really boil it down to just two. But, in my conversations with city officials and other leaders, as well as looking at trends and data in our city, it's hard to ignore the pressing challenges we face around affordable housing and mental health. We have tens of thousands of people who are increasingly burdened by the cost of housing, forcing them into precarious situations. And nearly every city leader is talking at some level about the crisis we're facing regarding mental health. I believe there are significant opportunities for the local church to be a part of solutions in both arenas.

**How can First Pres be involved in addressing these needs year-round?**

Attend trainings with any number of the great organizations in our city: NAMI, SoulShop, Diversus, Mt. Carmel, and Mindfulness and Positivity Project are just a few that have great resources and training for how to be a safe place for hurting people. In addition to guiding people in pain toward Christ, Scripture and prayer, we also need to know when to give people practical, insightful support. Regarding affordable housing, churches can donate land toward affordable housing developments; they can help fund projects and initiatives across the city; and they can advocate in their neighborhoods to find code-compliant structures and options that can house non-traditional households.



## HOW TO PRAY FOR COSILOVEYOU

First, for the unity of the local church. We can't do our work when our local churches are divided among each other. Second, for humility and favor as we continue to build bridges of trust with our public partners.

Learn more about COSILoveYou's upcoming events on **page 17.**



## FOSTERING *Hope*

***Fostering Hope is an enduring community of affirmation and support for foster families, restoring the sense of family and belonging that foster children need to thrive.***

### JIM AND SHELLY BRILL'S TESTIMONY

*We were teamed up with a pair of amazing foster parents. It was our privilege to be able to come alongside them, and found we were edified in the process. It was great connecting with the kids, and we found that a bond of trust quickly developed among the foster parents, the kids, and our Fostering Hope team.*

# ***Creating Space for God's Family to Love Foster Families***

Donna was in tears. She held 3-month-old Julio and knew that, even at this tender age, he had suffered severe abuse. He turned away from feedings. He tensed up at human touch.

Donna was Julio's foster mom and a registered nurse, and she knew that without lots of rocking and human touch, his brain was at risk of permanent harm. He could develop sociopathic tendencies and attachment disorder. Donna also knew, as a single working foster mom with other kids in her home, she could not provide this on her own.

Thankfully, Donna had Barbara. Barbara was part of a Fostering Hope volunteer team from a local church who had been supporting Donna. Each month, Barbara and other members of the team would volunteer to bring over a meal, fold some laundry, or just sit and listen.

Until now, Barbara, who was in her 80s, had simply helped fold laundry for Donna. This time, though, God had a new job for her: to rock and hold Julio for hours at a time.

Weeks later, Julio was acting like a healthy, happy baby. God, working through Barbara, healed Julio, and He affirmed Donna.

The Bible teaches us in James 1:27 to "look after orphans and widows in their distress." Yet God's Word does not tell us how to serve, especially when the custodian of modern-day orphans is the highly complex and regulated child welfare system. Very few of us are called to be foster parents or social workers, so what are the rest of us to do who want to fulfill this call?

Fostering Hope was founded to fill this gap, and to help ordinary people of faith contribute to the needs of foster families in small, but powerful ways. We create a space where loving service can happen, and Christians can come together in community.

First Pres was one of our very first faith partners. The church provides volunteers, usually four to eight per household, to support a local foster family with everyday practical and emotional help. Each volunteer commits to one act of service per month and one gathering with the team and foster family. The needs are determined by the foster parent and based on volunteers'

## BY THE NUMBERS:

More than 60% of foster parents say they would have quit fostering children were it not for the support of their team.

148 foster families served since 2006.

32 foster families served in 2022 alone.

COMPARATIVE OUTCOMES	NATIONAL	FOSTERING HOPE
Homelessness within 2 years of aging out	50%	10%
Incarceration within 2 years of aging out	50%	9%
Completed high school or GED	35%	100%
Unemployment	45%	11%



capacity so that the commitment does not become too much to carry.

Maybe it's a meal for a foster family after a stressful day at the hospital. Perhaps it is a date night for the foster parents, or fixing a leaky faucet so they can focus on the kids. For families with teenagers, volunteers may even mentor them for life after foster care!

– Brian Newsome, Executive Director



## HOW TO PRAY FOR FOSTERING HOPE

That the children in our foster homes and the young adults who formerly lived in foster care will heal from the abuse and neglect they have experienced and come to see themselves as God sees them.

That God, and the volunteers living out their faith, will give strength and hope to our foster parents when things get difficult, so that they can be at their best for these children who need them.

