



Harvest

2021 RELIANT MINISTRY REPORT



“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 NIV

from the
Executive Director

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Reliant has the privilege of having a front-row seat to what God is doing across the world. We can see the innumerable ways God continues to call people into ministry and then provide for each worker serving in cities, countries, and communities worldwide. In this year’s Annual Ministry Report, we want to celebrate how God has always faithfully blessed and provided for mission through the hands and feet of supporters and senders like you. Our only regret is our inability to share this news even sooner, as pandemic-related supply issues delayed the production of this year’s report by several months.

With our theme verse this year, we look back at 2021 and see God’s provision through so many avenues: whether it is through receiving an open door for ministry, experiencing God’s people rally together through prayer and support, or an unexpected financial donation, **these are examples of ways that God has provided so abundantly for and through His people.**

I invite you to continue praying for our missionaries and workers and His provision and grace for them in the years to come. From Scripture passages like Matthew 6, we see that God provides for all of our needs. Jesus says He already knows everything we need; we trust that He will make our paths straight as we continue seeking His Kingdom first.



Tom

TOM MAURIELLO
Executive Director

We are joined together by one shared vision: to see the good news of the glory of God spread to every corner of the world. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the mission of mobilizing missionaries for the Great Commission. We are so grateful to partner alongside each of you in the work of the Gospel!



From the Field Story • From the Field Story

Randle Bishop
DALLAS, TX

"In every way we can think of, God has blessed and provided for us to the point of overflow."

AS WE THOUGHT OF WHAT TO SHARE REGARDING OUR TESTIMONY FOR THIS YEAR, PSALM 65:11 CAME TO MIND. IT SAYS, "YOU CROWN THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY; YOUR WAGON TRACKS OVERFLOW WITH ABUNDANCE."

This has surely been our experience. Just as God provided in abundance for Israel after their exodus from Egypt, He has done so for us. In every way we can think of, God has blessed and provided for us to the point of overflow. We ended the 2021 year not knowing how we would care for a number of expenses or if we'd fully met our Reliant support goals. However, to our amazement, God put it on the heart of His children to give above and beyond in various ways. This definitely wasn't our initial experience going into our church planting residency in 2019. **Our faith was stretched tremendously. But God shocked us with His generosity!** We are still walking by faith, but now we're doing so at a different pace. We're enjoying the freedom of not having to hustle in order to raise our financial support on a stricter timeline. Again, we're still pursuing ministry partners but at a much more *restful* pace. We consider this a generous gift to be able to slow down just a bit.

God also blessed us with our fifth child! As we entered 2021, our newborn son, Josiah, was born prematurely at 15.9 oz, shockingly just under a pound. He spent three months in the NICU. Now it's ten months later, and he's smiling from ear to ear, rolling over, eating plenty, and giggling into the midnight hours. He has been a wonderful addition to our family. We've also experienced God's twofold blessing on our family by his sending us the Justice Family. They are not only new friends but ministry partners. The Justice Family joined our core team to plant Trinity Gospel Church three months ago. We're grateful to God for them! They also have a growing family, and they too see the need for reaching the inner-city with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps it's cliché but it is fitting, **"God is good, all the time . . . and all the time, God is good!"**



