



<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,...

—Matthew 28:18-19a

# Game Plan 2016



## Grace Church Vision Statement

*To glorify God by equipping His people to reach  
their world...*

*By creating and maintaining a vision for the  
kingdom of God and an environment of grace...*

*Where every member discovers and uses his or  
her gifts...*

*Where leaders are trained...*

*Where healthy families are built...*

*And the lost, broken world is saved and healed...*

*With the intent to plant other like minded churches  
every 3-5 years.*

*“Write the vision and make it plain on tablets,  
that he may run who reads it.” —Habakkuk 2: 2*

### ***Reaching through Relationships***

Grace’s most prominent outreach strategy for 2016 is “Reaching through Relationships.” The most successful way to share our faith with another person is to build a relationship with that person. It sounds so simple, but we must be intentional to make it happen. What neighbor, co-worker or family member is God calling you to reach this year? How can Grace Church help make that happen?

What would happen if each one of us simply led one person to Christ this year? Through 2016 Grace will envision, equip and mobilize you to do just that! This takes time, energy and God’s amazing love. However, together we can do this! These relationships are the bridges of trust over which we can share the hope, life and grace we have in Christ.

**Reaching Through Relationships. Let’s do this! —RTR!!**

## **Grace Church 2016 Outreach Game Plan**

### **Boston Blitz —March 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**

Gus and Velleda Miragias are planting Light of Life Church in Boston, Massachusetts. Grace is helping to support and oversee this new kingdom venture. On March 18<sup>th</sup> a team will travel North on I-95 to spend a weekend in Boston sharing the love and Word of God with as many people as possible. It's going to be a packed, high-energy time of kingdom impact! Mark your calendar, check with your boss about getting a few days off and get ready for a super time of outreach and fun. We will use \$1500 of our ITW funds to support this effort.

### **Reaching through Relationships (RTR) —May 1<sup>st</sup>**

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Grace is skipping church! You read that right. Rather than gathering for worship, we are going out to reach for our friends with the love, grace and Word of God. Sound like fun? You Bet! Between now and then our job is to build a relationship with that neighbor or co-worker God's calling us to reach. Through the month of April we will pray, believe for creative ideas and coordinate how we can go TOGETHER to reach our friends for Christ. That Sunday morning we'll gather, deploy teams for the outreaches and then return to celebrate what God did. A party will be had that day! Mark your calendar for this exciting day. We will provide \$1200 of ITW funds toward this event.

### **National Day of Prayer —May 5<sup>th</sup>**

May 5<sup>th</sup> is the annual National Day of Prayer. Grace Church is partnering with over a hundred area churches to provide a platform for the body of Christ to rally and pray that evening. United prayer is a key element to seeing revival come to our city. Grace is helping organize and lead this annual event. We will use \$500 of our ITW offering to help make this happen.

### **Reaching through Relationships (RTR) —Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Grace is skipping church again! Yes, rather than gathering for worship, we are going out to reach for our friends with the love, grace and Word of God. Sound like fun? You Bet! Between now and then our job is to build a relationship with that neighbor or co-worker God's calling us to reach. Through the month of August we will pray, believe for creative ideas and coordinate how we can go TOGETHER to reach our friends for Christ. That Sunday morning we'll gather, deploy teams for the outreaches and then return to celebrate what God did. A party will be had that day! Mark your calendar for this exciting day. \$1200 of ITW funds will go to support this endeavor.

## **Christmas Blessings —December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Right before Christmas we'll purchase food items for 10 needy Denbigh families. A few weeks prior you'll have the opportunity to "adopt" one of them. The idea is to contact the family, see how you can connect with them and purchase a few small gift items for their children. We'll invite them to our Christmas Blessings celebration on December 18<sup>th</sup> with the hopes of seeing their souls ministered to as we bless them with meals and gifts. Watch for details around Thanksgiving time. We will use \$600 of ITW money to support this blessing.

## **Reaching My Friends —Monthly**

Are you reaching out to a friend? We will provide baskets and gift cards, and you simply fill the basket with special items that would bless your friend. Our hope is that through our prayers and generosity your friend's heart will be open to the things of heaven. Let's reach our friends - Together! We will use \$800 from our ITW to help fund your efforts.

## **Grace Church Outreach T-Shirts**

Have you gotten your Outreach T-shirt yet? If not, be alert to pick one up before the next Grace outreach. The shirts help build a sense of team unity and recognition during local church events. We will use \$200 of our ITW offering to offset the cost.

## **Five Loaves Food Pantry —Monthly**

This ministry of compassion is based right here in Denbigh! Every week Five Loaves feeds hundreds of needy people. Thousands of pounds of food is also given away monthly. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month Grace Church goes to help cook, serve and connect with the people being served. Want to get involved? Sign-up sheets are available on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Five Loaves is a great place to walk out your faith in loving "the least of these."

