

VOLUME ELEVEN: MICROCHURCHES AS A REFLECTION OF GOD'S HEART

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## TO THE NETWORK

**SEVEN YEARS AGO WE (THE PULLEYS) BOUGHT A HOUSE IN THE SECTION 8 SATURATED NEIGHBORHOOD OF BELMONT HEIGHTS.** The house itself needed some work but was in decent shape, but the quarter-acre double lot yard had clearly not been maintained in over a decade. It was a jungle of trash and overgrowth which took two weeks and dozens of trailer trips to the dump just to clear out. Once it was clear, that's when we realized there was only one small section of actual grass, the property was basically just dirt.

Today, if you look from my rear window, my backyard is beautifully plush green. When you look up close, there's still barely any grass. I never had the money or motivation to plant anything. But an invasive ground vine overruled my budget and my negligence to slowly over the years track down every dirt spot in my yard and make it green. In the early days of it spreading, I tried to pull it, and as I pulled I realized just how far, spread out, and interconnected these ground vines were. I gave up. Its invasion of my yard was stubborn, indomitable, and became strangely beautiful to us.

We've always called the Underground community an experiment. On the vanguard of an alternative operative system for the church, an alternative that awakens and empowers the priesthood of all believers rather than lulling them to sleep with a consumer lullaby. Over 15 years later, and that humble experiment has become beautifully invasive. Every week we're seeing disciples listen to Jesus as he sends them to another patch of dirt somewhere in the city to make green and to lifeless places to plant roots and cultivate the beauty of resurrection life.

Alone we seem futile, powerless and vulnerable, but collectively we are stubborn, unpullable, indomitable, and surprising the city with the beauty and wonder of the Kingdom. It is hard nowadays for anyone in Tampa to go a month, let alone a day, without knowingly or unknowingly encountering "underground people". Your missional life is brave and beautiful, not futile. Your seemingly ordinary microchurch is powerful, planting new seeds with generational and eternal effects that you can barely comprehend.

In 2024, may we spread uncontrollably, abiding in Jesus the true vine, holding his hand on his relentless pursuit of every patch of dirt. May our city grow plush green with the presence, will & love of Jesus our Lord.

Sincerely,  
Lucas Pulley & Tomy Wilkerson  
*Executive Directors*

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# INSPIRE CONNECT EMPOWER ENGAGE

## WHAT WE EXIST FOR

The Underground is simultaneously three things: a grassroots coalition of microchurches in Tampa; a nonprofit incubator of services to serve these microchurches; and a coaching & content platform to serve leaders planting similar movements around the world.

Our network is currently home to over 162 microchurches in Tampa Bay and 20 sister movements around the world. We believe that people make up the church, not buildings, budgets, or even leaders.

**When believers work together in sincere worship and genuine community to accomplish a part of God's mission, they are the church.**

*The Underground exists simply to:*

**INSPIRE** people to surrender all their lives to Jesus and His cause,

**CONNECT** individuals into missional communities,

**EMPOWER** communities to discover and obey their God given mission, and

**ENGAGE** every kind of evil in our city with prayerful action.

*This publication is to help us remember and share some of the ways God helped us to carry out this mission in 2023.*

# NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

## ENCOURAGED & EQUIPPED LOCAL MISSIONARIES

Our convening spaces were more than just resources or trainings, they also provided the support and connection we need to persevere as missionaries.



**RHEMA** taught us how to utilize and develop our communication for the power and the presence of God.

**GROUNDWORK** gave us foundations for applied missional leadership wherever we are called.

**SUMMIT** gave leaders and their teams some tools, coaching, and fresh insight for the semester.

**CALLING LAB** provided a day-long workshop for participants to discover and discern where and to whom God might be calling them.

# 20 NEW MICROCHURCHES

# 5 AREA COLLECTIVES

## EXPANDED OUR REACH

Our area collectives in Hillsborough, Pinellas, USF area, Polk, and Pasco were solidified this year. Through these mini-networks, we were able to get more people connected to microchurches, and even host several Calling Labs outside of the Tampa area.

## EVERY CORNER

Our 20 new microchurches were made up of brave leaders reaching the homeless in parks, the hungry in Hudson, Latino high school students, incarcerated women, Venezuelan entrepreneurs, ultimate frisbee leagues, immigrants & refugees in Temple Terrace, and neighborhood house churches in Brandon, Oldsmar, Carrollwood, Sulphur Springs and more.