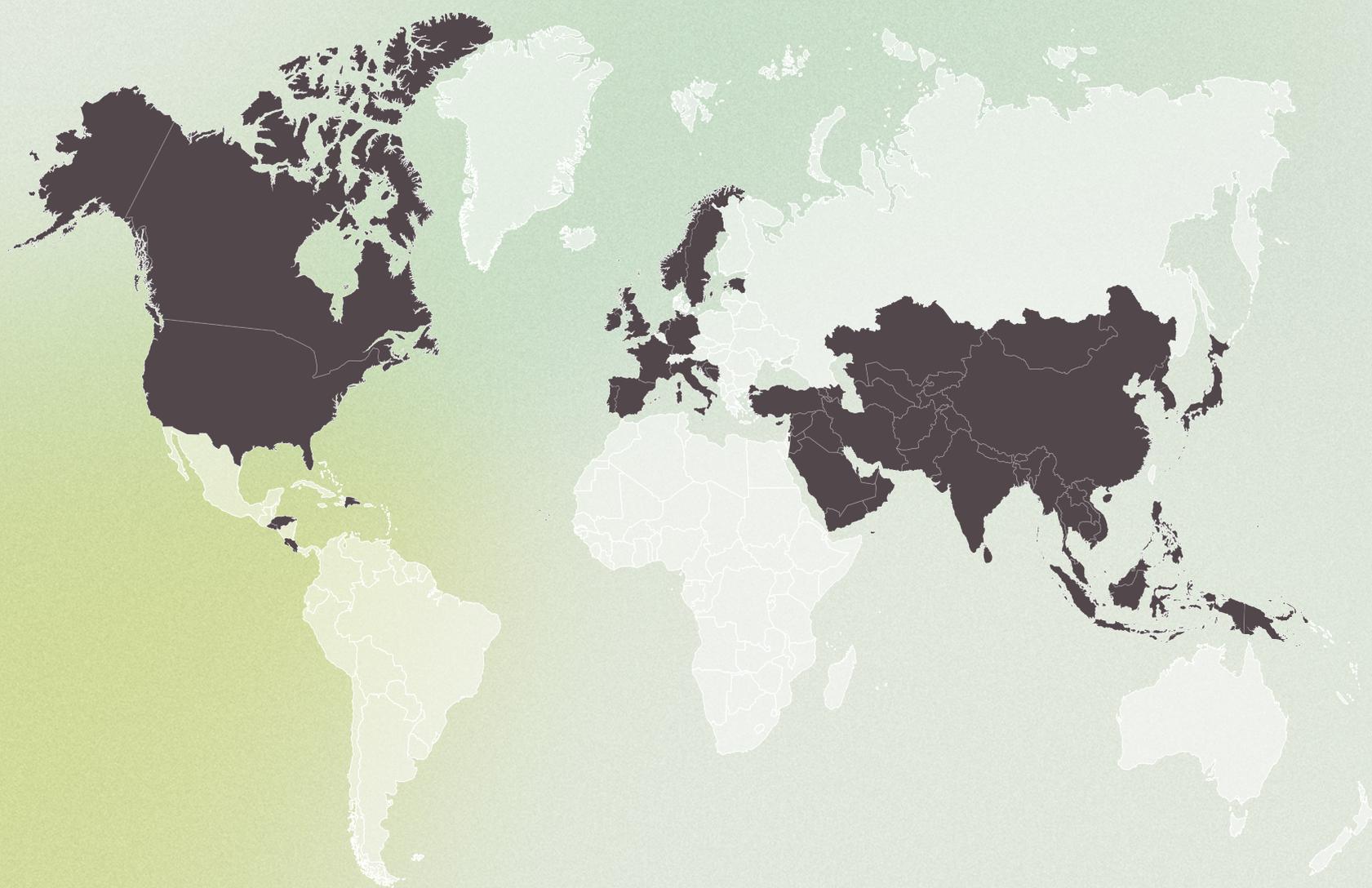
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Or visit reliant.org/randle.bishop

Reliant's Reach

This page serves as a visual representation of the places that our missionaries and workers were in during 2021.

By giving to a missionary, church planter, or intern partnered with Reliant, this is the direct impact you are making! Joined together, we are able to see the good news of Jesus spread across the world. The harvest is ready!





"It took an extreme season of difficulty to experience the provision and generosity of our Lord through the community of faith."