## **Grace Child Development Center (GCDC) —All Year**

GCDC is a not-for-profit Christian center. This is another arm of Grace Church's outreach to the Denbigh area. Five days a week children are cared for and taught in a Christ-centered environment. Through this center, children and their parents are being impacted for Christ. Grace Church hosts and prays for this center throughout the year. While no ITW funds support GCDC, please continue to pray for and welcome those families and their children.

## **MINISTRY PARTNERS**

### **KIMBERLY LOGSDON—Care Net Resource Pregnancy Center**

For 30 years Care Net Peninsula has brought practical help and hope in Jesus Christ to women facing pregnancy decisions. They offer confidential services at no cost to women, including pregnancy tests, options counseling, ultrasound confirmation, reproductive health education, parenting classes, baby and maternity item assistance, prenatal vitamins, community referrals, and abortion recovery programs. The number of abortions on the Peninsula has continued to drop 34% over the last seven years! However, there is much more work to be done. Our partnership will support Care Net's ability to encounter hundreds of women this year and equip them to make life-affirming pregnancy decisions. We will support this ministry with \$100 a month from our ITW offering.

### **TIM LUKEN — Five Loaves Food Pantry**

Tim is a Franciscan Friar and the Director of Five Loaves Food Pantry. This ministry exists to feed the hungry on the Virginia Peninsula and provides a perishable food distribution of fresh fruits/vegetables, breads, pastries, and dairy products five days a week. They also serve a hot meal weekly and everyone leaves with bags of dry/canned foods and meat. Emergency distribution is available seven days a week. We will provide \$100 a month to help support his ministry.

### **CHRIS & PARWIN CARTER—Fredericksburg Prayer Furnace**

The Carters are serving on the leadership team at the Fredericksburg Prayer Furnace in historic Fredericksburg, VA. The Prayer Furnace is a missions base that equips and sends missionaries to some of the hardest and darkest places in the world. The heart of the mission is the prayer room, where intercessors pray night and day for justice on the oppressed and for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Chris leads prayer and worship in the prayer room, provides pastoral care for the staff, and is on the prayer room oversight team. We will support their ministry with \$200 per month.

## **MINISTRY PARTNERS**

### **JOHN & GWEN SCOTT—US Army Chaplain Corps**

John is a US Army Chaplain currently serving as the brigade chaplain for the 3d United States Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard." In that role he pastors two subordinate chaplains and three Soldiers as they deliver pastoral and religious support to over 1600 Soldiers. The Scott family helped plant Grace Church in 2007 and served with us for nearly three years as John worked on his Masters in Divinity. The Scotts are endorsed by mPact Churches and Grace Church is their home church! They are also serving the Transit Church plant in Northern Virginia. Their children are Jonni, Maliek, Kara and Sharon. We will support their ministry through prayer.

### **GUS & VELLEDA MIRAGIAS —Boston Church Plant**

Gus and his wife Velleda have two boys, Solomon and David, and are part of a new church plant in Cambridge Massachusetts, where Gus serves as lead pastor. The New England area is a historic region of the country with great universities like Harvard, MIT, Boston University, and many others. There is also a thriving technology industry, and a marvelous arts and science community, all of which draw a diverse population from all over the world. Light of Life Church is strategically located to reach local college students, families in the surrounding residential community, and corporate employees in neighboring office buildings. We will support their ministry with \$200 per month of ITW funds.

### **MARIO & CHRISTINE TRAVIESO—Cuba**

The Traviesos are missionaries to Cuba. Mario is originally from Cuba and met Christine while ministering there together. They were married four years ago and now use their gifts to advance God's Kingdom across this island nation. Christine has a powerful evangelistic anointing, while Mario is a gifted worship leader. Through gospel concerts, worship conferences and English classes, the Traviesos will make a great kingdom impact. Our ITW offering of \$100 per month will help fund their ministry.

### **PASTOR K. & SISTER SHEILA YOGANATHAN—Sri Lanka**

Sri Lanka is a beautiful island nation off the coast of India where the Yoganathans conduct their ministry. Over the past 30 years nearly 10,000 former Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims have come to Christ through their church planting ministry. They have also trained hundreds of young pastors and leaders through their Timothean Training Center. What an honor to stand with these heroes of the faith! We will send \$100 of ITW funds every month to help this fruitful work.

**“PUT ME IN, COACH!!”**

**PRAY**—for the outreach plan God has given Grace Church

*\* Pray for the ministry partners by using their prayer cards throughout the year.*

*\* Use this game plan to pray for upcoming local outreaches.*

**GIVE**—to the Impact the World (ITW) Offering

*\* What amount is God calling you to give?*

*\* By His grace, fulfill that faith commitment through 2016.*

**GO**—to reach your neighbors, co-workers and friends for Christ

*\* Use your gifts and talents to reach the people around you.*

*\* Participate in the outreaches listed in this “Game Plan.”*

