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ANNUAL REPORT

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# LETTER FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR // JASON SODERSTROM

My heart is filled with gratitude as I reflect on this transformative year at Restoration. What a year it has been! Our commitment to the mission of "loving people into a life of passionately following Jesus" has yielded fruits in ways we had only imagined: a 25% growth in attendance and over 40 individuals baptized into faith.

Our weekly services are full of passionate followers of Jesus. Together, we encourage one another, engage deeply in worship, and become equipped by the Word. Every week there is another story of Jesus changing a life



"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Our emphasis on disciple making stands out as a highlight. Witnessing the multiplication of disciples reaching every corner of our world has been incredibly inspiring. Moreover, the remarkable impact of Simple Church Global is a testament to God's hand at work, enabling thousands overseas to hear the gospel of Jesus.

Denver's status as the 3rd loneliest city, coupled with the fact that only 2-3% of its inhabitants identify as Christian, underscores the critical importance of our mission. One characteristic of our church that deeply resonates with me is the love we have for one another. It's a connection so profound that each gathering feels like a family reunion. We aim to be a beacon of hope, love, and community amidst loneliness, leading the lost to Christ. It's our earnest vision, as a global movement of everyday disciples, to drive the percentage of Christians higher than ever before, aspiring to reach at least 10% by 2040.

None of this would have been possible without your steadfast prayers, generous sacrifices, and the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Your generosity has enabled us to contribute 20% of all our funds for causes outside our walls, embodying the very ethos of our church.

This year has been groundbreaking in so many ways, but there's still much ground to cover. The path ahead needs every single one of us working in unity. Our mission in Denver is far from complete, but with your continued support and the Holy Spirit's work, I have no doubt we'll witness even greater wonders. Please read the following pages to learn about what God has done and is doing through RST.

With deep appreciation,

Jason Soderstrom

Lead Pastor // Restoration Church

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### INDIA

Over the past year, God has been actively at work in India and Nepal through RST. Our mission has been significantly advanced through the establishment of a Disciple Making Movement team operating across four distinct territories within India, and we have now seen the growth of over 700 simple churches. This structure is designed to expand exponentially in the future. We've also reached over 15 Unreached People Groups (UPGs) in India. These are communities that have yet to hear the Gospel message, which highlights the importance of our mission and aligns with the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."



## MIDDLE EAST

RST has been instrumental in advancing the gospel in the Middle East by funding and deploying short-term missions that support long-term regional strategies. Twelve RST members spent three weeks training over 120 leaders in evangelism and discipleship, with some immediately spreading the gospel in local cities, leading several Muslims to explore the Scriptures for the first time.



### TRAININGS

Domestically, RST has catalyzed significant movements in the Denver metro area and beyond with over 200 individuals trained as harvest laborers and countless lives transformed. As RST's impact expands, churches and organizations across the country are eager to embrace these approaches, aligning with the Holy Spirit and harnessing prayer, the Word of God, and evangelism to reach the unreached.



## SHARK TANK PARKER & JESS MANUEL PINEWOOD



Parker and Jess Manual have been serving as the pastors at Pinewood Church in Boulder over the past five years. Their dedication has seen over 100 people come to faith in Jesus - a testament to their incredible efforts. Despite their marked success in sharing the Gospel, they have faced significant challenges, particularly concerning Boulder's high living costs. At one point, they were on the brink of seeking external employment, potentially stepping back from some of their pastoral roles. However, through our 'RST Shark Tank' initiative, they were able to raise over \$35,000, which assisted them with a crucial down payment. Through RST's support, Parker and Jess can continue their incredible work, and the church is growing now more than ever. Thank you for making a difference!

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Zume. Training is an online and in-life learning experience designed for small groups that follow Jesus to learn how to obey His Great Commission and make disciples who multiply.

Since partnering with Restoration during the RST Shark Tank initiative, Zume has mobilized 5,986 people for full or partial multiply training. These nearly 6,000 individuals in turn have translated the multiply trainings into over 40 leading languages and made it accessible across all 192 countries worldwide.