ON DECEMBER 19, 2021, WHILE IN THE STATES FOR A TIME OF TRAINING AND SUPPORT RAISING, OUR FAMILY'S PLANS WERE CHANGED DRASTICALLY WHEN MY HUSBAND EXPERIENCED A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

For two days, we had no idea the headache he was experiencing was caused by an arterial dissection. **However, the Lord knew all the details and provided physically for us by orchestrating our presence at the right place at the right time.**

While waiting for friends in the parking lot of the Cincinnati Zoo to view the Christmas lights, the dissection produced a stroke. From the moment the stroke began, I could see the hand of the Lord at work. The zoo is located across the street from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, which is the stroke center for the region. Jason received essential treatment quickly, which greatly lessened the severity of the damage caused. This was not how we planned to spend our Christmas, but the Lord is good, and even this situation will be used for His glory.

God provided for us financially in ways far beyond what we could have ever hoped through our supporters, missionary team members, and our local church. The many special gifts we received allowed us to meet medical bills and other expenses as they came up. Meals provided by our local church kept our family fed for the weeks Jason was hospitalized and beyond. Thanks to God's provision through our wonderful supporters and church family, we were able to focus fully on Jason's health recovery and rehabilitation.

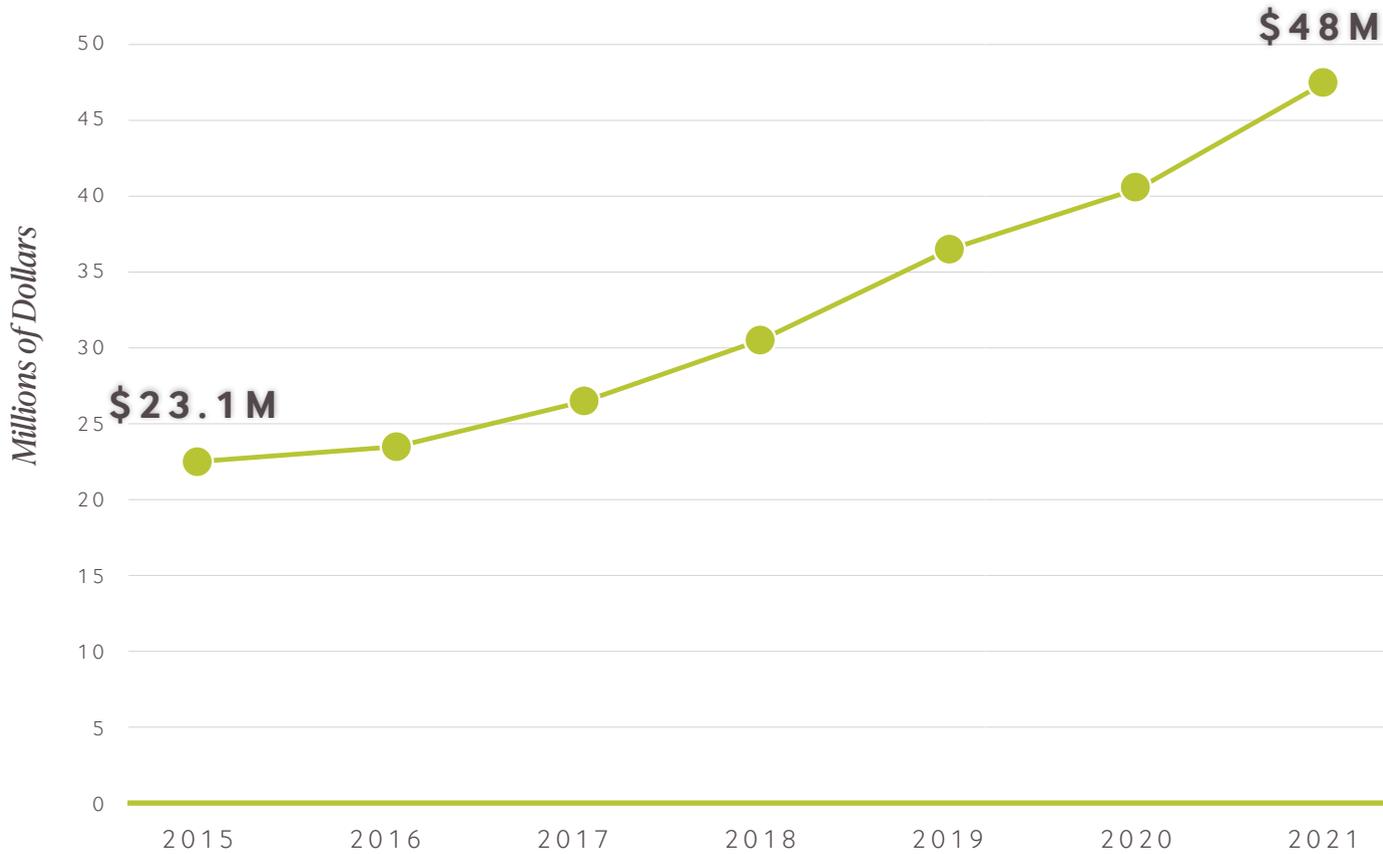
The prayers lifted us up, and the encouraging messages provided a grounding sense of God's closeness and sovereignty in a time when all felt unsteady. It took an extreme season of difficulty to experience the provision and generosity of our Lord through the community of faith.