**200** EVENTS & MEETINGS  
HOSTED AT THE HUB

**\$42K** GIVEN  
IN GRANTS



## BEGAN 2023 IN FELLOWSHIP & CONTEMPLATION

We spent our annual community retreat in the first weekend of January at DaySpring, where we reflected on what God had done the previous year, worshipped and sat at the feet of Jesus, broke bread together, and even threw around rubber chickens.

## LOOKED AT MDNA FOR CITY-WIDE IMPACT WITH ALAN HIRSCH

Leaders from a variety of church expressions from across Tampa Bay gathered to be led by Alan Hirsch in looking at mDNA (missional DNA), and considered together how we can utilize this framework for Kingdom impact in our city and in our communities.



## HOSTED CALLING LABS OUTSIDE OF TAMPA

Every year we host an all-day workshop, Calling Lab, where we help people discover and discern how God might be inviting them to participate in his mission in our city. This year, we were able to host a Calling Lab not only for our community, but also in Lakeland, FL, and Cincinnati & Canton, OH, with more planned for 2024.



# OUR MICROCHURCHES



**“IF WE CAN CONCEIVE OF THE CHURCH  
AS SOMETHING SMALLER AND SIMPLER,  
WE CAN PLANT MISSION WITH HOPE  
AND NOT ANXIETY.”**

- Brian Sanders,  
*Microchurches: A Smaller Way*

AND NOT ANXIETY.”

WE CAN PLANT MISSION WITH HOPE

**BUF MINISTRY** is a community of women who seek to support and care for other women through mentoring and discipleship.  
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**CENTRAL HOUSE** exists to provide a place of belonging for the people in our neighborhood and in the city. They seek to follow Jesus with their whole lives and create opportunities for people to respond to him.  
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**CLOUD9SURFING** mission is to inspire individuals, families, and communities with experiences that lead people to victory through community events, conference retreats and radio podcasts.  
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**COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE** is an incubator house church for those seeking community and Jesus in the Pasco County area.  
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**CREATED WOMEN TAMPA** is committed to the restoration of vulnerable women involved in the sex industry, to offer these women a way out and a place in a safe home, a community, and a family.  
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**APARTMENT LIFE** places teams in apartment communities to live missionally, impacting their neighbors with acts of kindness that lead to a God encounter and Christ followers.  
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**BELMONT HEIGHTS** exists to provide a place of belonging for the residents in the Belmont Heights Estates housing community and East Tampa, with hopes for each person to meet Jesus and encounter his love.  
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**BLOCK HUSTLE** exists for people incarcerated and in the streets, to create, sustain, and mobilize Christ-centered culture that results in discipleship, outreach, and transformed communities.  
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**THE C.U.B. CLUB** is a book club and social community for children and their parents.

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**DELIMAR AGENCY** is for Latino entrepreneurs, to help them explore and develop in their God-given calling.

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**THE DESIGN CENTER FOR WOMEN AND RELATIONSHIPS** is here to assist women from all ethnic backgrounds in identifying who they truly are in Christ Jesus, with a dream for all women will take their rightful place in each of their relationships through Jesus Christ as the women God designed them to be.

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**DIVINE DESTINY CENTER** is a place of restoration & transformation for young girls and women, to inspire, strengthen, encourage, and empower them to reach their full potential.

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**EMBRACE GRACE** reaches those that are dealing with unplanned and crisis pregnancies, and strengthens the relationships between individuals, churches, and organizations committed to the sanctity of human life.

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**EVER LASSING** is a community for ultimate frisbee players to encounter Jesus within community and frisbee.

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**FAITH & FITNESS** exists to give each member of CrossFit Downtown Heights a place to work their faith with the people they workout with.

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**FLORIDA HISPANIC INSTITUTE** seeks the welfare of Spanish-speaking seniors in the city by sharing the love of Christ through educational and recreational programs.

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**FRESH START** exists to reach the lost, incarcerated, and ex-offenders through the Gospel, and providing counseling, mentoring, homeless intervention, life skills instruction, and job readiness preparation.

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**FRIENDS OF REFUGEES ALLIANCE** exists to offer not only services but also a community; to help refugees and their family who had experienced terror and loss to find hope and restoration.

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**GATEWAY ADVOCATES** provides reduced legal services for immigrants in Tampa Bay.

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**GOLDEN ROOTS** is passionate about reaching out to families and couples and infusing marriages with the love of God by offering accountability to couples through a strong and renewed relationship with Jesus. They also aim to connect couples who do not know Christ to pursue a relationship with Him.

