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CHRISTMAS OFFERING

2021 GOAL: \$119,000

THE PURPOSE OF THIS OFFERING

Every penny of this Happy Birthday Jesus Offering is directed towards our neighbors and the nations. God has so faithfully and abundantly provided for His people and His church throughout this year! We believe that God will continue to do so in the year to come.

This special offering is directed in four primary areas:

COMPASSION MINISTRY. \$28,500.

As we continue to navigate recovery from a global pandemic and meet the needs of those, who are in many cases struggling with food and rent insecurities, we are setting aside \$28,500 to compassionately meet the needs of those at risk in our community. Every time our pastoral care office touches one of these physical needs, they are addressed in the context of the gospel. Every recipient hears of Christ's love and concern for their wellbeing. We prayerfully seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus with multiplied families in the days ahead.

ADOPTION/FOSTER ASSISTANCE. \$10,000.

Two truths inform this new initiative: There are more than 16,000 children in the NC foster system today, and God has called us to reach and strengthen homes with the gospel. We know that the home is the foundation of discipleship and we desire for every child to benefit from a strong Christian home. To that end, we will establish this fund to assist in the financial burden of providing safe homes through adoption and foster care. We pray for a day when every child in our state has the opportunity to learn of and experience Christ's love in a Christian home.

GLOBAL MISSIONS. \$40,500.

In addition to our generous and growing support for the work in South Asia, we will provide essential training and equipping opportunities for our national partners and will continue to meet the needs of our own missionaries who are in transition. The past two years have taught us much about the unpredictability of travel for our missionaries and the pressing need to expand and train our national partners in South Asia. The strategy is sound, as thousands heard the gospel and many believed and are being discipled by our partners, even in the absence of our own missionaries on the field. Your generosity to provide these resources will continue to ensure that every need is met.

1520 OPPORTUNITY FUND. \$40,000.

Paul said in Romans 15:20 that he labored to expand the influence of the gospel in places where it had not been proclaimed. Your generosity last year helped a church plant in New York purchase a meeting space, and helped a second church planting family set up ministry in Las Vegas. This year, we are praying for a regional expansion of our gospel footprint through establishing a new church plant or campus that will reach families with the gospel in pursuit of our vision of *5,000 Home Transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ*.

Last year, through your generous gifts, God provided every need and blessed abundantly beyond our needs! You gave more than \$175,000 through the Happy Birthday Jesus Offering in only six weeks. We pray that as we seek the Lord and seek to honor Him, God will do it again through us, and may God alone receive glory!