STORIES STATS MAPS

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### SYDNEY

Sydney, a recent high school graduate, has lived out the RST vision of being a disciple who makes disciples in 2023. Sydney was baptized last summer and over the next school year, Sydney had several conversations about faith with her friends. This past summer, she hosted a Simple Church with a few girls from school. Sydney shared her SOAPS (daily scripture reading and application) with them and engaged in conversations about Jesus and the Bible. After a year of their Simple Church seeing Sydney live out her faith, three of her friends, Riley, Arden, and Taylor, decided to go all in on Jesus and get baptized. Now, all of these girls are starting at different colleges, sharing their faith and being disciples who make disciples across the country.



#### RAY

Ray started coming to RST February 2023. He felt immediately welcomed and connected by the RST Connection Team. At the end of service, Ray decided to accept Jesus and get baptized. He later found out that his mom had been praying for his faith in the Lord. A few months later it was Ray who invited his mom and other family members to church! Those family members are now a part of our church community. RST was able to help his brother, who is currently living in a halfway house, by purchasing him work clothes for his new job. God started moving in Ray and now through one disciple who makes disciples God is moving through an entire family.



### JOHN

John experienced incredible life change in 2023 through everyday disciples. Helen, a neighbor during the COVID shutdown, invited John to RST. Although initially hesitant, an invitation to hear Helen play in the church band led him to regular Sunday services. While at RST, John was gifted a Bible and spiritual guidance. Over discussions, texts, and coffee, John embraced faith, eventually accepting Jesus as his Savior. John was baptized on August 6th, surrounded by loved ones, RST community, and new acquaintances. Reflecting on the events that brought him here, John recognizes God's hand guiding him, saying, "I realize I may not have been looking for God, but He was looking for me."



### **BRYAN & DEANA**

Bryan and Deana have been a part of the RST family for several years, plugging in early and actively serving in several different areas of the church. In 2022, their family faced significant challenges when Deana experienced an injury that rendered her unable to work, their newborn son, Micah, had significant medical expenses at Children's Hospital, and Bryan went through reduced work hours at his job. Amid these financial burdens, they chose to "rest in the assurance that God is their Provider." Upon learning of their situation, the RST family stepped in to cover the family's rent for a month. This generosity not only allowed Bryan and Deana to make it through another month, but gave them a deeper faith and generosity to help bless other families.





#### ALL CITY SUNDAY STORIES

The week of all city Sunday, an everyday disciple from RST was hit in a car accident. Seeing this as an opportunity to further the kingdom, he checked on the other driver, cared for her, and eventually shared the gospel with her. After some time praying and discussing baptism she made the decision to follow Jesus and get baptized at All City Sunday.

After hearing Holly's and Jason's messages, two other people decided to get baptized at All City Sunday, proclaiming Jesus as their Lord and Savior. One was a middle schooler, Stella, and the other was Angela, who started coming to RST a few weeks prior.

### 650 PEOPLE

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Students have learned how to share 3 circles and every week students practice in their class!

Kids were being discipled each week in RST Kids on Sundays.

parents dedicated their children.

Bible verses memorized by our Pre-K students!



## ZAK

Zak, one of our high school students, has been attending RST on his own with other high school friends over the last year. Every Sunday they walk in and enjoy the service. Over the last year, through the word of God, prayer, and coming to RST, Zak decided to get baptized. Gabrielle, who was interning at RST last summer, shared SOAPS with Zak, and invited him to church. 6 months later she baptized him. Zak is now serving on our tech team and will go out to college next year equipped to make disciples wherever he goes.



## **EMERSON**

Emerson has attended RST Kids and Youth over the last few years. This winter, she attended a lesson on understanding the gospel. Afterwards, she talked to one of our youth leaders, Cassidy, and through that conversation, Emerson accepted Christ. Emerson wanted to get baptized and asked Gabi, a regular RST Kids and PNO Serve Team member, to baptize her. We are so excited for the life change Emerson has experienced and the everyday disciples serving in our kids and youth ministries.



