

COMPASSION  
IMMERSION

# HERE TO SERVE

COMPASSION MINISTRIES 2016

# WHAT IF ?

What if there was a church that loved their neighbors by serving them unconditionally? What would happen if a church gave away 10, 20 or even 30+% of their resources every year outside of their walls? What if a church had over 40 missionary partners and organizations through which they could impact hundreds of thousands of lives yearly? What if a church loved the lost and hurting in such a way that if it burned down the people in the community would actually care?

These are just some of the questions we have asked ourselves. How God answered surprised us! Through your generosity with the LOUD, Advent Conspiracy, and general offerings (in just the last twelve months!), we have impacted thousands of lives locally and globally.

We have reached out to thousands of refugees in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and Germany, built a home and school for orphans in Mexico, provided education and medical care to kids living on garbage dumps in New Delhi, helped provide 47 water wells to impoverished communities in 16 different countries, given 30,000 man hours through 22 Beautiful Day projects, rescued victims of human trafficking, visited and preached in prisons and jails in the Bay Area... and so much more.

Our vision at WestGate is pretty clear “Love God, Love Your Neighbor and Love one Another”. This book is a celebration as well as a report on what we have done to “Love our Neighbor” both here in the Silicon Valley and around the globe. It is a privilege to be part of a generous church that believes and lives out God’s mandate to love the “Least of These” and to be the hands and feet of Jesus to an unbelieving and hurting world. We pray this book encourages and challenges you to get involved with your hands, with your prayers and with your resources to impact even more lives in the coming year.



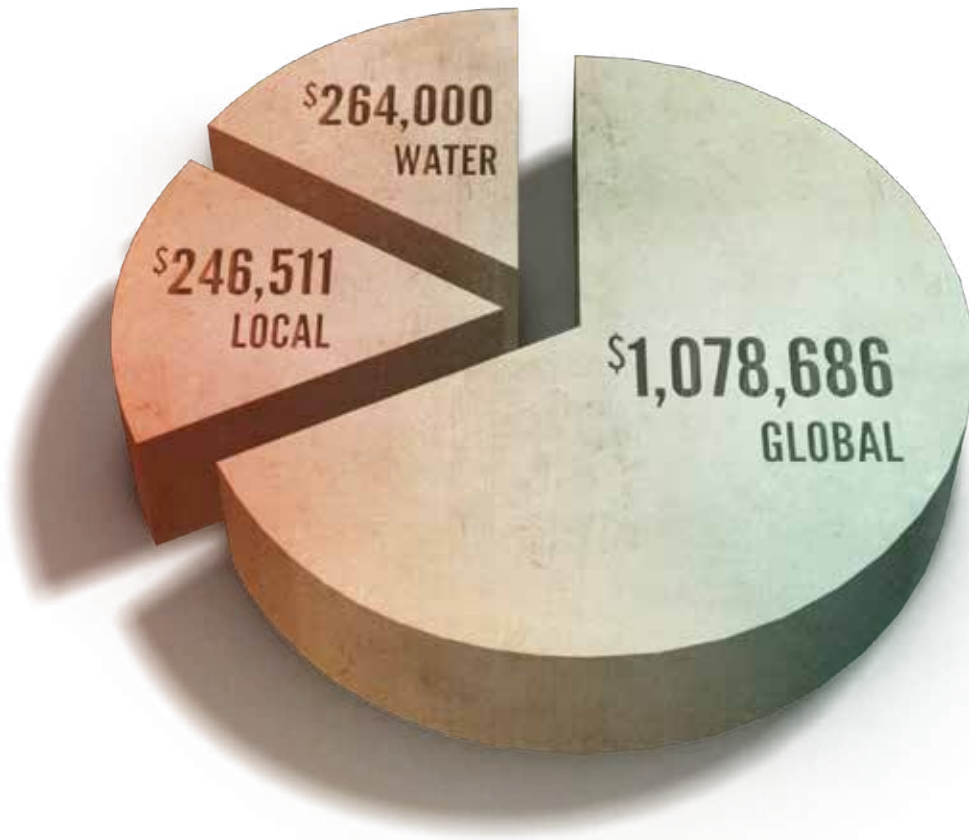
**Keivan Tehrani**

Global Compassion Pastor  
[compassion@westgatechurch.org](mailto:compassion@westgatechurch.org)

# 2016 COMPASSION GIVING

“Loving Our Neighbor” is one of our three key principles at WestGate. We desire to be a loving, compassionate, and giving global church. Through LOUD (*Living Out Unselfish Devotion*), Advent Conspiracy, WestGate Water and our general offering we were privileged to give generously in the Bay Area and around the world.





