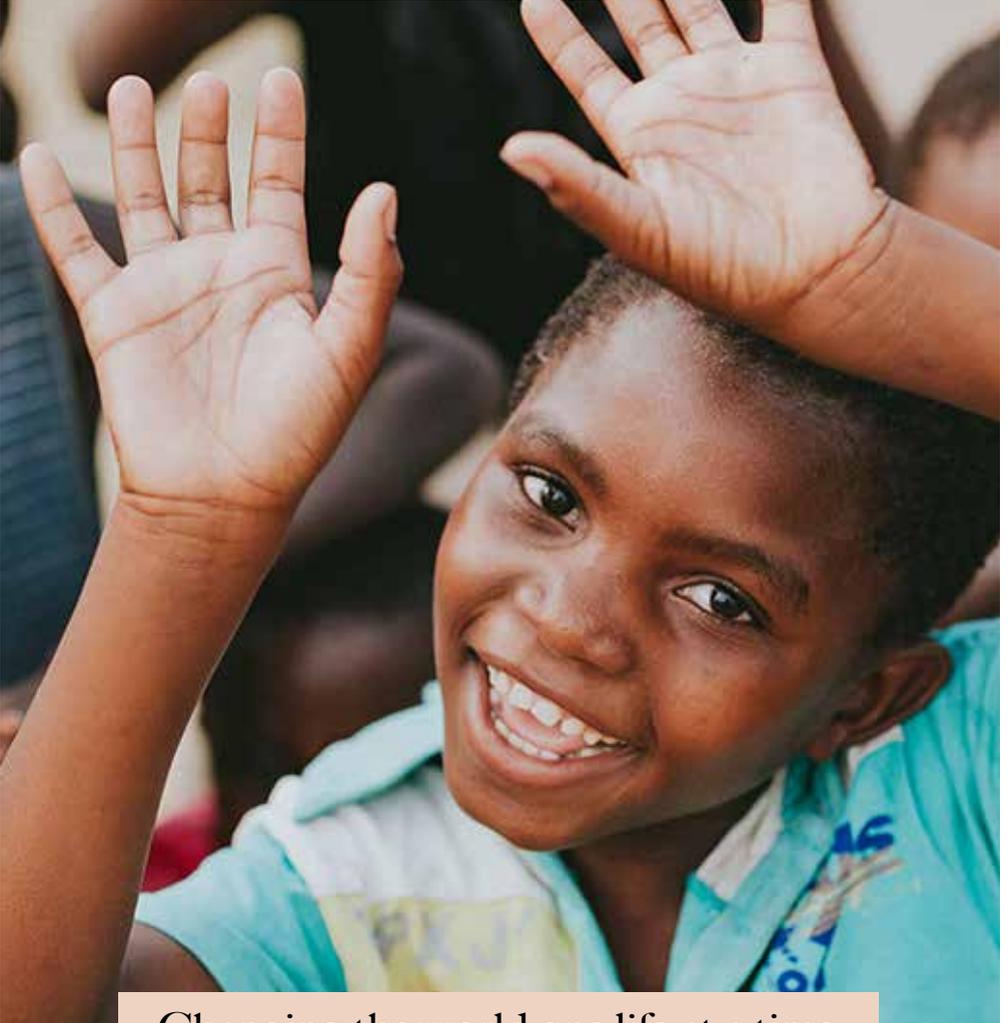


Love God

Love People

# legacy

2019



Changing the world one life at a time.

# LEGACY 2019

*Changing the world one life at a time.*



## **SARA (29)**

*I came to City First when I was at my lowest point. I joined a life group right away and met some amazing people! I now have self-worth, a strong relationship with Jesus, and group of people who love me!*



In December of 2016, Pastors Jeremy and Jen launched an exciting vision to grow from one location to multiple locations: One house, with many rooms. This God dream was birthed with one purpose in mind: seeing more people find the **hope of Jesus**. The Hope For All initiative was the catalyst for our new name: City First Church, established in January of 2017. Same pastors, same church, new name.

**LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT GOD WOULD DO  
MORE THAN WE COULD EVER DARE TO ASK,  
DREAM, OR IMAGINE!**

# WITHIN ONE YEAR, WE WENT FROM ONE LOCATION TO 5 LOCATIONS.

SPRING CREEK



MARCH 2017 – GOD BEHIND BARS, DIXON



APRIL 2017 – CAPE CORAL



AUGUST 2017 – GOD BEHIND BARS, HARDEE



CHURCH ONLINE



# CITY FIRST CHURCH HONONEGAH



## **COMING SOON!**

God is continuing to reach more people through City First Church!

In September of 2018, Pastors Jeremy and Jen announced that our **SIXTH** location will be launching on **February 10, 2019 at the Hononegah Performing Arts Center.** This location will focus on bringing the love of Jesus to the Stateline area of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin.

God continues to astound us as He uses City First Church to reach those in desperate need of the hope, healing, and forgiveness that can only come from Jesus!

## LEGACY

**WE** are extremely grateful for all of those who were a part of the Hope For All vision. **THANK YOU** for your prayers, support, and generosity towards this incredible initiative.

*Pastors Jeremy and Jen echo the words that were written by the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 1:3...*

**“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater!”**

*We are eternally grateful for the hundreds of people who have sacrificially given of their finances! It is true, that only Heaven will tell of all that has been accomplished through your ownership of the Hope For All vision!*

# THE IMPACT WE'VE SEEN IN THE PAST TWO YEARS



**2,090** • Decisions Made For Jesus



**551** • Baptisms



**3,096** • First Time Guests



**7,000** • Average Weekly Attendance



**1,060** • Attended Starting Your Journey



**1,022** • Serving At City First Church

*....and we believe this is just the beginning!*

## Because of your generosity.....

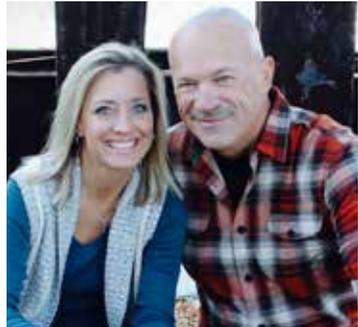


*We came in February of 2018 and quickly decided to jump right in! We have attended Starting your Journey, the Marriage Class, the Marriage Conference, joined a Life Group, and a Serve team. Each experience has helped us grow and has shown us God's plan is always the best plan!*

*- Dennis (28) & Arielle (28)*

*Before coming to City First Church, we used to go to church, now we are actively part of the church. It has strengthened our marriage, given me a heart that cares about people, and I've become more generous!*

*- Evan (56)*



## LEGACY



### DAKOTA (20)

When I came to City First Church, I was lost. But, here I found the family I needed and the purpose I'd been looking for. I was baptized and God gave me a fresh start. I now have God-confidence and am finding purpose in serving others in Youth. I'm forever grateful for my church and I feel so loved.

### AARON, GOD BEHIND BARS

Since coming to prison my life has completely changed. I have become a true disciple of Jesus who offers me hope, healing, and a new purpose every



### BARRY (42)

Since coming to City First Church, God has given my life purpose and taught me how to serve others. God has filled me with peace that is inexplicable and I have experienced Him in an entirely new way!

### JOE, GOD BEHIND BARS

God has been speaking to me about being free from some deep rooted issues. I believe this will help me be a better husband and servant towards my wife. The weekly messages remind me not to give up.

### CAROLINA (18)

City First Church is an authentic community of people which is just what I need. I'm so thankful for the leadership and honest conversations that have taught me how to fight the enemy with God's Word and make good decisions with my life!