# List of Global Partners

## PARTNERS IN GUATEMALA

- *Proyecto Socorro, San Pablo*
- *Poema (Vida Joven), Patzun*



Meet Edi Xican, founder and director of Poema!

## PARTNERS IN CUBA

- *First Presbyterian Reformed Church of Havana*

## PARTNERS IN EGYPT

- *Heliopolis Evangelical Church, Cairo*
- *Better Life Team (VCI), Cairo*
- *The Bible Society of Egypt, Cairo*
- *The Center of Love, Cairo*
- *Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo*
- *Sudanese Displaced Children's Learning Center, Cairo*

## PARTNERS IN MONGOLIA

- *Mongolia Campus Crusade for Christ*

# List of Individual Missionaries

- **Nabil Ajamian**  
with Voice of Truth  
Translation Editor: Arabic
- **Sharon Azbell**  
with United World Mission – USA
- **Ted & Brandy Cox**  
with Greater Europe Mission  
United Kingdom
- **Carol Crom**  
with Entrust – USA
- **Darrell & Annette Dooyema**  
with Navigators – Norway
- **Clyde Elliot**  
with FCA – Colorado Springs
- **Jeff Hayes**  
with Common Ground  
Translation Editor: Arabic
- **Gary & Mary Lee Hipp**  
with Navigators – South America & Southeast Asia
- **Jason & Susi Jensen**  
with Intervarsity – USA
- **Dan Jessup**  
with Young Life – Latin America
- **Randy Larsen**  
with EMI – USA
- **Mark & Leigh Ann Looyenga**  
with Navigators – USA
- **Sean & Angie McKelvey**  
with Pioneers
- **Andy Morrison**  
with Young Life College – At UCCS
- **Chris Morton**  
with Navigators – United Kingdom
- **Carlos & Becki Pinto**  
with United World Mission – Ecuador
- **Floyd Preston**  
with Lutheran Family Services – USA
- **Bill Stackhouse**  
with Young Life MCYM – Virginia
- **Andrea Tepley**  
with Mission Training International – USA
- **Matthew Wilkinson**  
with Young Life College – At UCCS



Meet Andy Morrison and Matthew Wilkinson!

# Church Planting and Revitalization in Egypt

Heliopolis Evangelical Church has been planting churches for more than three decades, with four in Cairo, and is in the process of planting two new churches east and west of Cairo. HEC's missions department (now called "GO Ministries") serves also to revitalize several churches throughout Egypt, focusing on:

- Training leaders outreach
- Home visits and evangelism events
- Acts of mercy and relief to impoverished families
- GO-Medical trips with teams of professional physicians (medical missions are excellent opportunities to share the gospel with patients)
- Establishing Sunday schools, and women and youth meetings to revitalize the churches and enhance attendance
- Supporting local church pastors spiritually, encouraging vision development, and providing financial support for pastors and their families.

Early in 2022, God also led Go Ministries to reach out to Upper Egypt, a desperate and challenging region

with several church buildings, yet unattended despite the presence of a sizable population of Christians by birth. GO Ministries has organized a meeting with all the pastors from these churches, praying for direction to rekindle the fire in Upper Egypt for the truth.

We agreed on this initiative with them, and started training programs for Sunday school, youth and young family leaders, also exploring small projects in the area. In October 2023, HEC and churches from Upper Egypt will have a crusade in villages in the region, followed by an evangelism event covering a span of 200 miles!

Later in the year, GO Ministries leaders have discerned God's call to start a new sponsorship program in a devastated village in Menia (Upper Egypt). Children from the village are sponsored by HEC families, supporting children's educational, spiritual and medical needs, as well as the financial needs of their families. Village families have testified to how they were touched by the love of Christ both practically and through direct evangelism. And more families from HEC are ready to sponsor more children!



**First Pres deeply values our relationship with Heliopolis Evangelical Church, which is celebrating 100 years of faithful ministry in Cairo, Egypt, in September!**

The glory and honor be only to our God, who has enabled us to dig into areas where we had no experience, and He has blessed us beyond measure! The prayers and the financial support from First Pres have been instrumental to this mission, and a driver in these endeavors. We would like to encourage you to pray and seek His direction in your communities and neighborhood; yes, the fields are ready everywhere!