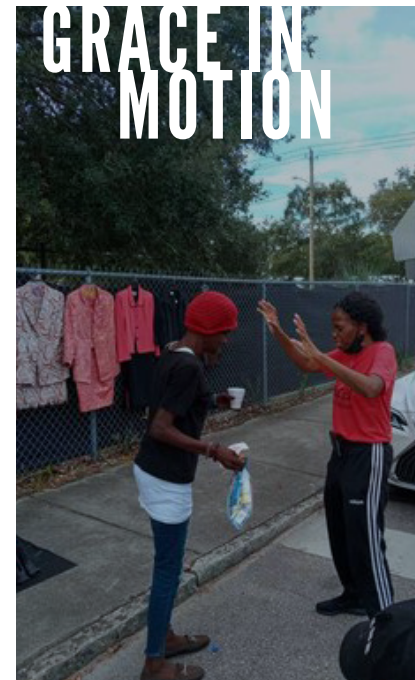
[www.facebook.com/GRootsMarriage](https://www.facebook.com/GRootsMarriage)  
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**GRACE IN MOTION MINISTRIES** exists to minister the love of Christ to those who are sexually broken and to exemplify James 1:27.

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**GROUNDLED** exists to love and support youth and families. With a direct connection to the system of care in Hillsborough County, they strive to introduce all of the children and their families to Jesus.

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**HEART & HOME COMMUNITY** empowers women to develop the necessary strategies to promote wholistic healing and build stronger relational connections by focusing their hearts on Christ.

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**HEARTDANCE FOUNDATION** serves as the hands and feet of Jesus to women in recovery from addiction, the sex trade, and slavery, introducing Christ's unconditional love and sustainable change to those in recovery.

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**HELD** is for women who need support or who would otherwise be alone throughout pregnancy, to show them the love of their creator and lead them into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

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**HOME TEAM** exists to fully love and serve Jesus, build authentic community, and encourage and empower followers of Jesus to make an impact in their places of influence in the Lakeland area and beyond.

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**IMPOWERED MINDS** is a plan to take back the minds of our youth to a place of innocence, empower them to know and accept who they are, accept who they are, and inspire others who don't look like them.

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**INC TO INC's** mission is to positively engage and transform the lives of those with criminal histories through kingdom principles, and business and community leaders through their collaboration along the entresitional journey.

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# “BEING AN UNDERGROUND MICROCHURCH HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT CONNECTION TO A DIVERSE KINGDOM COMMUNITY OF MISSION LEADERS, MANY OF WHOM I CALL FRIENDS.”

- Damon Thrash  
*Inc to Inc*

**JUST INITIATIVE** is a Jesus-centered holistic ministry, working towards community transformation in the inner city of Tampa. They are a hands-on ministry, working with families in education, housing, and income development.

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**JUSTICE RESTORATION CENTER** provides trauma-informed, restorative pro-bono legal representation to victims and survivors worldwide on issues of Florida law.

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**KHORA** is the space in between, a community inviting non-followers to follow Jesus through safe spaces intersecting life and God.

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**KING'S COURT MINISTRIES** provides an entertaining and faith-nurturing environment, all while fostering the God-given greatness in the lost and abandoned teens in the community.

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**THE LION'S DEN MINISTRIES** is a place where God is introduced to new believers and where barriers are broken in performance arts and activating gifts for the Kingdom of God.

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**LOVE ON FIRE** is a group of people coming together to share the word of God and experience authentic love and community.

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**MENZORG** holds a commitment to improving men's lives through helping men to understand life challenges from a biblical perspective and mentor them to practically live it out.

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**MISHPACHAT HAMAGGIDIM** (Family of Messengers) is for individuals of both Jewish and Christian backgrounds who are drawn to the unique blend of Judaic tradition and the belief in Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah.

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**MUJERES RESTAURADAS POR DIOS** (Restored Women by God) exists to reach women who have been physically and emotionally abused. They aim to free the oppressed, restore the fallen, heal the sick, and disciple people in the word of God.

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**NEW HEARTS OUTREACH** provides resources and support to those whose lives have been impacted by sexual brokenness, offering weekly confidential support groups, healing prayer, & one-on-one discipleship.

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**NUESTRO SALON** helps students in Ruskin & Wimauma realize their highest potential by inspiring them to follow Jesus, graduate high school, and consider higher education.

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**THE OFFERING** is a servant prayer ministry in Lakeland partnering with Jesus' prayer in John 17:21 for Oneness as His body that is then mobilized to effectively engage the world around us with that love.