**AMOUNT GIVEN  
OUTSIDE OF OUR WALLS**

**\$1,575,697**

(27% COMPARED TO GENERAL BUDGET)

**CAMPUS  
EXPANSION**

**\$250,952**

**TOTAL  
GIVEN AWAY**

**\$1,826,649**

(31% COMPARED TO GENERAL BUDGET)

# OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS



Former AIDS relief workers Ryan and Amanda are living in Biera, Mozambique. They train and mentor independent leaders to create their own network of churches.



Aychi and Tsega Beyene live in Ethiopia as the Horn of Africa Regional Director, Ayachi focuses on Disciple Making Movements. Local believers are trained and equipped to transform surrounding communities for Christ.



Roxanne is the founder/director of Tukutana, working with organizations in Uganda and the U.S. These partnerships support orphans and vulnerable children by providing their communities with vocational and parental training.



Hands of Hope funds eighteen orphanages, through local churches in Zimbabwe, and funds feeding centers that serve 1800 orphans daily. Last year, plans were approved for building at Habitation of Hope, crops were planted and children's Bible camps were held.



"Mike and Jill" shepherd church planting teams among Muslim groups in North-Central China. They provide training to local leaders on practices of bible translation in native languages.



Impact Laos seeks to serve the people of Laos by making humanitarian aid available. This program works with nonprofits to provide local villages with medical and dental programs, as well as clean water.



“Mike and Carol” work on the CRM Asia Team, located in Hong Kong. This organization assists Christian churches helping the marginalized and unreached people in China.



World Harvest supports orphanages and sports camps in the Philippines. Glen and Grace Ayala manage the Mt. Moriah Outreach Camp in Malaybalay, which hosts local church services, provides meals, educational classes, and bible studies.



Max and Janet serve in Indonesia with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Janet’s time is divided between being a mom and guiding the Bible translation process. Max coordinates pastors and lay leaders throughout their province to bring God’s Word to others.



Greg and Denyse work with OC International ministry, operating in more than 90 countries. They provide leadership and support for the OC Indonesia team, which saw over 16,800 people come to faith and over 3,400 home churches established.



“Matt and Jennifer” work as International Coordinators with the Jonathan Project in Laos, Cambodia and China. They focus on church multiplication and engaging unreached people around the world.



“Pikai and Arja” lead REAP Ministry in Siligiri, India. They are dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of victims of human trafficking. REAP also provides medical services to remote villages while spreading the Gospel.



Phuveyi and Ave Dozo work with One Challenge International, training cross-cultural missionaries at United College of Theology and Missions. They also plant churches in North India alongside Naga missionaries.



John and Angela serve with the Evangelical Alliance Mission in Pakistan. For the past 26 years, they have served at Bach Christian Hospital in a predominantly Muslim region of Northern Pakistan.



“Chad and Joanne” work with refugees in Turkey through Interserve. They provide for physical needs as well as sharing the hope of Jesus Christ.



Edmond and Roberta Aoun provide pastoral training and evangelism in the ethnically and religiously diverse city of Byblos in Northern Lebanon. As they serve in a region where Christians are a misunderstood minority, they continue to reach out to Muslim people in their city.



Nadim Costa oversees ministry throughout the Middle-East. He focuses on establishing communities of Christ followers in Lebanon and surrounding areas. Nadim leads a team of 48 people, with 550 volunteers, serving Syrian refugees, youth, the disabled, and victims of abuse.



Bob and Suzanne Robertson work with World Venture to provide evangelism and discipleship to Arab peoples in Jordan. They have recently started ministering to the Iraqi Chaldean refugees who have fled from ISIS, meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.





Amy M. leads a prayer and discipleship outreach in Nepal. Due to recent earthquakes, Amy is mobilizing relief efforts bringing food and shelter to affected villages. She serves in the local house of prayer in her city, occasionally leading worship and discipling youth.



Steve and Janice Griswell have been working with One Challenge International for over 25 years. They are located in Cuernavaca, Mexico where they train Latin Americans for missionary service.



Rod and Tina Struiksma are the directors of Hogar/Colegio Santa Marta in Baja California. They care for 35 children, supervise homes, maintain the facilities, and manage church work groups.