*– Dr. Emad Mohareb, GO Ministries Elder, HEC*

*HEC-Mission's Department is co-chaired by Elder Emad William and Pastor Sameh Michael, alongside almost 40 additional members and volunteers.*

*Emad earned a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Massachusetts and is currently a consultant with the U.S. Naval Medical Research unit in Cairo. Pastor Sameh, originally a graduate of the School of Tourism and Hotels, was called by God to join the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, going on to serve as Senior Pastor of a church in Menia for 8 years before he joined HEC's Missions Department in 2017.*

# The Kingdom Demonstrated Through Water



*Proyecto Socorro, led by the Morales family, is a holistic response to the needs in San Pablo in the name of Jesus through water purification, micro-credits, children's church, scholarships and more!*



Proyecto Socorro started in the municipality of San Pablo in San Marcos, Guatemala, with the purpose of responding in a practical way to the daily reality of our neighbors, by being a church which manifests God's love in our community.

Sometimes it is difficult for the traditional church in Guatemala to see the Kingdom of God in what we do. For our brothers and sisters, it could be difficult to see the Kingdom of God in a water purification plant because as Christians we sometimes believe that the Kingdom of God is within a church building. The fact that God acts in His Kingdom means He is actively present in what we do. We can

experience that in seeing the process that purifies the water—from something that is not drinkable by humans to something that, after a purification process, is ready to be consumed and fulfill its purpose as essential to life. Through the water purification plant, the Kingdom of God is reflected not only in its main purpose but also in providing employment to adults as well as to young people, providing access to safe water for vulnerable families, and accompanying families in critical health situations.

We can see that First Pres knows that God is manifesting Himself in an active way and the church has understood that the kingdom

is not about a specific space but is where the presence of God is manifested in the community and to the nations.

Thanks, First Pres, for your support and for journeying with us. Thank you for your support in prayer for what God is doing through Socorro Project in Guatemala. We ask you to add to your prayers the families with whom we walk, and for the activities that God will help us carry out as a ministry this year.

With much appreciation,

*– Edgar and Eliu Morales*

# Mutuality and Friendship on Mission in John 13:34



*Del Camino Connection sustains cross-cultural partnerships that reflect God's Kingdom, leading to mutual transformation on mission together. Tom Yaccino, founder and lead connector, continues to serve our partnerships in Guatemala.*



To learn more explore [DELCAMINOCONNECTION.ORG](https://delcaminoconnection.org).

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

The novelty of this command is not that the disciples love one another, but rather that they love as Jesus loved them. Mutuality or reciprocity was one of the essential values of the Mediterranean world at that time—tied to the common relationships between slaves (servants, peasants, small artisans) and masters (landowners, powerful families).

However, this social system was founded on unequal (and inequitable) relationships. Their provision and protection made the loyal slaves dependent on their masters. The constant preoccupation of the slaves, then, was to please their masters and develop better mechanisms to achieve greater benefits from them.

The mutuality or reciprocity that Jesus desires for His disciples differs in that He commands His disciples to seek equitable relationships—between people who may not have equal social standing or material wealth but understand their equal worth and dignity as created in the image of God. The challenge is to avoid the "natural" benefactor/beneficiary patterns of "love" that produce dependency and servitude. The call is to develop kingdom relationships that reveal the Kingdom of God and its values in living colors!

How can we, as representatives of Christ and His Kingdom, reveal the liberating love that is mutually edifying, promotes dignity and worth, and selfless service? Do our relationships pattern the world's systems of inequality? I believe that we must live out our answers to this question by generating relationships of *truly* mutual love and service as an expression of mission itself. First Pres is a church that takes this call seriously and invests in #justrelationships among her global kingdom partners. May God continue to bless and guide you as you reveal the kingdom come, one friendship at a time, both locally and globally.

– Thomas Yaccino  
Del Camino Connection



## MISSION ENGAGEMENT

# breakfast



## ATTENDEE TESTIMONY

*The connections I made there have allowed me to become involved and contribute to my new community. I feel much closer to being able to call Colorado Springs "home."*

### **Event Flow**

After a warm and delicious breakfast with First Pres partners, you'll hear directly from several of our local partners and global partner shepherds as they share with you about their ministries, including testimonies, how we can pray with them, and opportunities to join them on mission!

### **Learn about our Local Partners**

Our local partners are engaged in supporting foster care families, coming alongside refugees, food insecurity, homelessness, affordable housing, entrepreneurship, recovery care for women who've experienced domestic violence, sanctity of life, parenthood mentorship, youth education, campus engagement and more!