*Join the ongoing journey to impact generations and make an eternal difference!*

## **EXTRAVAGANT GOALS REQUIRE EXTRAVAGANT FAITH**

We have been prayerfully seeking God as to what role this church is to play in having a heaven-impact here on earth. The Bible shows us that Jesus gave all He had to reach the lost, and that there is no greater love than this. He asks us not to hold back in our own sacrifice, as we leave a legacy for the next generation.



# LEGACY

The Legacy vision enables us to take a giant leap forward in fulfilling the big opportunities God has placed before us as a church. Together, we get to be a part of something greater than ourselves – investing into generations – so that many more people may experience the life-changing hope of Jesus.

*“Because I have set my **heart on the house** of my God, I have given to the house of my God, **over and above** all that I have prepared for the holy house... Who among you is ready and willing to **join in the giving?**”*

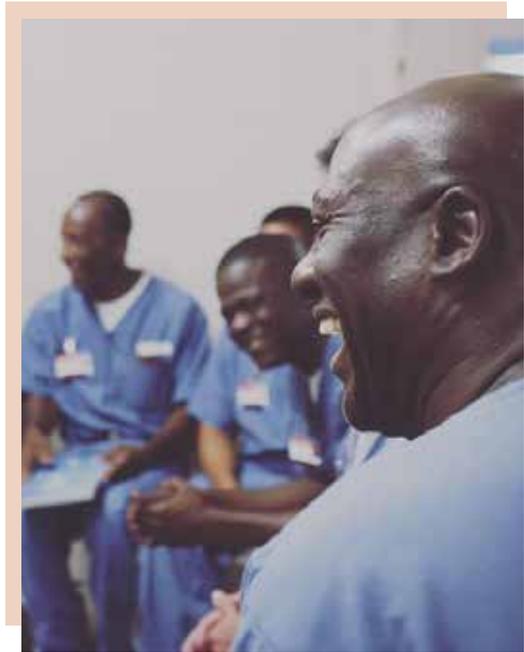
*I CHRONICLES 29:3-6*



# LEGACY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES 2019

## PRISONS

*“I was hungry and you fed Me, I was in prison and you came to Me..... whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was Me—you did it to Me.”  
Matthew 25 (Jesus speaking)*



# GOD BEHIND BARS

Partner with God Behind Bars to provide a spiritually dynamic weekly service at two Correctional Institutions: Hardee and Dixon. In 2019, we desire to begin Life Groups, an exit ministry for inmates, and provide ongoing curriculum so they may grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus.



**PROJECT LIST ---- \$ 75,000**

# THE CITY

*“When right-living people bless the city, it flourishes!” Proverbs 11:11*



## CARE FOR THE HOMELESS AND UNDER-RESOURCED

Partner with local ministries to share hope and help in Jesus' name to move people from homelessness and despair toward personal and spiritual wholeness.



## ERADICATE HUNGER

Partner with local food banks in Winnebago County, IL and Lee County, FL in order to help feed the hungry and provide nourishment to those in need.



## INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION

Continue to maintain and establish ongoing relationships with Rockford 205 District and Lee County school districts so that we may be a present support in both practical and spiritual ways. This happens through providing consistent mentorship, youth programs, backpack giveaways, Christmas initiatives for under-resourced students, and much more.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

City First Church will continue to be a light in our communities! We will serve our cities through community events, city enhancement projects, and more. We are called to love where we live!



**PROJECT LIST ---- \$ 125,000**

# MISSIONS

*“Go out into the world and share the Good News with all of creation.” Mark 16:15*

## ZOE

As an organization, ZOE International seeks to bring life to others by offering them the hope of Jesus Christ, and providing children who have been victimized by human trafficking true healing and restoration in the name of Jesus.