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**“WE HAVE SEEN PEOPLE DELIVERED OF ADDICTIONS AND MANY GIVE THEIR LIVES TO JESUS. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DISCIPLE MANY, EVEN SOME THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON THAT WE MINISTERED TO WHILE THERE, HAVE CONNECTED WITH US TO BE DISCIPLED... GOD HAS DONE SO MANY THINGS THIS YEAR.”**

- Twila Rezutko  
Warrior's Heart Ministries

**PERCH HOUSE** is a house church in the East Lake/River Grove area for those who are open to investigating and encountering Jesus within a community.

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**PRAISE IN THE PARK** is a group of Jesus lovers that go out to Borrell Park on Sundays and gather with homeless, food insecure, and destitute park friends for worship, a message, a meal, and prayer while handing out basic food and other necessities.

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**PROMISE LOVE FOUNDATION** exists to assist families in Florida who are interested in starting the foster or adoption journey, guiding families with support, experience, and the love of Jesus to create the best possible environment for children being adopted or fostered.

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**REVIVE & RESTORE** is dedicated to being the hands and feet of Jesus in the city by providing resources and solutions to individuals in need according to God's will.

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**S.W.A.T** (School of Worship Arts Training) wants to release worshipers of all generations to embrace God's life-changing passionate love and to release the sound of God's victory.

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**S.E.E.D.** (Support, Development, Enhancement, & Development Foundation) has a mission to serve the love of Christ to the hospitality community.

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**SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN TAMPA**

**BAY** seeks to surround families in crisis with relational support and offers short-term hosting for children ages 0-18 to prevent child abuse and deflect children from foster care.

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**SOLO MOMS** is a gathering for women who need a safe judgment-free space to be vulnerable, find a Christ-centered community, and meet various needs of motherhood.

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**SOWING 4 JESUS** exists to meet the needs of the community, and has sown seeds into people's lives through feeding, providing for essential needs, and loving on people who need to know that Jesus still cares.

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**STAAR MINISTRY** (Stop the Abuse and Rescue) offers mentoring and a safe house for abused and trafficked women. It's never too late for the hurt to heal.

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**THE STAY MARRIED MOVEMENT** provides life and relationship training and coaching from a Biblical perspective. They serve couples seeking to learn how to eliminate toxic communication habits and to stop going around the same mountain of disappointment and unmet expectations.

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**SUPPORT 4 CAREGIVERS** offers community resources, couples support, assistance, and a support group to caregivers of children with disabilities to connect, fellowship, and encounter the love of Jesus.

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**TAMPA BAY ADVOCATES AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING** is a group of everyday people using their time, talents, and gifts to help vulnerable and exploited women, men, and children who have survived human trafficking.

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Pamela Woody: [pamela@tbaaht.org](mailto:pamela@tbaaht.org)

**TIMOTHY INITIATIVE** to restore broken men to a place of sobriety, and then grow them spiritually so that through Jesus and the all-powerful Gospel of grace, forgiveness, and restoration they may become whole again.

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

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**TROAS** is a place for young families and professionals to live surrendered to Jesus and discover rhythms of community and mission together.

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**TRUTH & GRACE** offers truth to parents of prodigals while helping them see God's grace through prayer support, a listening ear, and a support group.

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**UNDERGROUND COLLEGE COLLECTIVE** seeks to be a family sharing the truth, hope, and love of Christ on college campuses in Tampa Bay.

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**URBAN CHRISTIAN** seeks to positively impact modern culture through purposeful entertainment, educational content, and faith values.

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**URBAN FELLA'SHIP** reaches the youth in the community through music production and recording, using time in the studio together to live out the love of God.

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**URBAN YOUTH JUSTICE** is reaching incarcerated youth with the Gospel in juvenile detention centers in the Southeast, bringing justice and restoring hope.