Jean Jean and Kristi Mompremier lead United Christians International in Haiti. UCI runs a fully-accredited elementary school, nutrition clinic, as well as a university providing education to native Haitians. The ministry also provides an agricultural program, helping people grow their own food.



Jorge Salfran works with Meeting God In Baseball in the Dominican Republic, combining gospel teachings with the most popular sport in that country. Jorge mobilizes a network of players and coaches to help connect community members to the Gospel. They also train local leaders for new ministry ventures in Buenas Nuevas and Cuba.



Claudia Gonzalez works with Alalay Orphanage Homes in Bolivia. The Alalay Home is a collection of orphanages and safe houses throughout the country. They work to restore the children's fundamental rights of protection, housing, health, education, spiritual support, psychological, legal, and technical training.



Julia Chuquitype serves as a Director of La Mesa del Reino ministry (Kingdom Table) and House of Mercy in Peru. She works with children and adults who have physical disabilities, advocating for them to be fully included in the church and community.



Manny Fernandez leads World Link Ministries, which trains Christian leaders to plant churches and bring the Gospel to their communities. World Link has planted over 11,000 churches within Cuba, Liberia, India, and Spain.



Dogomar Albornoz runs Tu Vida Vale in his home country of Uruguay. Dogomar's ministry supports and evangelizes to street kids, gang members, and those affected by gang violence, through rescue homes and community centers.



Cityteam exists to alleviate poverty in the Bay Area, making disciples along the way. Cityteam oversees a variety of programs and ministries, including a men's shelter and recovery program, a refuge for women and children escaping domestic violence, local food pantries, church planting, and discipleship efforts.  
[www.CityTeam.org](http://www.CityTeam.org)



The Fellowship of Christian Athletes shares the gospel message with athletes and coaches through sports camps, small groups, and clubs operating on dozens of college and high school campuses. More than 2000 student athletes attend FCA weekly meetings and hundreds more attend FCA camps, where many commit their lives to Christ.  
[www.bayareafca.org](http://www.bayareafca.org)



Real Options is a non-profit recognized for its quality of care by providing consultations, medical services, and support to women, men, and families facing unplanned pregnancy. RealOptions has four licensed medical clinics in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties. All services are free of charge, confidential, and void of government funding.  
[www.realoptions.net](http://www.realoptions.net)

# OTHER MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

## **Unplanned Good**

Unplanned Good provides adoption advocacy, awareness and support groups.

[www.unplannedgood.org](http://www.unplannedgood.org)

## **UIC (Unity in Christ)**

Uniting San Jose State University ministries for prayer and outreach.

[www.uicsjsu.squarespace.com](http://www.uicsjsu.squarespace.com)

## **Freedom House**

Freedom House provides homes, counseling, and hope to human trafficking victims in the Bay Area.

[www.freedomhousesf.org](http://www.freedomhousesf.org)

## **Respite**

Westgate Church provides quarterly respites for parents with children who have a disability. We provide loving volunteers who create a fun and welcoming environment for the children and their siblings so that parents can be given time for themselves.

## **BAATC**

The Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition equips others to sustain the fight against human trafficking in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. [www.baatc.org](http://www.baatc.org)

## **Prison Basketball Ministries**

Did you know that 15-20 guys head up to San Quentin State Prison frequently to play sports such as basketball and softball with the inmates? They also distribute new athletic shoes, build relationships with the inmates, as well as share their testimonies and the hope of Christ.

## **Kids Club**

WestGate Church runs Kids Clubs at Anderson Elementary and Almaden Elementary. These after-school programs led by caring adults are lots of fun and provide structured programs and activities for hundreds of kids. The program is also extremely intentional about introducing the incredible message of Jesus Christ to these children.

## **Life Skills**

The WestGate Church South Hills Campus is a center for Life Skills International. This program offers courses focusing on creating and maintaining healthy families through communication and stress/anger management.

Westgate Church also partners with **William Jessup University** and **Western Seminary** by providing support and internship opportunities.





