

MILESTONE CHURCH

MISSIONS IMPACT 2018





DEAR MILESTONE FAMILY,

I continue to be blown away by your generosity year after year. You are not only generous with your resources, but your time as well. Collectively, we are impacting our region and beyond in more ways than ever.

Serve Day is one of my favorite days of the year. Last year over 2,000 of you participated in a Serve Day project, and this year we're believing for 3,000 of you to jump in! We are going to meet needs in our community through projects helping single parents, veterans, the disabled, homeless, refugees, foster children, and more. We are the church our city calls when local needs arise. Because you're willing to sacrifice your time and skills, we are able to take care of every code violation and concern that they bring our way. This goes beyond Serve Day to every day of the year.

I'm really excited about the momentum we're seeing in our active military and veteran initiatives as well. We are seeing veterans receive freedom from the things holding them back in life, restoring relationships, and successfully navigating life's challenges because of the hope and healing they're finding through Jesus. From Warrior Groups to Connect Groups, we have an environment for everyone. We also offer Financial Peace University, scholarships for students to attend camps and retreats, and so much more to our military families at Milestone.

I hope you enjoy hearing about a few of the things that you've done this year to impact the lives of so many, both locally and globally. I want to encourage you to continue serving and loving those in need to make an impact for the Kingdom like never before. I'm so proud of you.

Honored to be your Pastor,

Pastor Jeff Little

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**\$2,047,045
GIVEN TO
MISSIONS!**

Includes cash gifts and in-kind donations given over the last 12 months.

**IN ADDITION, 3,667 MILESTONE VOLUNTEERS SERVED
16,672 HOURS THIS YEAR, VALUED AT \$419,300!**

WHILE WE CONTINUE
TO REACH PEOPLE AND
BUILD LIVES WITHIN OUR
CHURCH, WE ARE
**COMMITTED
TO MAKING
AN IMPACT**
OUTSIDE OUR FOUR
WALLS THROUGH LOCAL
OUTREACH AND GLOBAL
MISSIONS. WE NOT ONLY
GIVE FINANCIALLY TO
MISSIONARIES, CHURCH
PLANTS AND MINISTRY
ORGANIZATIONS, WE
ALSO GIVE OF OUR TIME
THROUGH ONGOING
SERVING OPPORTUNITIES.

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SERVE DAY

Serve Day 2018 was incredible! Teams of volunteers in red Serve Team shirts met at the church for a rally then headed out to serve those in need together. We provided lawn service for single moms, widows, the elderly, and the disabled. Deserving recipients were chosen for home makeovers. We cleaned up local parks, worked in schools and met the needs of our local ministry partners.

We also expanded outreach to those we serve all year round. We provided haircuts and breakfast for the homeless, hosted a festival for refugee families, and cleaned and organized apartments at Evergreen for seniors. We visited nursing homes and provided gifts to the residents, took lunch to first responders, delivered snack baskets to medical professionals and families in waiting rooms at local hospitals, and made “first night away from home bags” for foster children. We worked with the city of Keller and surrounding cities to clear every code violation in our area. *We even built a gazebo in Bear Creek Park!*

SAVE THE DATE! SERVE DAY 2019

Saturday, May 4

We are believing for 3,000 volunteers to serve through 100 different projects in 2019. With opportunities for individuals, families, and small groups, you won't want to miss it!

If you have an idea for a Serve Day opportunity that will make an impact in our community, please go to milestonechurch.com/serveeday.



2,072 VOLUNTEERS
SERVED 7,289 HOURS
60 DIFFERENT PROJECTS
VALUED AT OVER \$59,000



GLORIA CRUZ

In 2016, through a series of miracles, I was able to close on my home in Keller as a single mom. I fasted and prayed for this home, I laid all my fears and doubts down, and I knew He would provide and He did. Over the course of the first 90 days after I purchased my home, my family faced some traumatic events and were hit with unexpected expenses. We stayed in prayer, we fasted, and we continued to remain faithful. I put some needed house repairs on hold and we worked through our issues with the help of environments like Restore, Elevate and the Milestone Single Mom's Ministry.

When Serve Day came around, I was chosen to have work done to my home! They were able to repair doors, install new blinds, and repair entryways into each room that had shifted. I needed replacement of the electrical panel in my home, but was not expecting that to happen. When the volunteers arrived, it just so happened that one of them, Chris, was an electrician. He not only replaced the panel, but even came back to patch up the wall where the old panel was removed. I was so grateful for this because I knew the estimate to replace it was more than I could afford. I am now able to get my homeowner's insurance lowered, which has helped my monthly budget significantly.