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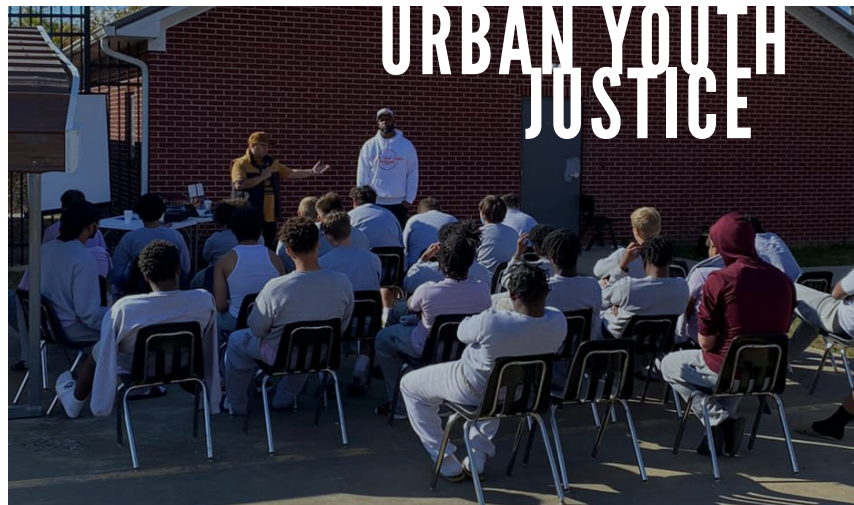
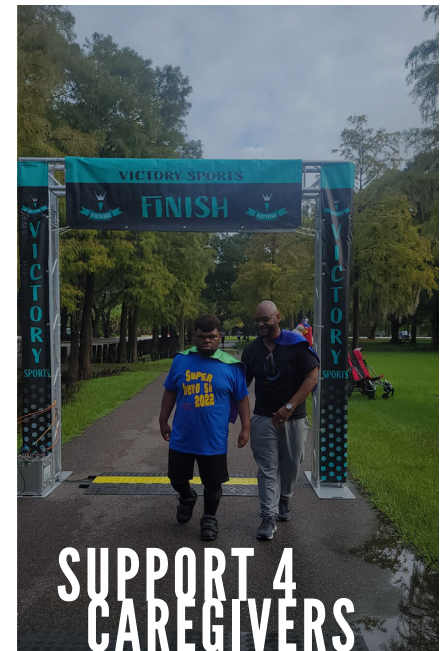
**THE VILLAGE** is a microchurch reaching the residents of the Shores with the love of Christ.

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**WARD ISLAND CHAPEL** exists to reach the residents and neighbors of Ward Island with the hope of the Gospel.

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**“WE GOT STARTED OUT OF OUR CIRCUMSTANCES OF NEEDS... WE NOW SERVE THE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING THAT EVERYONE’S CIRCUMSTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND WITH THE LOVE OF GOD WE CAN DO ALL THINGS... WE CAN’T HELP**

**EVERYONE, BUT WE DO OUR BEST TO SUPPORT AND LOVE ON ANY FAMILY THAT NEEDS OUR ASSISTANCE.”**

- Annette Alvarez  
*Sowing 4 Jesus*

**WARRIOR’S HEART MINISTRIES**

outreaches to the lost, the broken, and the incarcerated, bringing physical and spiritual necessities to the hopeless and sharing the love of Jesus with the Word and discipleship.

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**WE DIDN’T START THE FIRE**

is a Bible study for those 50 and over & those in the Baby Boomer generation to come and learn how to grow in wisdom and Grace in Christ.

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**THE WELL**

was founded and continues to exist today in pursuit of a singular vision: needs met, bridges built, and a city made whole, serving those who suffer from both material poverty and spiritual poverty.

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**WELLSPRING COMMUNITY FARM**

is a gathering place to encourage and develop a living, loving relationship with our Lord, and develop personally & spiritually through how to grow your own food, devotion, and worship.

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**Y.E.S.** (Young Entrepreneurial Students) is a

discipleship vehicle for students ages 12-23 in Dade City that provides training for these students to start businesses, organizations, or causes while also introducing them to Jesus.

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

Sammy Ortiz:

[sammy@communitycollective.one](mailto:sammy@communitycollective.one)

**YHWH TAMPA** reaches out to lost souls on the streets, speaks life, and helps people discover the power that God has given to fulfill their destiny.

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

Kevin Mial: [yhwhtampa@gmail.com](mailto:yhwhtampa@gmail.com)

**YOLOVERCOME MINISTRIES** exists to

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[www.yolovercome.com](http://www.yolovercome.com)

Yolanda George: [yolovercome@yahoo.com](mailto:yolovercome@yahoo.com)

**YOUNG LIFE** exists to invite youth, young

adults, and college students to follow Christ, care for them regardless of their response, and change lives in the process.

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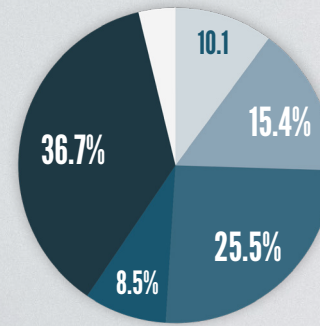
**GET CONNECTED!**

Reach out directly to the leader of the microchurch that interests you or email [info@tampaunderground.com](mailto:info@tampaunderground.com) to get help finding a microchurch to join.