### **Learn about our Global Partners**

You'll also hear from some of our First Pres global partnership representatives! If you're interested in learning who these partners are, what they do, and how you can engage, this is a great place to begin.

### **Make Connections and Build Relationship**

Finally, after our speakers share about their ministries, everyone will have the opportunity to fellowship and converse with the many partners represented, learn their names, build relationship, ask questions, and even sign up to learn more about serving with them.

We are truly excited for this next breakfast, because these partners are incredible people doing incredible kingdom work. And we have the honor of being invited to participate in what they are doing in our city and across the globe!



*When is the next one?*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**  
**from 9:30–11:30 a.m.**

at First Pres



Please register at [firstprescos.org/mission-engagement](https://firstprescos.org/mission-engagement)

# Next Steps

As God's people, we want to be engaged in God's mission. All it takes to participate is to respond to His invitation!

Below are three of the best ways you can get connected with opportunities to join our partners on mission. We hope you will take your next step toward Mission Engagement with First Pres and our partners!



## CITYWIDE WORSHIP WITH COSILOVEYOU



*Friday, September 15*

Join the church across Colorado Springs as we celebrate God's transforming work in our city! Gathering incorporates Spanish and English elements. Learn more at [COSILOVEYOU.COM/CITYWIDE-WORSHIP](https://COSILOVEYOU.COM/CITYWIDE-WORSHIP). Location: CityHub – 4304 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

## CROSSFIRE MONTHLY DROP OFF



*First Sunday of each month at First Pres*

Join Crossfire Ministries as they come alongside thousands of families in our community experiencing food and financial insecurity through donating non-perishable food and hygiene items. Drop off items by our Welcome Desk or Narthex! Below are some of the most urgent needs:

- Small bags of flour and sugar
- 1 pound bags of rice, dry beans & noodles
- Canned hearty soups and meats (no chicken noodle)
- Travel size lotion
- Travel size shampoo
- Travel size conditioner
- Diaper wipes



## CITYSERVE DAY WITH COSILOVEYOU



*Saturday, October 7*

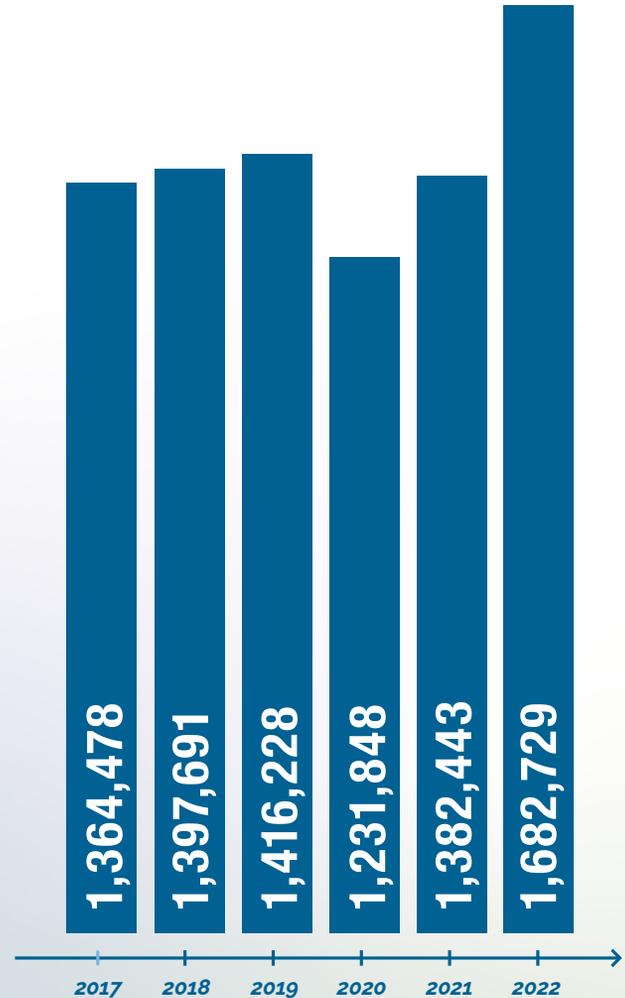
CityServe Day is a no-strings-attached, city-wide day of service where "all are welcome to serve and be served." The motivation is simple – when a city prospers, so do its people. Join as we serve schools, parks, local non-profit organizations, and neighborhoods, serving some of the most prominent needs in our city. Learn more at [COSILOVEYOU.COM/CITYSERVE-DAY](https://COSILOVEYOU.COM/CITYSERVE-DAY).