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Weeks in a row of kids and youth making "I will" statements to apply what they learn from the bible!

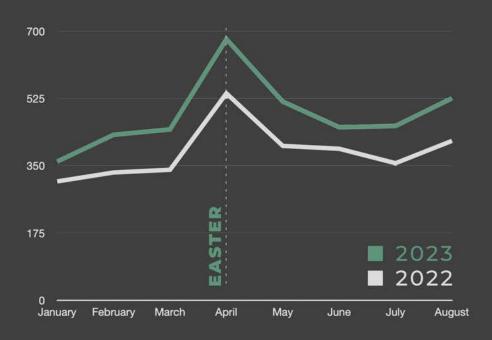
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Youth students have learned to do SOAPS independently

10+

Student Baptisms

### **ATTENDANCE**



# 25%

## GROWTH

RST has grown at an average rate of 25% month over month, with our largest spike at 31% for the month of March before Easter Sunday. We have also seen significant growth in the summer months including July where we saw the most baptisms we've ever had.

### **RST BUILDING**

The RST building journey is a testament to God's blessings. Thanks to your generosity, we've enhanced our entry and landscape, creating a welcoming space for connection. Our central location in Wash Park consistently draws 10-20 new visitors weekly, a sign of our growing community and outreach.

### **NEXT DOOR HOUSE**

RST has been blessed to acquire a duplex property next door in an off-market deal. Thank you so much to all who donated to this opportunity. While we honor the existing rental leases through summer 2024, we're excited about future possibilities: an outdoor kids' playground, missionary housing, and further development prospects.

### **2300 MARION**

The property at 2300 Marion (where our church used to meet) is strategically used for church planting and is still owned by our church. Over the last two years, we've leased it to a church plant, One City Church, aligning with our vision for the multiplication of Churches. One City is thriving, and we are praying that God would continue to use them to reach our city.



## **2023 EXPENSES** // 2.7 MILLION

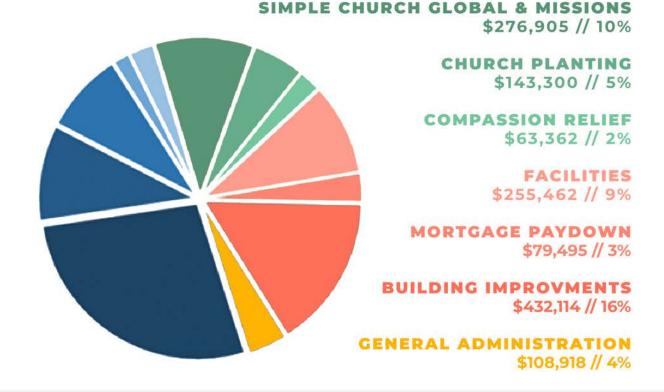
OUTREACH \$71,703 // 3%

**CONNECTION** \$47,655 // 2%

**FAMILY LIFE** \$229,475 // 8%

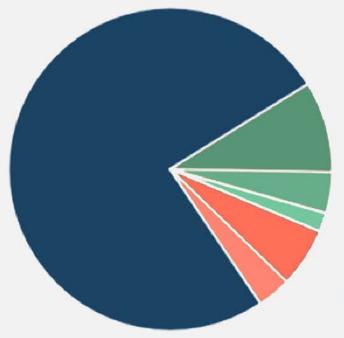
**WORSHIP & A.V.** \$271,251 // 10%

**RST OPERATIONS** \$753,745 // 28%



## **2023 INCOME** // 3.7 MILLION

GENERAL & FAMILY LIFE GIVING \$2,801,374 // 76%



& MISSIONS GIVING \$336,465 // 9%

CHURCH PLANT GIVING \$151,250 // 4%

> COMPASSION RELIEF GIVING \$71,405 // 2%

**BUILDING FUND** \$219,658 // 6%

RENTAL & OTHER INCOME \$123,193 // 3% WFARFA GLOBAL MOVFMFNT OFEVERYDAY DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES FOR GENERATIONS OCOMF

