



ANNUAL REVIEW

CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER

LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

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Dear friends,

What if the greatest gift you could give wasn't something material, but the assurance to a deeply lonely person that they are seen, loved, and never alone? That's the gift you've made possible through Christ in the City this year.

As we look back on this year at Christ in the City, my heart is filled with gratitude for the many ways the Holy Spirit continues to move this mission forward. Each day, we see God's hand at work, blessing our missionaries, volunteers, and homeless friends through your generosity and prayers.

One of the greatest joys this year has been the growth of our new **Volunteer Ministries**. **Over 70 dedicated volunteers now dedicate two nights a month to serve regularly alongside our 50 missionaries in the evenings.** They do street ministry, visit nursing homes, shelters, hospitals, and even jails, bringing Christ's presence to some of the most forgotten. These volunteers are doing more than just serving, they are loving, forming friendships, and weaving the ministry into their daily lives. Truly, your support has made it possible for this new branch of our mission to take root and flourish.

At the same time, we are prayerfully planning expansion into new cities. The call to bring Christ's love to the poor is spreading, and with your help, Christ in the City will continue to grow wherever the Holy Spirit leads.

Your prayers and your support make possible every smile on the street, every hand held in a hospital, every word of hope in a jail, and every friendship we form with the homeless. Because of you, Christ in the City remains a place where young adults encounter the poor, discover Christ's love in them, and learn how to share that love for the rest of their lives.



On behalf of our missionaries, volunteers, staff, and Board of Directors, thank you from the depths of my heart. You may not always see it firsthand, but through your prayers, your time, and your gifts, you are transforming lives. With God's grace and your partnership, we are moving forward in hope.

With gratitude in Christ,

Eduardo Regal

Executive Director

Reconciliation as Mission

At Christ in the City, the heart of our mission is not simply to serve - **it's to reconcile.**

Every encounter on the streets, every shared meal, every name remembered is part of something deeper: the healing of ruptured relationships and the **restoration of communion with God and one another.**

Many of our friends on the streets have experienced broken relationships with their families, their friends, and with God. In deep loneliness and experiencing the pain of being unseen, a quiet question is always present in their hearts:

"DO I MATTER?"

For them, overcoming homelessness without a positive answer to this question is, in many cases, an impossible goal. The deepest poverty isn't material; it's the absence of love and significance.

Our model is rooted in communion: with Jesus Christ, with each other, and with the poor. Formation gives our missionaries the interior freedom to love without fear, to remain even when it's hard, and to be living witnesses of a God who draws close.

Christ is the one who truly heals hearts wounded by rupture. **We are ambassadors of reconciliation with him,** sent to remind the forgotten of their infinite dignity.

"WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME."

— Matthew 25:40

This mission isn't about fixing others.
It's about becoming a community where healing is possible.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

Christ in the City's mission goes beyond the streets. The poverty of loneliness and isolation exists in jails, nursing homes, hospitals, and homeless shelters. Since the founding of CITC, missionaries have visited such facilities in the evenings to continue spreading a culture of encounter.



Forming missionaries has always been the goal of CITC, and that applies to more than just the young adults who apply for a year of service. **We strive to cultivate the missionary heart in volunteers, donors, and the greater Church by offering them meaningful opportunities to serve the poor.** The "Volunteer Ministries" emerged as the ideal opportunity to get the greater community involved and cultivate more missionary hearts. These ministries offer the same opportunity for a relational-based ministry that Christ in the City provides for its full-time missionaries, but the ministries occur in settings and times that are more conducive for lay Christians who live ordinary lives.

With God's grace and the generosity of a large number of volunteers, we have built up these ministries and grown our volunteer base to sustain them. In a short time, **the poor are being loved and encountered at a larger scale** while more missionary hearts are being formed and sent out.

**A new initiative has been founded and is taking shape:
the Volunteer Ministries.**



CREATE A CULTURE OF **ENCOUNTER**

Locations:

3 Nursing Homes

3 Hospitals

2 Jails

2 Homeless Shelters

1 Street Ministry Team

Number of Volunteers Involved:

70 (community volunteers and alumni)



FORMING AND EQUIPPING THE CHURCH TO SERVE:

All volunteers receive training from Christ in the City to prepare them for ministry. We inform them about the demographics of each facility, give them tips for the challenges they'll face, and most importantly, from their hearts. Additionally, we host a quarterly event called The Mission Series to bring volunteers and missionaries together and support them in their work.

WANT TO LEARN MORE OR GET INVOLVED?