**WANT TO START SOMETHING NEW?**



Don’t see a microchurch for the thing you feel called to? Scan this QR code to fill out a microchurch application and start something new.



**MICROCHURCH LEADERS BY REGION**

- City of Tampa
- Brandon/Riverview
- Polk County
- Pasco Hernando
- Pinellas County
- Campus



**62 PEOPLE IMPACTED PER MICROCHURCH**

**162 MICROCHURCHES IN THE NETWORK**

**EACH MICROCHURCH SEEING AN AVERAGE OF 6 PEOPLE COMING TO FAITH**

# 2023

## OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

There are 20 sister movements to the Underground Network located around the world. These are like-minded communities committed to Manifesto values; utilizing small expressions of the church to reach their cities. These movements are journeying together for shared learning and encouragement to persevere in this Kingdom work.

*the knowledge of the love of God and become nations, obedient to the whole message of the Gospels of Christ. Thus we will no longer feel... While we ourselves must look to the means and methods used and these by every word of teaching and by the example and witness of people... their devoted following... through applying the truth of God, we will grow in holiness in every respect the visible body of Christ in the world. And in Christ, therefore, the whole body, joined and knit together by every... participating together, grow and build each up to have every part made to work.*



### 520 GLOBAL LEADERS EQUIPPED

through webinars, online multi-week intensives, coaching cohorts, an in-person Microchurch LAB, an in-person Becoming a Network Leader Intensive, and multiple off-site Calling Labs.

### 140 LEADERS COACHED

from microchurch networks and churches who are trying to grow as a network or pivot their church to include microchurch as a way to release the priesthood of believers.

**“THE ONLINE INTENSIVE HAS HELPED REINFORCE THE THINGS GOD HAD ALREADY BEEN SPEAKING TO MY HEART. THE SESSIONS HAD BROUGHT LANGUAGE, DREAMS, ANTICIPATION AND PREPARATION IN WHAT GOD IS LEADING US INTO.”**

- Peter, Dubai UAE



WAYS WE SERVE

**400 MISSIONARIES SERVED IN 2023**

in Tampa alone, through coaching, convening spaces, and services.



**OVER \$910,000**

donations processed through the Underground,

**\$150K**

of that for fiscally sponsored local microchurches.

**200 EQUIPPING EVENTS & PASTORAL MEETINGS**

hosted at the Underground HUB.



**80+**  
MEDIA PROJECTS

for microchurches, ministries, start-ups, and other grassroots organizations, with anything from websites and logos to troubleshooting and tech assistance.



**37 MICROCHURCHES**

and ministries served with accounting, bookkeeping, and payroll services.

**ACCELERATED LOCAL PROJECTS**

such as a healing house for single moms, a food distribution & resource hub on Nebraska Ave., and an emerging city-wide collaboration of churches.

**520** leaders served, both nationally & internationally, by stewarding the stories & ideas of our community through coaching, consulting, and online learning environments.

**ADDED ONE NEW SISTER MOVEMENT**

Our finance team helped

**A DOZEN MICROCHURCHES**

file necessary state and federal tax forms in 2023.

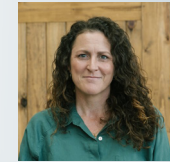
**32 TIMES** warnings were given to Jeremy by HR.

**COHATCH PARTNERSHIP**

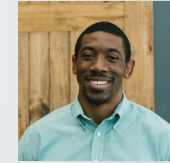
continued to evolve this year as the **St. Petersburg location opened**, providing catalyzing & collaborative working environments for missional leaders, disciplinarians and simple churches.

**TRAVELED TO 8 STATES**

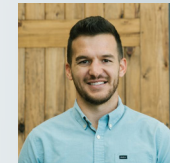
to coach and strengthen missional communities across the country.



