



VINEYARD COLUMBUS 2021

YEAR-END REVIEW

ENCOURAGING UPDATES FROM 2021

- We celebrated **86 new commitments** to Christ;
- And **105 recommitments** to Christ
- We baptized **78 new followers** of Christ
- We **welcomed 127 people** to our new member classes
- Value Life, and our grant-funded Project17, **served 376 moms and families** in need



THE STORY CONTINUES...

We've been busy... sending out **five new missionaries** (North Africa, Middle East, Europe, and two in Asia); launching **two campuses** (Online Campus and Grandview Campus); training **six new pastors** through the Pastoral Residency program; and refurbishing the Cooper Road auditorium for the first time in 20 years. (Giving us the technology needed to reach and disciple more broadly through our Online Campus.)

IMPACT STORY: *"Jenny" found East Campus in December 2019 but did not become a regular attender until we began having midweek prayer services early in the pandemic. Eventually, she came to church to find some hope in the chaos. Jenny recommitted her life to Jesus in February 2020, and as we reopened services in 2021, Jenny was East Campus' first baptism after the pandemic, on Easter Sunday. She is involved in volunteering in a variety of ways with a heart of service. Pastor Charles said, "We have been privileged to see Jenny grow as she journeys with the Lord, and now her son and daughter-in-law are regular attenders too. Jenny joined Alpha to learn more about God and how to walk with Him."*

348 households were served through the Covid-19 Crisis Response ministry.

272 active small groups fought through Zoom-fatigue and keep meeting consistently through the pandemic. VC's small-group team produced discipleship resources including the Lenten devotional series, Advent curriculum and Holy Spirit study resource.

Kids ministry served 166 families (376 kids) with \$55,000 given by the church through the Vineyard Christmas Kids giving.

Middle school camp hosted 136 students over the summer and saw 28 kids decide for Christ.

VC Worship Ministry added 17 new volunteers and had over 100 musicians and singers serve throughout VC's Worship Ministry.

VC's Marriage and Family ministry ministered to 26 couples in crisis, and over 200 couples were served in both premarital and marriage pastoral care and counseling.

VC's Stewardship Ministry trained and cared for 287 people.

VC's two food pantries distributed food to around 36,000-plus individuals, launched monthly satellite pantries at East Campus and Sawmill Campus, and served nearly 20,000 hot meals to 9,915 people.

Prison ministry joined with the VC bookstore to distribute 650 bibles to local prison libraries.

MORE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE VINEYARD COMMUNITY CENTER

VC's free health clinics served 657 patients, and over 60 percent were born outside the U.S.

IMPACT STORY: *I am SO thankful for the doctors and staff at Vineyard Free Health Clinic. It is so touching and shows so much love that they sacrifice their personal time to help me and people like me. I feel so encouraged when I visited the Clinics, and feel so well taken care of, not just my physical health, but also my heart and soul. Everyone there is so friendly and encouraging and has a beautiful willing heart to love and help. I feel I'm getting the best priceless medical care for free, because it is care with love. Words are not enough to express how thankful I am for the Clinics and for the people who are working there! I want to say that you are making the world a better place and it encourages me to give the love back by helping others in ways I can and to make that part of my life. Being able to get help from the Vineyard clinics is also God's huge answer to my prayers. I had been praying for medical help and he answered my prayer amazingly. God has done many amazing things in my family's life and mine."*

VCC afterschool programs K-12 served 110 kids, with 24 being served remotely due to public schools being virtual education only.

Immigration Counseling Services directly served over 100 clients with legal services and was able to resource and consult for an additional 200-plus clients.

Vineyard's free ESL classes welcomed 200-plus students, along with 26 volunteers.

Workforce Development Ministry served 32 individuals and partnered with 20 outside organizations for classes and resources.

IMPACT STORY: *One of our teams received a request from an attender who needed assistance paying for a lawyer in order to gain custody of her son. The client also needed help to find full-time employment and gain new housing. Our team was able to refer the individual to the **VC Workforce Development Program** (a job support ministry developed as part of the C19 Crisis response), and after a few weeks, the client gained FT employment! Further, the client was able to secure a housing voucher, was able to secure a lawyer thanks to the Member Financial Care team, apply for a Life Support Mentor with Value Life ministry, join the Prayer Ministry, and sign-up for Membership Class! The individual expressed tremendous gratitude for all the ways Vineyard Columbus ministries worked with her to make so many new things possible in her life!*

VCC secured 11 grants enriching and supporting eight programs and ministries. VCC's funding partnerships include Ohio Department of Education, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Association of Free Clinics, PNC Foundation, Columbus Department of Health, and City of Columbus!

Transitions Ministry (assisting those transitioning into stable housing) **helped 131 families**, providing them with multi-room household kits.

You may not realize this, but your generosity combined with the faithful giving of so many others in the church, changes people's lives and demonstrates the faithfulness of God in a world that desperately needs it.



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