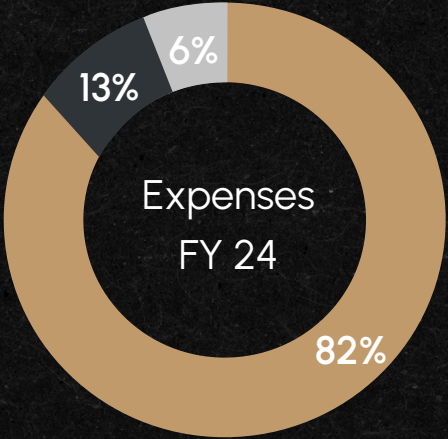


FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 2024 - JULY 2025

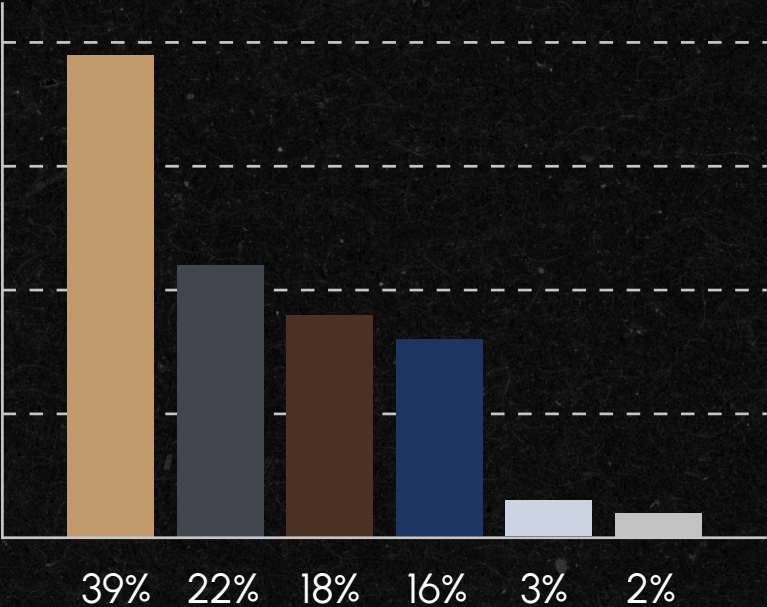
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\$3,620,013

Expenses:
\$3,561,471



- Donations
- Program Income
- Fundraising Events
- In Kind Donations
- Grants
- Other

- Ministry
- Fundraising
- Administrative



IMPACT SNAPSHOT

2024-2025



34,104

Encounters with the poor



705

People prayed with
on the street



268 hrs

Each missionary spent in
community building activities.



167 hrs

Each missionaries spent
on retreat



180 hrs

Each missionary spent in
personal formation with their
formator.

(Including, street-ministry debrief,
spiritual accompaniment and bonding
time)



744 hrs

Each missionary engaged in
direct service to the poor

(Including street ministry, Lunch
in the Park, night ministry and
accompaniments)



864

Encounters with
the imprisoned



46

Full-time
missionaries



14,722

People Christ in the City
encountered.



GROWING THE LIGHT:



Our Recurring Giving Community Expands

At Christ in the City, **we believe that transformation begins with presence.** Slow, steady and faithful where God starts healing the wounds in hearts. Missionaries encounter our friends on the street every day, walking with them and accompanying them through the ups and downs of their journey. Our homeless friends do not walk alone anymore.

For years, donors have made the commitment of monthly support for our mission to Know, Love, and Serve the poor. The name for this group reflects our mission: the Known & Loved Giving Community.

Our recurring giving community has grown, not just in number, but in intentionality. That's why we've introduced new ways to connect our donors more deeply with our shared mission, and to offer meaningful touchpoints to show our gratitude for those who walk alongside us each month.

The Known & Loved Giving Community reminds us that **every act of generosity, no matter the size, adds to the warmth and light that reaches the streets.** The benefactors in our Known & Loved Giving Community ignite the fire of the Holy Spirit in our mission!

We're honored to walk with each of you.



Want to see what's new in **KNOWN & LOVED** ?





"THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME
INTO YOUR HEARTS." — Jon

We met Jon on our very first day as missionaries. Even in the earliest weeks of friendship, he taught us sign language, shared his oranges and coffee, and offered the little he had. And yet, beneath that generosity was deep suffering. On the streets, Jon faced intense physical pain, loneliness, and hopelessness. "I do not love myself," he once told us—words that reflected just how heavy his burden had become.

But through it all, we kept showing up. In his silence, we listened. In his despair, we stayed. After his unannounced and prolonged absence one week, we feared that he might not have survived the streets, so we prayed and checked hospitals—eventually discovering that he had been taken in by his former health aide. Jon began living in her basement, and with this stability, healing began.

He started to walk again—sometimes without crutches—hear more clearly, and smile more often. We brought him shells from the beach, prayer cards, photos, puzzles, and cake on his birthday. As he gradually opened to these gifts, it became clear: Jon was learning he is worthy of love. Before Palm Sunday, he surprised us by asking to go to Mass. He got a palm, met Archbishop Pérez, and afterward insisted on us all celebrating with some Chinese food.

This friendship is still unfolding. Jon is now actively pursuing housing and told us that our presence has helped him hope again. He dreams of building a wall in his future apartment filled with photos of the missionaries who have and will walk with him.

We are grateful for the year we've shared and the second year ahead. Please pray for Jon—his journey toward housing, deeper family healing, and the continued joy of authentic friendship.

- Alyssa & Olivia,

Philadelphia Missionaries 2024-2026



We invite you to an evening that brings together the joy, faith, and friendship at the heart of Christ in the City. The 2025 Annual Celebration is more than a night out, it's a glimpse into how God is transforming the lives of missionaries and our friends living on the streets.

Join us as we gather with missionaries, friends, and supporters to share moving stories, celebrate the year, and be inspired. Come be part of the mission!

This is more than a fundraiser...

*IT'S A JOYFUL CALL TO
SOMETHING GREATER!*

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

November 1st 2025

Come
Join Us!



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