## ***Financial Snapshot of Outreach Giving***

First Pres has averaged an outreach giving of approximately *17%* of all income into the church over the last seven years.

This includes individual gifts, Give Back the Blessing, Something Significant for Christmas, disaster relief, giving from Sunday Community Groups to partners, and proceeds toward ministries from the First Pres Foundation.



## DISASTER RELIEF

First Pres is concerned with disaster relief efforts locally and globally, partnering with effective organizations on the ground serving the needs of impacted communities. In 2022, total disaster relief was \$44,107.

# \$44,107

*given to disaster relief in 2022 including...*

Marshall Fire Relief	\$9,000
Ukraine Relief	\$16,000
U.S. Tornadoes	\$11,000
Haiti Earthquake	\$3,000
Cuba Hurricane Ian	\$2,500
U.S. Hurricane Ian	\$2,607

To participate in the current disaster relief offering, visit [FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MISSION-ENGAGEMENT](https://FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MISSION-ENGAGEMENT)



## GIVE BACK THE BLESSING

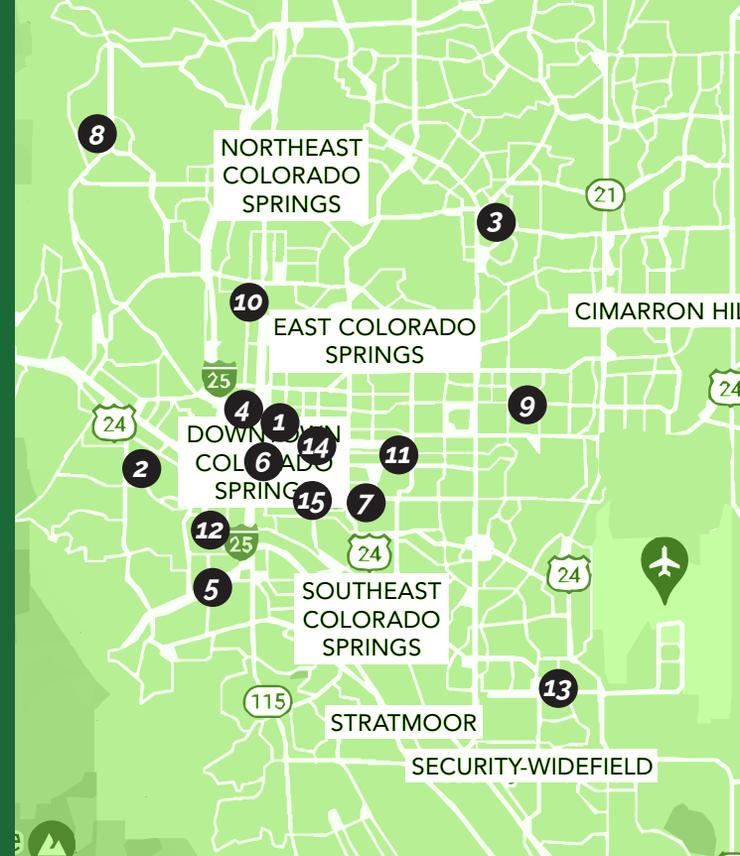
Our 2023 Give Back the Blessing contributed to the development of transitional housing in our city for women and families experiencing homelessness. These are our neighbors, and classmates of our children and grandchildren!

First Pres was proud to join hands with Springs Rescue Mission as they develop the 4U Motel into programmatic apartments for women on their campus! We also joined Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, as they renovate the Helen Hunt School Campus at the Family Connection Center, expecting up to 24 beautiful transitional apartments. Finally, First Pres responded to Elio and Edgar Morales' invitation to be part of their new well in San Pablo, Guatemala. Our congregation contributed beyond our goal of \$135,000, allowing us—including funds left from the previous year—to deliver \$85,000 toward the Helen Hunt Campus, \$50,000 toward the 4U Motel, and \$14,000 toward Socorro's new well!



# Our Local Partners by Location

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|------------------------|---|
| 1 Catholic Charities   | 9 Life Network                                  |
| 2 COSILoveYou          | 10 Lutheran Family Services                     |
| 3 Crossfire Ministries | 11 Pikes Peak Academy                           |
| 4 Dale House Project   | 12 Springs Rescue Mission                       |
| 5 Family Life Services | 13 Solid Rock Community Development Corporation |
| 6 Fostering Hope       | 14 Thrive Network                               |
| 7 Greccio              | 15 The Place                                    |
| 8 Hope and Home        |   |



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