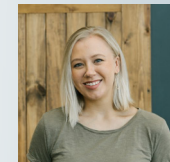
**STACY GASKINS**  
Executive Team  
Managing Director  
(FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SUPERHERO)



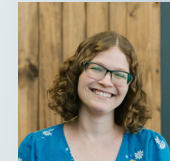
**TOMY WILKERSON**  
Executive Team  
Tampa Director  
(RESIDENT EYORE & CERTIFIED SWIFTIE)



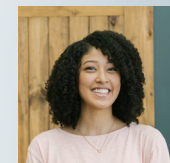
**LUCAS PULLEY**  
Executive Team  
Translocal Director  
(HYPE MAN & ASANA EXTRAORDINAIRE)



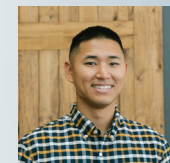
**KRISTEN AHLBERG**  
Finance Director  
(SNACK QUEEN & UNDERGROUND ENGINEER)



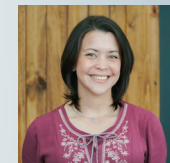
**HANNAH DEVINE**  
Finance Support  
(POLICY ENFORCER & HEAD PASTRY CHEF)



**SHERI LEE**  
Media & Com.  
Director  
(OFFICE TRENDSETTER)



**SAM LEE**  
Campus Ministry  
Director  
(ALMOST-PRO PICKLEBALLER)



**DAFNE REYES-COLLAZO**  
Support Staff  
(PROFESSIONAL OPTIMIST & BABY WHISPERER)

# 2024

## AT THE UNDERGROUND

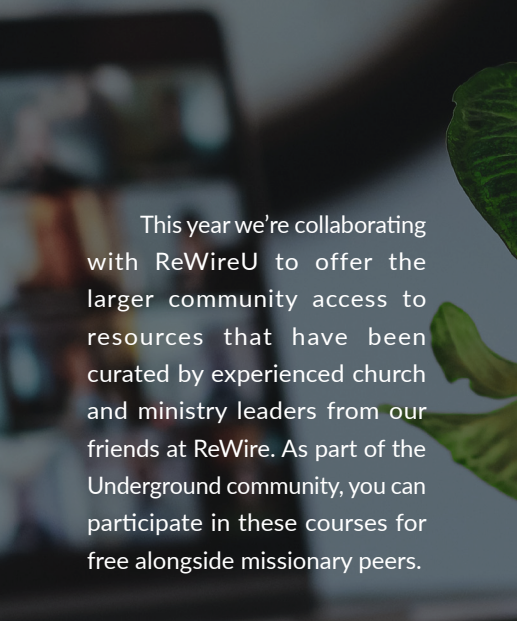
A unique trait of the Underground is our ability to adapt, as we hold loosely to our plans and remain sensitive to where the Lord might be leading us. In 2024 we have some exciting opportunities for the community to collaborate, develop, and engage every evil in our city and beyond together.

### MICROCHURCH CONFERENCE



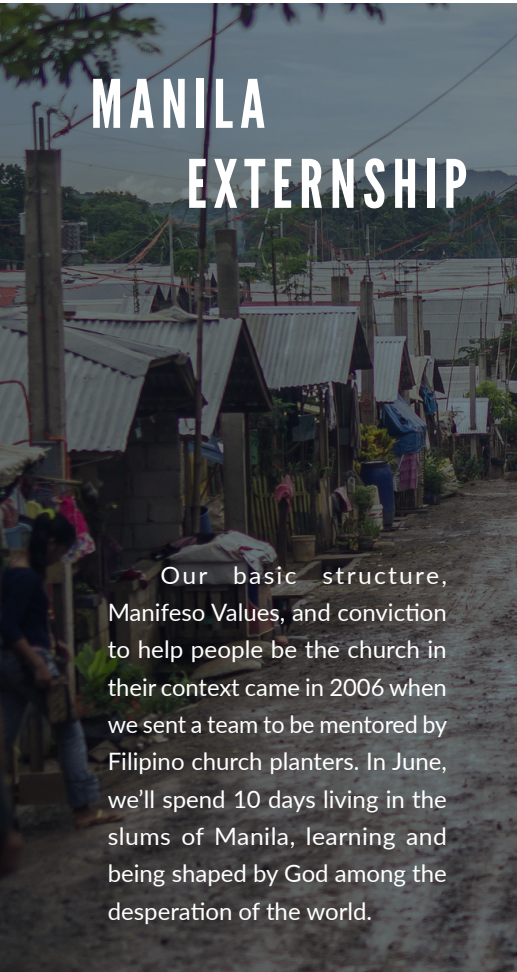
In April we are partnering with KC Underground to host the Microchurches Conference again in Kansas City. We'll have leaders from around the country and around the world gather together to rediscover the smaller way and join with dozens of other practitioners and tribes for shared learning and encouragement.

