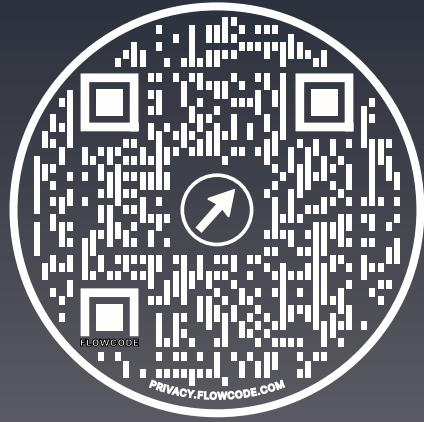


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THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN THE MISSION TO SEE
PEOPLE MADE FULLY ALIVE IN THE HOPE OF JESUS
BY BEING THE CHURCH ON EVERY CAMPUS



LIFT CHURCH

LIFT CHURCH 2023 VISION BOOK

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Dear Friends,

Universities are dynamic, captivating, sometimes daunting, and profoundly in need of the transformative power of Jesus. They represent self-discovery, exploration, and a sincere quest for answers to life's questions: who am I? Where do I belong? And where am I going? It is a unique phase in life when individuals are most open to engaging with the truth of the Gospel and allowing it to shape their journey.

It's noteworthy that nearly every significant missions movement of the past two centuries found its origin on university campuses. The reason is clear: if we can ignite a change within the campus, we can ignite a change within the world.

Yet, in recent decades, the church has largely withdrawn from the heart of academia, relinquishing its influential position. As a result, the cultural, demographic, and intellectual landscape within campuses, and by extension, our nation, has undergone profound shifts.

We firmly believe that now is the opportune moment for the church to re-establish its presence on university campuses. The profound truth of Jesus is needed today more than ever. As individuals from diverse nations converge on Canadian universities, we have a unique opportunity to share the Gospel with the world.

This is the essence of our mission: to see people become fully alive in the hope of Jesus by being the church on every campus. With the grace of Jesus, a remarkable movement is burgeoning at LIFT Church, where students are being transformed into disciples, disciple-makers, and catalysts for new church communities.

The vision we seek to convey through this book is precisely that – a vision of a Jesus-centered discipleship and church-planting movement that reaches across our nation's campuses. Every day, we are humbled to devote our lives to this extraordinary cause. Will you stand with us?

With blessings,

Robin & Laura Wallar

Robin and Laura Wallar



WHY THE CAMPUS?

We believe the campus remains the most strategic place for disciple-making for four concrete reasons:



People on campus are still open-minded

The quantity of people on campus is significant



The campus is the best place to multiply and develop future leaders



The campus can reach the nations

These four reasons are what compel our mission to see people made fully alive in the hope of Jesus by being the church on every campus.

WHAT WE DO

Reaching the Lost

Combined with cultivating a passion for the lost and empowering students, Simple Churches serve their campus and city inviting non-believers to discover and explore a life made fully alive in Jesus.



Discipling Students

From initially encountering the Gospel, students are invited into an intentional discipleship journey taking on steps towards greater levels of leadership to eventually being deployed as a leader by the time they graduate.



AS THE SIMPLE CHURCH REACHES MORE STUDENTS AND DISCIPLES THEM, THEY MULTIPLY INTO MORE SIMPLE CHURCHES AT THAT CAMPUS.

Raising Leaders

Upon graduating, leaders are invited to take up the mantle of discipling students for the long haul by becoming a campus missionary supporting the long sustainability of the discipleship movement.

Church Planting

Each LIFT Church campus starts as a Simple Church - a group of students and missionaries who meet together multiple times a week to study scripture, serve their campus and city, and worship together on Sundays at the same time as the rest of the LIFT Church Simple Churches across our campuses.



Wacera's Story

“Arriving in Canada as an international student from Kenya, I felt isolated by my classmates for my beliefs, I was overwhelmed by people’s aversion to the Gospel and began to lose hope as even my professors openly spoke against God.

Meeting the LIFT Church family has been a living-breathing testimony that God’s Spirit still saves. At LIFT Church, students and missionaries open their homes and sacrifice their time and finances to serve their campus through dinners and prayer nights. They spend hours on end having conversations at club events and sharing the Gospel. They host barbecues for the community - come rain or shine - and they devote themselves to discipleship. With LIFT Church, I have preached the Gospel, gotten volleyball bruises, and grown through studying God’s word. Motivated and empowered, I’ve become an apprentice, hoping to inspire others as they’ve inspired me.”



Wacera Macharia

SIMPLE CHURCH APPRENTICE
YORK CAMPUS



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CURRENT IMPACT

5 ACTIVE CHURCH PLANTS

17 SIMPLE CHURCH REGIONAL DIRECTORS



69 MISSIONARIES

34 SIMPLE CHURCHES



18 SIMPLE CHURCH APPRENTICES

1000^s DISCIPLED

Est. 2006
McMaster University

30,000 STUDENTS

Est. 2015
Brock University

15,000 STUDENTS

Est. 2019
UNIVERSITY of GUELPH

24,000 STUDENTS

Est. 2020
YORK U
UNIVERSITÉ UNIVERSITY

41,000 STUDENTS

Est. 2021

TORONTO
UNIVERSITY OF
MISSISSAUGA

16,000 STUDENTS

The next 3 years require great faith and preparation as we become a dispersed church planting movement, spanning 600km across Ontario and beginning the first campus in a new province.