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Giving toward the Ministries of Missionaries*

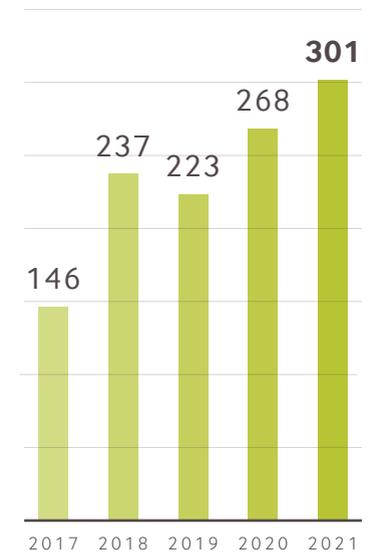


*This represents only giving towards the ministries of missionaries and does not include giving toward ministry project accounts.

301 TOTAL MISSIONARIES TRAINED IN 2021



Missionaries Trained (By Year)



Charitable Giving

	Recurring Gifts	Special Gifts	Total
2017	\$22.4M	\$4.2M	\$26.6M
2018	\$25.3M	\$5.7M	\$31.1M
2019	\$30.1M	\$6.7M	\$36.8M
2020	\$34.7M	\$7.8M	\$42.5M
2021	\$39.7M	\$9.4M	\$49.1M

2021 Giving Breakdown

TOTAL GIFTS	ONLINE GIVING
423,991	90%
SPECIAL GIFTS	AVERAGE GIFT
16,090	\$116

from our Donors

“There isn't anything more important in this life than helping others find and follow Jesus. Both of my parents became believers while attending the University of Illinois, so I've always had a special desire to see campus ministries flourish.

A preacher that we highly respect, Paul Washer, said, 'As Christians, we are called to either go down into the mine or hold the rope for those who do go down.'

It is our privilege to give to Russ and Megan and to support Russ's work with the Collegiate Church Network Program Team. Russ is living out his calling, and through our financial support, we are living out ours.”

— RACHEL AND JIM MADSEN | Chicago

“I love that I have a personal relationship with a servant of God who is growing in his faith and guiding others in their growth. I have the opportunity to rejoice with him in the up times and pray with him in the hard times, and he always asks how he can pray for me. It is a true partnership.”

— MARGE BURCH | Illinois

“I love feeling close to the ministry work through the updates and contact with the missionaries.”

— ASHLEY RYDE | Oklahoma

Demeko Bivens
HOUSTON, TX



Raph Peters
HOUSTON, TX

"God has provided laborers for the harvest. With these laborers we expect God to do great things for his glory."