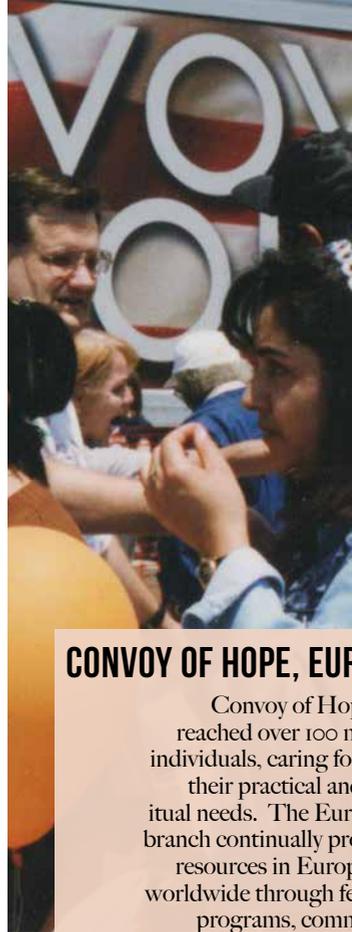
## CITY FIRST MISSIONARY HOUSING

We want to provide a furnished home for missionary families to live in while raising funding and developing ministry partners for their missionary call. Beyond the cost of providing housing for these heroes, we would like to provide some updates to this space in order to maintain a quality place for them to live.



## CONVOY OF HOPE, EUROPE

Convoy of Hope has reached over 100 million individuals, caring for both their practical and spiritual needs. The European branch continually provides resources in Europe and worldwide through feeding programs, community building, and disaster relief for the socially weak and underprivileged, all in the name of Jesus.





## ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING EFFORTS

Partner with world-renowned organizations: She Rescue Home and SakSaum ministries who care for children and teens who have been rescued from human trafficking, and show them the life-changing love of Jesus.

## MISSIONS EFFORTS AROUND THE WORLD



We support multiple missionaries and organizations who are spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ all around the globe. In addition to providing financial backing for missions efforts, we continue to provide opportunities for our City First Church family to participate in short term missions trips.



## MERCY MULTIPLIED

Partner with Mercy Multiplied, an organization dedicated to helping young women break free from life-controlling behaviors and severe situations. Mercy helps women experience God's unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power, with no cost to those being helped.



## EMPOWER HOUSE

In 2012, City First Church opened a home devoted to empowering single moms. Its residents are provided housing, free of charge, and are on a development path towards holistic success. Not only is this opportunity designed to meet their spiritual needs - but also to empower them in their practical and physical needs. We partner together to journey towards health and independence in all the major areas of life: finances, family, health, and employment. We are seeing God do amazing things through this ministry!

**PROJECT LIST ---- \$ 150,000**

# CITY FIRST CHURCH ENHANCEMENT



*“God is building a home. He’s using us all in what He is building. He’s using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the Cornerstone”  
Ephesians 2:19-20*



## CITY FIRST KIDS SPACES

Our heart has **always been** to point the lost to Jesus, and provide a church home that builds strength for **future generations.**



In line with this desire, our spaces see a lot of “wear and tear” in the best way possible! Our kids space is in need of refurbishing so we can create a safe and fun environment where kids can be introduced to Jesus, and learn how to follow Him (while having a blast)!



**PROJECT LIST ---- \$ 175,000**

## GROWTH AND EXPANSION

*“Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! **THINK BIG!** Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You’re going to need lots of elbow room for your **GROWING FAMILY.**”  
Isaiah 54:2-3*

It takes ongoing funds to continue our expansion efforts – expansion is not limited to the brick and mortar of a building - but also the tech, infrastructure, communications, and equipment to run all of the logistics that make ministry happen!



## LEGACY

In 2019, we will be launching a new location at Hononegah High School and expanding our Church Online presence so more people can be a part of City First Church from anywhere in the world. Also, we will be prayerfully open to what God wants to do next so more people may spend eternity in heaven with their Creator!



**PROJECT LIST ---- \$ 225,000**

**LEGACY 2019 GOAL: \$750,000**

*“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25*

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THE WORLD  
WITH THE  
LOVE OF  
JESUS.**

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