Our prayer is to send a team to University of Toronto in 2025 and then launch two Eastern Ontario campuses and McGill University together, in 2026.

 **Carleton**
UNIVERSITY
30,000 STUDENTS

 **uOttawa**
47,000 STUDENTS

 **McGill**
UNIVERSITY
34,000 STUDENTS

 UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO
67,000 STUDENTS

Western
UNIVERSITY • CANADA
43,000 STUDENTS

 **Queen's**
UNIVERSITY
28,000 STUDENTS

tenx26

Western University is well known for its strong research and professional degree programs. It is one of the oldest universities in Canada. Students here have big dreams - they have a desire for justice, equity, and a passion for life.

This past September, a team of seven disciples from LIFT Church traveled to the Western campus during the first day of Orientation Week. They experienced a hectic, high-energy environment that is common to many campuses during orientation weeks. While talking to students on the fringes of the celebration, they encountered the deep loneliness experienced by many students during these events.

One of the disciples who went was Andrew, a missionary who has joined the tilling team and will be moving to London this January. He said “The visit helped me to be more comfortable around the campus and students. It drove home that this is a real place that really needs Jesus. Western is like any other university we’re at, it’s just as important to be here as anywhere else. And if we can see fruit at our other campuses, we can see fruit here too.”



WESTERN UNIVERSITY

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Helena's Story

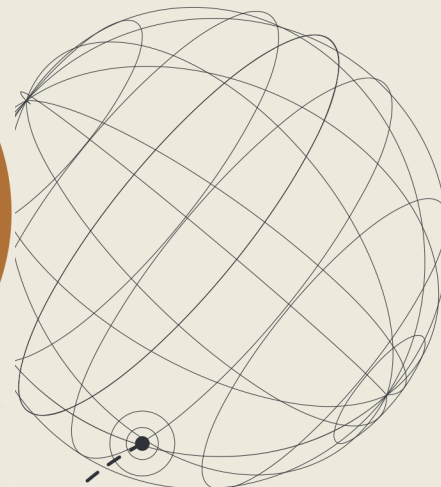
“When I joined LIFT Church in my first year, I had plenty of exposure to the concept of “*sending*”. I witnessed many of my fellow Simple Church members accept the call to leadership and go through the Simple Church apprenticeship, and eventually be sent off to lead their own Simple Churches here at McMaster, as well as to other campuses.

Reflecting on the past three years of leading my Simple Church, I was put into situations where I was challenged but also blessed to learn what it really means to love like Christ. I was placed in situations where I was beyond my comfort zone in terms of letting my safe spaces, once exclusively for me, become shared with my disciples. I learned to give what I could so that the love I desired, ultimately filled by Jesus, could be extended to whoever I could reach.



I had become bold in my faith, grown to better discern God’s voice, and relied on His guidance in all that I do, consequently choosing to partake in planting a church at Western.

In my first year, I would have never thought of myself as someone who would be sent to a different campus, let alone be part of its tilling team, as it seemed out of the scope of my vision for my own future. Now I am witnessing my disciples go through the same phases of initial hesitation to pursue Jesus’ call to make disciples, I realize that my own pursuit of success as the world defines it will never be as fulfilling in comparison to giving all that I can to see Christ build His church.”



WESTERN CAMPUS

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Helena Orteza
SIMPLE CHURCH LEADER
MCMASTER CAMPUS
43.2609° N, 79.9192° W

FINANCIALS

REVENUE

2022		2023
1 712 117	FUNDRAISING	626 547
283 361	OFFERING	320 116
46 110	EVANGELISM	11 599
16 166	SALES	12 381
46 803	MISC.	9 435
TOTAL REVENUE		TOTAL REVENUE
2 057 574		980 078

EXPENDITURES

2022		2023
411 176	STAFFING	399 272
169 980	DISCIPLESHIP	127 022
202 481	OPERATIONS	153 031
699 028	BUILDING EXPENSES	105 502
38 307	EVANGELISM	31 622
37 382	GATHERINGS	30 063
24 735	AMORTIZATION	55 116
14 722	FUNDRAISING	26 056

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
1 644 614

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
927 684

STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION

ASSETS

2022		2023
198 680	CASH	147 404
72 696	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	83 133
28 948	PREPAIDS	26 826
20 010	MORTGAGE RESERVE FUND	28 941
2 446 427	CAPTIAL ASSETS	3 155 929
TOTAL ASSETS		TOTAL ASSETS
2 766 761		3 442 233

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

2022		2023
278 544	CURRENT LIABILITY	286 126
1 067 896	MORTGAGE PAYABLES	1 556 363
337 451	DCC *	464 480
1 683 891	TOTAL LIABILITIES	2 306 969
1 082 870	TOTAL EQUITY	1 135 264

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY
2 766 761

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3 442 233

*DEFERRED CAPTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

“The LIFT Church board is so encouraged by the radical generosity of people who believe in the mission to see students transformed by the hope of Jesus on university campuses everywhere. Our Board aims to ensure your contribution has the greatest impact on campuses across the nation. We support the financial statements representative of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023 in this Impact Report that were audited by Taylor Leibow LLP.”

LIFT CHURCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET

As we prayerfully plant five new campuses over the next three years and our current campuses grow, we project our operating budget to growth to 1.3M in 2026.

2023
\$720 000

2024
\$844 000

2025
\$1 037 400

2026
\$1 341 140