INNER CITIES ARE FACING UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES. CYCLES OF POVERTY AND CRIME ARE RAVAGING THE LIVES OF THE NEXT GENERATION. WITH SO MANY FEELING HOPELESS, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS IN NEED OF THE HOPE FOUND IN THE GOSPEL.

Part of our vision is that we will go where the kingdom is not, and together, we will stay there. Where there is darkness, where there is brokenness, where there is sin, poverty, corruption, or violence, we will abide. We will pray, sing, baptize, teach, welcome, give, feast, and serve until the kingdom comes in Houston just as it is in Heaven.

Jesus is growing His church, and we are privileged to welcome neighbors into a Christian community. As Christ has welcomed us, those of us who were dead in our sins, we likewise extend that same welcome to others. We started our church planting journey three years ago with three families. We now have close to seven families, seven singles, and thirteen children. God has provided laborers for the harvest. With these laborers, we expect God to do great things for His glory.

We are grateful to co-labor with God as He is growing His church. Our response to church planting was like the prophet Isaiah. In Isaiah 6, he is reminded of his unworthiness and the forgiveness

he has been granted by God before he starts his ministry to the nation of Judah. Isaiah says "send me," and he is willing to go. This has been the posture for us as we prepare to plant a church plant in our neighborhood.

As I reflect on the previous year, I see how Jesus is growing His church in Houston. Our neighborhood, for some, is not the most desirable. Homes are decaying, some blocks experience violence, and most of our schools are struggling. Yet, I am so thankful that God has provided laborers for the harvest on the Southside of Houston.



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Revenue Sources	2021	2020	Change
Contributions	\$49,065,946	\$42,515,048	▲ 15%
Conference and Program Fees	\$334,486	\$192,772	▲ 74%
Investment Income (Loss)	\$102,273	\$244,203	▼ 58%
Other Revenues	\$25,852	\$26,258	▼ 2%
Total Revenues	\$49,528,557	42,978,281	▲ 15%

Expenses ¹	2021	2020	Change
Ministries and Programs			
U.S. Staff and Ministries	\$32,162,101	\$27,764,600	▲ 16%
International Staff and Ministries	\$9,005,867	\$7,672,676	▲ 17%
Conferences and Events	\$187,982	\$114,459	▲ 64%
Total Ministries and Programs	\$41,355,950	\$35,551,735	▲ 16%

Supporting Services			
Management and General	\$4,643,030	\$4,177,896	▲ 11%
Total Expenses	\$45,998,980	\$39,729,631	▲ 16%

Net Revenue (Deficit)	2021	2020	Change
Change in Net Assets	\$3,529,577	\$3,248,650	▲ 9%

1. Details of expense categories include certain non-GAAP measures to represent the work of the ministry.

from the Director of Organizational Affairs & Treasurer

“Reliant is committed to the highest standards of integrity, both financially and in our governance.”

Reliant Mission would like to express our sincere gratitude for your faithful partnership. Through generous donors like you, God graciously supplies the needed financial resources for this ministry. We never take this generous provision for granted. The ministry of Reliant continues to flourish and grow because of our dedicated ministry partners. Even throughout these past two years of this global pandemic, we are amazed at how God continued to provide for Reliant! **Even beyond the financial gifting, we are able to see God providing through non-material needs for each of our missionaries.**

Reliant is also committed to the highest standards of integrity, both financially and in our governance. Thus, we want to keep you informed annually about the finances of the ministry you support. In the midst of an ever-changing world, we stand firm in keeping our rigorous financial standards.

Our Christian board of directors and our Audit Review & Finance Committee provide strong leadership and accountability for Reliant management. Since 1992, we have been a committed member of the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA), which represents and reflects our pledge to transparency, careful oversight, and honoring charitable expectations.



David
DAVID MELDRUM-
GREEN, CPA

As always, our 2021 financial records were audited by Capin Crouse, LLP, a national leader in nonprofit accounting and auditing. Their 2021 audit report is always available upon request.



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