I have a heart to serve others, so it was very touching to be on the receiving end this time. My children and I have seen the love God has for us through the service of others. Milestone is where my children and I got saved, baptized, redeemed and restored. I have a spiritual family who is always encouraging me and directing me back to Him. God has been good. God is good all the time.

—Gloria



SINGLE MOMS & WIDOWS

At Milestone, we care deeply for single moms and widows. Less than 1% of churches have a single mom's ministry, but this is a distinctive at Milestone Church. Currently, there are over 350 single moms and 100 widows attending our church. We are not only committed to providing support through our time and resources, but avenues for spiritual growth and development as well. We highly value spiritual family and believe in each woman's potential to walk in freedom and victory, even through some of life's greatest challenges.

Through your generosity, we are able to provide many benefits to single moms who are Milestone members, such as:

- + College Tuition Assistance
- + Financial Peace University Full Scholarships
- + Free Summer Camps / Fall Retreat / Battle of the Sexes
- + Backpacks and School Supplies
- + Freedom Groups
- + Free Biblical Counseling
- + Reliable Vehicles as Donations Become Available
- + Limited Financial Assistance in Times of Need
- + Mowing / Lawn Care
- + Skilled Projects Team for Household Needs

Visit milestonechurch.com/singlemoms for more information.



“ I am so *THANKFUL* for the sweet, caring hearts of the men who serve this way, I pray blessings over their lives and the work of their hands. It honestly makes me feel like God is in the details of my life and helps me feel safe at times when everything seems scary. Thank you to the whole team.

—Amy, a Lawn Care Recipient

This year each widow received a special Valentine's Day gift delivered to their home. Single moms enjoyed a fun and meaningful Mother's Day Dinner. Both single moms and widows received very generous gifts at Joy, our Christmas women's event.

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VETERANS

It is our desire to bless active military and veterans in our local community, get them connected in life-giving relationships, and encourage them as they grow and walk in all that God has for them.

At Milestone, we honor and serve active military and veterans by providing services and programs for members and their spouses completely free of charge including:

- + Warrior Groups for Those Suffering from Combat Trauma
- + Veteran Specific Small Groups
- + Freedom Groups
- + Financial Peace University
- + Biblical Counseling
- + Camp Scholarships and Retreats for Teens
- + Reliable Vehicles as Donations Become Available
- + Limited Financial Assistance in Times of Need
- + Skilled Projects Team for Household Needs
- + An annual Veteran's Celebration during the weekend of Veteran's Day, where we provide a great meal, encouraging message and a special gift.

Visit milestonechurch.com/veterans for more information.



“ Warrior Groups gave my wife and I a stronger sense of understanding of the challenges we face on a daily basis. We connected with other couples who struggle with the same issues we face. We now have new tools and a network of friends who we can count on when we are in our darkest place. Healing took place and I finally worked through my pain after years of internal suffering.

—Jason, Warrior Group Participant

LOCAL MISSIONS

2ND SATURDAY SERVE

On the 2nd Saturday of each month, we have multiple different outreaches serving those in need. There are opportunities for individuals, families and small groups to serve together. We also serve together throughout the month, for special events and on holidays.

HOMELESS

We serve the homeless by providing meals and blessing bags with hygiene items, assembling apartment starter kits, completing various clean-up projects, and hosting a Christmas party that provides toys and gifts for homeless children.

REFUGEES

We minister to refugees from over 30 different countries through home visits and a children's outreach every 2nd Saturday. We also provide groceries for over 300 families each 4th Saturday valued at \$139,388 this year alone! We host a festival each spring on Serve Day and also during our annual mission trip to Fort Worth each summer where we have seen many give their lives to Christ.

SKILLED PROJECTS

We have teams of people that meet the needs of the disabled, single parents, widows and elderly in our local community. We also work with the city to keep all code violations cleared and complete big projects such as home makeovers on Serve Day.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Our community is growing rapidly. We serve and connect with new individuals and families by delivering a welcome box to their home. This is often the first encounter that some of our neighbors will have with the local church. This year we personally welcomed 1,100 new families in Keller and the surrounding area!

SENIORS

We love the elderly and have family-friendly serving opportunities each month preparing and serving dinner at Evergreen Senior Residences. In the last year, we have served 1,500 meals to these low-income seniors! We also host holiday events and other outreach projects at Evergreen, the Keller Senior Center and various nursing homes in our community.

MOWING TEAM

We provide mowing and lawn care for single moms and widows each summer. We also provide lawn clean-up for widows in the winter and many others on Serve Day.