### REWIREU COURSES



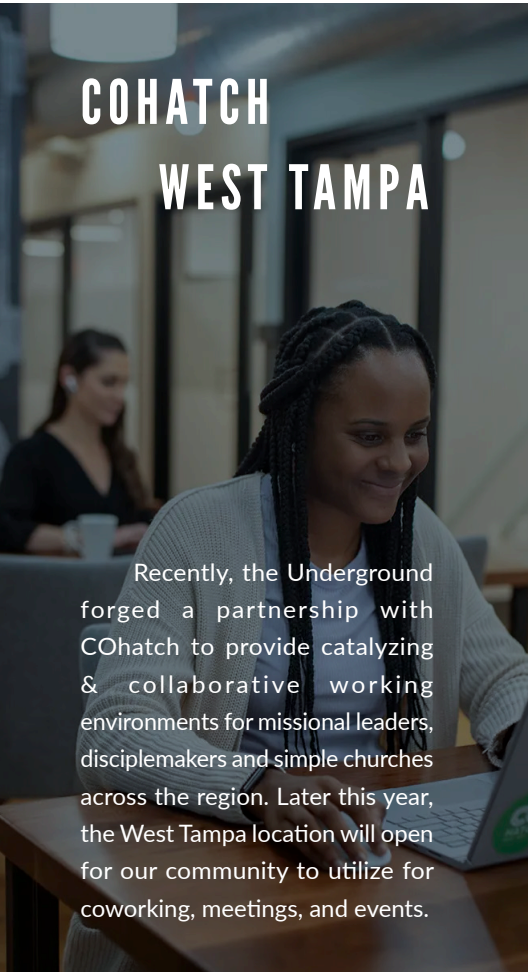
This year we're collaborating with ReWireU to offer the larger community access to resources that have been curated by experienced church and ministry leaders from our friends at ReWire. As part of the Underground community, you can participate in these courses for free alongside missionary peers.

### MANILA EXTERNSHIP



Our basic structure, Manifeso Values, and conviction to help people be the church in their context came in 2006 when we sent a team to be mentored by Filipino church planters. In June, we'll spend 10 days living in the slums of Manila, learning and being shaped by God among the desperation of the world.

### COHATCH WEST TAMPA

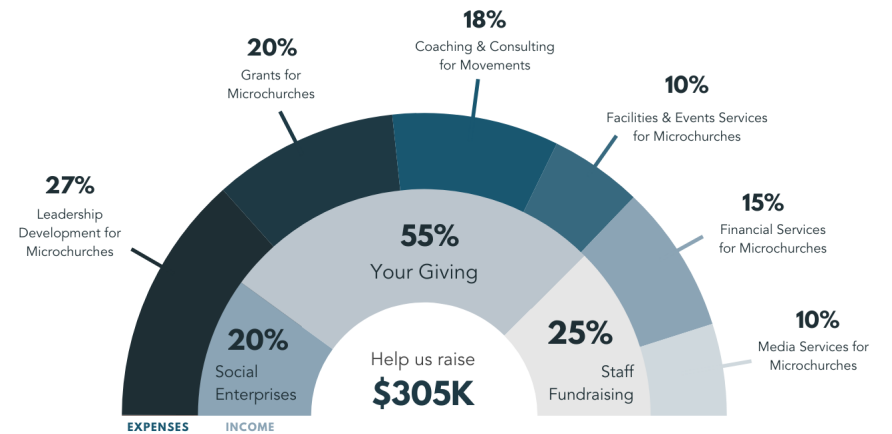


Recently, the Underground forged a partnership with COhatch to provide catalyzing & collaborative working environments for missional leaders, disciplinarians and simple churches across the region. Later this year, the West Tampa location will open for our community to utilize for coworking, meetings, and events.

# STEWARD FOR IMPACT

# 550K TOTAL COST

of serving the current network of over 100 microchurches while also empowering new microchurches and serving similar city movements around the world.



## ADVOCATE

\$500+ monthly  
or \$6,000+ annually

## INVESTOR

\$200 - \$500 monthly  
or \$2,400 - \$6,000 annually

## SUSTAINER

up to \$200 monthly  
or up to \$2,400 annually

*"We are so honored, I am so thankful for the Underground Network, because they were able to come besides us, stand besides us, partner with us... so to the Underground network, to the leadership, to this amazing community, that have a heart for Christ and a heart for those we have been called to minister to... Thank you, thank you, thank you."*

*- Kimberly Jackson,  
Divine Destiny Center*

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIP

The budget funds our platform of core services (facilities, finance, media, leadership development) while also providing grants and seed funding for local microchurches, global movements, and innovative startups.

To give online visit:

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Checks can be made payable to:

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