The mission of the Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy is to provide care and spiritual support to those incarcerated in Santa Clara County's jails and juvenile detention centers. The CIC presents the Gospel and the truth of God's love and forgiveness, while providing counseling programs.  
[www.cicministries.org](http://www.cicministries.org)



Help One Child recruits and trains those willing to open their arms and homes, to at-risk children and youth, before, during and after foster care. They offer programs and annual events with the help of over 3,000 volunteers.  
[www.helponechild.org](http://www.helponechild.org)



Compassion Bridges empowers students to passionately seek and follow Christ in public schools. They encourage and train leaders, non-profits, and churches to engage public schools with Christ-centered discipleship.  
[www.CompassionBridges.org](http://www.CompassionBridges.org)



Joni and Friends equips Christ followers and local churches throughout the Bay Area, welcoming and discipling those with special needs or disabilities and their families. They serve the global disability community through programs like Wheels for the World and Family Retreats.  
[www.joniandfriends.org/bay-area](http://www.joniandfriends.org/bay-area)



Young Life presents the Gospel to junior high and high school students across the nation. In the South Bay, more than 75 volunteers partner with 8 full time staff, giving students on eleven campuses the opportunity to meet Jesus, through clubs, meetings, and evangelistic camps.  
[www.siliconvalley.younglife.org](http://www.siliconvalley.younglife.org)











The City Peace Project builds relationships with gang-impacted youth, families, and communities. With gang awareness education and support, City Peace Project assists families in crisis moments by providing counseling and other physical needs for victims of violent crimes.  
[www.thecitypeaceproject.org](http://www.thecitypeaceproject.org)





Photo: Ajay Fay

COUNTRY	WELLS	PEOPLE SERVED
UGANDA		4500
NIGERIA		2000
KENYA		2500
ZIMBABWE		2000
ZAMBIA		3000
SENEGAL		500
ETHIOPIA		1500
SIERRA LEONE		500
LIBERIA		1000
INDIA		1000
HAITI		1500
PERU		500
GUATEMALA		1000
NICARAGUA		1000
MEXICO		500

Total donated this year:

**\$264,000**

**47** Wells **16** Countries

Number of people who gained access to clean drinking water:

**23,500**

Since 2009, WestGate has given **\$1,025,581** towards water projects, digging 161 wells, and giving over **130,500** people access to clean drinking water.

Funded by:  
 WestGate Water's recycling program  
 WestGate's Glow Christmas CD  
 WestGate's annual Advent Conspiracy

# WAYS TO ENGAGE

At WestGate Church we aim to live outside ourselves by loving our neighbors. Our goal is to BE the Church—not just talk church. God has given us many talents and capabilities and it's with these blessings that we love Jesus and live Jesus by serving our global and local community.



### **Beautiful Day**

Every Spring, WestGate Church takes the weekend worship to the streets through extraordinary and meaningful projects. In April of 2016 approximately 2,300 volunteers invested more than 30,000 man-hours through 22 different projects. Services included replacing roofs for needy families, hosting a dance for disabled students, providing a 5-star dinner for the women from a shelter, and so much more.



### **School Impact**

School Impact partners with the Moreland School District through a team of volunteers who support teachers and students with gifts and notes of encouragement. This year, over 200 backpacks (filled with supplies!) were given to under-resourced students in our community.



### **ESL**

Christian teachers share the love of Christ with our immigrant community as they learn to speak fluent English through a range of classes taught at our South Hills campus.



# THE CHALLENGE

Do you suffer from First World Problems (FWP)?!?!...

The barista put milk in my espresso macchiato, making it heavy and undrinkable. My life just isn't right.

My skinny jeans make it impossible for me to fit my new iPhone in my front pocket. This is too unbearable.

The air-conditioning in my Audi doesn't work as well as my wife's Tesla. Life's just not fair.

Fear not! There is a cure... and the bible provides instruction.

**Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."**

**MARK 9:35**

Jesus is telling us to go completely against our own nature, culture and environment and serve. We cannot serve Christ without serving our neighbors both far and near.

We are the most privileged and blessed nation in the world, living in the most well-to-do communities within the United States. How fortunate are we, to have blessings of clean drinking water, access to healthcare, indoor plumbing, and daily meals? Yet, some of our local and global neighbors struggle to meet these basic needs.

In order to rid ourselves of FWP we must love our neighbors both locally and globally and we show that love by serving them.

Are you ready to Love God, Live Jesus and Serve your community? If so, there are plenty of opportunities for you at WestGate Church.



**A.B. Felock**

Local Compassion Director  
[compassion@westgatechurch.org](mailto:compassion@westgatechurch.org)



 [WestGateChurch.org](http://WestGateChurch.org)