VEHICLE DONATION

We accept tax-deductible vehicle donations for families in need within our church. We are always looking for reliable vehicles.

MENTOR

We have opportunities to mentor at-risk youth at Christ's Haven for Children, a local children's home. Christ's Haven provides a loving Christian environment for at-risk children.





SPECIAL EVENTS

FAIRY TALE BALL

Through a partnership with HopeKids, we host an annual Fairy Tale Ball for families with children who have life-threatening illnesses. 204 children and their families enjoyed a night to remember complete with princes, princesses, a DJ, dancing, a delicious meal and carriage rides.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

105 children of single parents received backpacks and school supplies at our Back to School Party. Through your generous donations, over \$12,000 worth of school supplies and gift cards were provided!

TEACHER APPRECIATION

We highly value the role of teachers and administrators at Milestone Church. We realize this is a calling and not just a profession. This year we blessed 333 educators with a special gift just for them to kick off the school year.

VALENTINE'S DAY

We hosted a beautiful brunch for widows this year, where they had a great time together and heard an encouraging message.

MOTHER'S DAY

We have an annual Mother's Day dinner for single moms. This year 115 moms attended and were blessed with a delicious meal, an inspiring message, and over \$25,000 in gifts and prizes. The highlight of the evening was when eight single moms gave their life to Christ! Milestone volunteers created a special Mother's Day gift for our widows and hand delivered them to each home.

VETERAN'S DAY

Milestone has a tradition of honoring those who serve our country in many different ways, including an annual celebration around Veteran's Day. Last year, 186 active military and veterans, along with their spouses, attended and enjoyed a meal and a special message from Pastor Jeff.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving meals were provided to single moms and widows who were in need. We also served an elegant Thanksgiving brunch to the seniors at Evergreen and lunch at the Keller Senior Center. Groceries for a Thanksgiving meal were delivered to refugees in Fort Worth.

CHRISTMAS

\$20,000 in toys and gift cards were collected for Christmas Compassion. We hosted an event where Milestone single parents and families in need could pick out toys for their children. We also provided toys for homeless children though a Christmas party hosted at When We Love in Fort Worth. In addition, we held a fun Christmas party at Evergreen where the seniors were provided with gifts. This year at Joy our single moms and widows were blessed with generous gifts valued at \$571,433.

“Last year Gabriella attended the Fairy Tale Ball, but had to be rushed to the hospital and admitted to ICU immediately after. We didn't know if she was going to make it through the night. While we were unsure of the outcome, we were at least so grateful that her last night with us was magical. Thankfully she recovered and was able to attend the Ball again this year.”

—Starlet, Gabriella's mom

CHURCH PLANTS

True to God's original vision for Milestone Church, with the belief that the local church is the hope of the world, we continue to invest time and resources to advance the Kingdom through church partnerships.

Milestone plants churches and supports many local church pastors. Over the last year alone, we have helped to plant and financially support 20 churches. Our leadership team is dedicated to the success of the local church by coaching and mentoring pastors around the country.

During Missions Weekend last year, we highlighted Rise Church in San Antonio. They were scheduled to launch in January, but due to some challenges had to delay their opening. Our church helped them navigate through those circumstances and celebrated as 389 people attended their very first service in September! With such an exciting launch weekend, we look forward to all that God is going to do through them to impact their region.



JORDAN TARDO | EXPERIENCE CHURCH

“ We moved to Tallahassee in June of 2018 with the dream of planting a life-giving church that would help people Experience Hope, Healing, and a Home. With Milestone Church's help, that dream is becoming a reality.

We have only been here a few short months, but God has already given us great favor. We have had more people interested in our church than we could have ever imagined. Our team continues to grow with people who are hungry to help Tallahassee know Jesus. Experience Church will launch in January with strength because of the vision Milestone Church has to plant churches and see everyone know the love of Jesus.

Thank you, Milestone Church, for your heart of generosity. Because of your partnership, we have begun our journey to help others experience Jesus. Through your giving, you have shown us the love of spiritual family. We are so grateful for you and your sacrificial giving.

MISSIONARIES



CHINA

“ In the past nine months, the Chinese church has experienced persecution that is unprecedented since the time of Mao Tse-tung, 50 years ago. Church buildings are being bulldozed and crosses burned across the country. Surveillance has intensified, making it almost impossible for underground Chinese churches to operate undetected.

None of this has stopped the progress of the church! We are equipping leaders and planting churches across the country as we have been for the past 20 years. Because of your support, some underground house churches now number in the thousands! We are into our fourth generation of strategically equipping leaders in the five regions of China. Please to pray for us, and for those coming to Christ here in China. Thank you so much for your support.

—Timothy, Jan and the China team



MIDDLE EAST

“ We have lived in the Middle East for the last 10 years and have witnessed God do some extraordinary things. Currently, God has gifted us with the unique opportunity of overseeing an underground church movement that is comprised of over 800 Arab Muslims and growing! It's also been a blessing to disciple a number of new isolated believers to start more reproducing house churches.

We would appreciate your prayers as we go about the work God has for us here. Pray for Abu & Um, our leaders of the house church movement. Their family is experiencing significant health challenges. Also pray for wisdom for them and for their leadership team. Pray for the new believers who are coming to faith in isolation. They are starting to meet and pray and dream about doing house groups together. Pray for unity, vision, and boldness as they begin to work together to advance the Kingdom.

Apart from the fruit we are witnessing each day, we have even more exciting news... we have a new addition to our family, a baby girl! This is our fifth child, all under the age of four. We would love your thoughts and prayers as we continue this amazing adventure. We're so thankful for Milestone Church and your continued support.

—Names Protected

2018 MISSION TRIP RECAP



LA DREAM CENTER

Through a partnership with the Dream Center, we took a team of missionaries to Los Angeles. Over the course of the week, we interacted with hundreds of people through various outreach projects such as serving the homeless on Skid Row, cleaning up trash in neglected neighborhoods, distributing food, and sharing the gospel.



FORT WORTH REFUGEES

Each summer we take a team to Fort Worth to immerse ourselves with the refugees that we've built relationships with throughout the year. This year we hosted a barbecue for men, held a painting class for women, and reached children through skits and other activities. Our time there culminated in a fun festival where we were able to share the gospel with over 200 refugees and lead seven from various religious backgrounds to Christ!



GUATEMALA

A team of missionaries ventured to Guatemala to minister to impoverished children and families. We served through various work projects to provide food and other necessities to families in the community. Through an optometry outreach, our team performed 211 eye exams and sent 175 pairs of custom prescription eyeglasses back to the patients who were seen.



KENYA

We have an ongoing relationship with Open Arms International, a ministry that rescues orphaned and abandoned children in Kenya. Our team organized VBS outreaches for over 100 street kids and the 150 children that live in Open Arms Village, with 25 accepting Christ! The team also had opportunities to prepare for an upcoming medical clinic and host a development day for 80 staff members.

2019 MISSION TRIPS



FEBRUARY 15 – 25, 2019

Leader: Natalie Newby
Team: Adults
Cost: \$3,300

Through a relationship with a local church and several different ministries, we will be traveling to Cambodia to minister to the vulnerable and impoverished, as well as strengthen ongoing anti-trafficking efforts. A large focus of this team will be prayer and intercession in various places and environments in the cities of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.



JUNE 20 – 30, 2019

Leaders: Pastor Tyron Caswell,
Pastor Jed Walker
Team: Adults, Teenagers 13+
Cost: \$3,375

We are partnering with Missions.Me for our 4th 1Nation1Day mission trip. We will join 5,000 other missionaries saturating the nation of Peru, preaching the gospel, and ministering to people in remote villages along the Amazon River. We will travel by boat down the Amazon at night and stop in a new village for ministry each day. We will be traveling with the Milestone Medical Team.



JUNE 20 – 30, 2019

Leaders: Stacey Hatcher, MD,
Kimberly Ducic, RN
Team: Medical Professionals,
Pre-Health Students, Support Staff
Cost: \$3,375

This team of medical professionals will provide medical and dental care to impoverished patients along the Amazon River who have limited or no access to care. We will travel by boat to a new village each night and set up a mobile medical and dental clinic in a new location each morning. We will travel with the Milestone Ministry Team as a part of the 1Nation1Day mission trip.



JULY 25 – 28, 2019

Leaders: Ginger Pelletier, Linda Savell
Team: Adults, Ages 10+ with parent,
14+ without
Cost: \$475

Each year we partner with World Relief resettlement agency to minister to refugees from over 30 different countries, located right here in our own backyard. Our team will be presenting dramas, doing individual home visits with refugee families, providing humanitarian relief with needed donations, and culminating the week with a large festival and gospel presentation.



FOR MORE INFO, TO SERVE LOCALLY, OR APPLY FOR A MISSION TRIP GO TO [MILESTONECHURCH.COM/MISSIONS](https://milestonechurch.com/missions).

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