

SENT OUT: Living on Mission (March 2022 to November 2025)

In the winter of 2021-2022, our church began to lay out a huge new vision for our church. As a leadership team & staff, we had “gone first” and put our financial pledge to accomplish great things in both our cities and beyond. We believe we were “Sent Out” to live on a mission towards both Bloomington and new cities. We came to our church family with some BHAGs (big hairy audacious goals).

These goals included:

- ★ A four year operations budget of approximately \$1,000,000
- ★ A plan to send out our first ever church plant (\$25,000)
- ★ A plan to do some facility improvement that included repairs to our ever-deteriorating parking (\$25,000)
- ★ A plan to pay off both our mortgage and our loan from the Urbana Vineyard which was over \$300,000
- ★ And finally, a plan to increase outreach to our local city (\$50,000)
- ★ Our BIG GOAL was to bring in **\$1.4 million over 44 months**

After our leaders made pledges and we made a plan, we came to the church family with the Vision. As we celebrated our 6 years as a church, we talked with all of you about finishing our first 10 years as a church well. How would the next 44 months shape who we were going to be for decades to come? It was exciting and it was scary... we were a smaller church with the biggest of dreams. But, we wanted to be a church that actually **“Engaged our cities with Jesus’ love and good news.”** We wanted to be a church that our cities would miss if we were not here. We wanted to not just be a church that was in our cities, but a church that was making a difference in our cities.

Over the past 4 years, we have not necessarily reached all of our goals... BUT, we have done **more during that time than we ever could have planned for!** On the following pages, you will see just how great our impact has been. You’ll see how *“taking the shot”* on this vision has led to impact in our city and in other cities that we never saw coming. You’ll also see that our little church of just over 100 people has grown into a church with BIG impact as we’ve attempted to tackle God’s BIG vision for the Vineyard.

Very little has been easy when you’re trying to take territory from the enemy, but the Kingdom of Heaven is forcefully advancing and our God is up to great things. As “SENT OUT” comes to its end in the final few weeks and days, we are believing that our amazing Lord is beginning to outline what could come next. So let’s **celebrate** what HE has already done and begin to **DREAM** about what He will lead us into next.

We wrap up SENT OUT here in November 2025, but we also celebrate TEN YEARS as a church family early in 2026. Before we unpack where God has us headed in the next few years, let’s take a minute and look at what we’ve been able to accomplish together in the last couple of years.

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We have seen God do a lot over the past 4-5 years with our BIG “sent out” goals.

- We have paid down over \$100,000 of our loans
- We doubled our church planting efforts.
- We increased our facility improvements dramatically.
- We reached our local outreach goal & greatly improved our reach to the cities.

How are we doing on our loans?

	CHURCH BUILDING MORTGAGE	URBANA LOAN Helped us plant our church.	TOTAL DEBT
September 2020	\$250,000	\$102,000	\$352,000
November 2025	\$200,000	\$32,000	\$232,000
Celebrating what We’ve paid off!	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$120,000

How have we done with our church planting efforts?

SENT OUT GOAL	SOUTH CAROLINA	MEXICO MISSIONS	SOUTH AFRICA	SENT OUT TOTAL
\$25,000	Church Plant A	Plant B	Plant C	\$66,000

How have we done with our facility improvements?

SENT OUT GOAL	PARKING COSTS	FACILITY COSTS	SENT OUT TOTAL
\$25,000	\$33,000	\$20,000	\$53,000

How have we done with our local outreach efforts?

SENT OUT GOAL	THANKSGIVING BOXES	SPRING OUTREACH
\$50,000	230 when we started	No event in 2021 100 people in 2022
SENT OUT TOTAL	355 For our 2024 efforts	Over 400 people Day of Hope 2025
\$50,000+	125 more boxes	300+ more people

SENT OUT CELEBRATION: We set out to raise **\$400,000** for “Sent Out” and we were able to contribute approximately **\$290,000** towards those goals. It’s been amazing.

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These were just our **SENT OUT** goals. God has done so much more! In this section, let's celebrate what the Lord has done through our day-in-day-out ministries. Remember that a big part of the \$1.4 million was to make sure that our **monthly operational budget stayed active and growing** while we pursued the BIG goals God was laying out before us. Through your generosity, our church has not only been able to survive, but thrive even in some uncertain economic times.

Take a look at some of our BIG successes:

- We were able to make our **Operations Budget** goal of **\$1,000,000**
- We were able to expand the hours of our staff to help care & reach more people.
- We were able to see an increase in the number of kids & students we reached.
- We were able to grow our groups and classes.
- We were able to see a dramatic increase in people attending Sunday worship both in our LIVE and ONLINE communities.
- We were able to experience an exponential rise in baptisms.

What has happened over the past 4 years?

VISION PIECE	2021 Numbers	2025 Success	CELEBRATIONS!
<i>Budget</i>	\$222,000	\$307,000	Meeting this Yearly
<i>Operations Goal</i>	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000	Met our goal
<i>Staff</i>	100+ hours Mostly bi-vocational pastors.	170+ hours Mostly one-job pastors.	Better staff situation has led to better care of our church.
<i>Next Gen</i>	50+ people	80+ people	Big growth
<i>Groups</i>	75 involved	130+ involved	Big growth
<i>LIVE Worship</i>	130 weekly	217+ weekly	Big growth
<i>ONLINE Viewers</i>	200+ weekly	1,000+ weekly	Exponential growth
<i>Baptisms</i>	66 people In six years	87+ more planned! In four years!	153 ! In less than 10 years

These celebrations are almost overwhelming as we write them down. We aimed at some BIG dreams and hit many of them. But, we've also accomplished many DREAMS that we never saw coming. We are tremendously encouraged & blessed by what the Lord has done through the Vineyard. And, we cannot wait to see where He leads us next. These past few years have been incredible, but we also believe the best is yet to come! If God can do all this in 44 months, imagine what's coming next with us.

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As we look to the future of the Vineyard here in Bloomington, it is imperative that we continue to DREAM. We still have some big goals that we'd love to see completed. And, we have some opportunities on the table that we'd love to run after. Our future and our DREAMS are being laid out before us. We hope that we have the wisdom and the courage to see many of them come to life in the next couple of years.

These DREAMS include paying down our current debts:

- ★ Finishing off our current mortgage, so that we can build or purchase more space for our church: **\$200,000**
 - This was one of the bigger dreams from SENT OUT.
 - We made good progress on this dream, but need to finish it off so that we can move on to the bigger and better things we are hoping to finish.
- ★ Finishing off our commitment to the Urbana Vineyard, so that we have more room in our monthly budget for ministries: **\$32,000**
 - We made massive strides on this SENT OUT dream, but we still have a little bit more to go.
 - Also when we contribute to this dream, Urbana has promised to funnel this debt payment towards our work in Guadalajara Mexico. Which means every dollar contributed here ends up being a double blessing.
- ★ TOTAL need for this dream: **\$232,000** (*one-time need*)

These DREAMS include expanding our current facilities:

- ★ In order to not keep adding services (we will have to move to 3+ weekly soon), we'd love to have room to expand our auditorium, our kids' & youth spaces, our lobby gathering areas, and our restroom capacities.
- ★ We have a couple of opportunities we'd like to consider.
 - We have been offered nearly 7 acres (at ½ the cost) we could build on.
 - We can pursue buying a larger facility.
- ★ The expansion of our facility will also help us to establish our own food pantry and/or hope center to better "engage our cities."
- ★ These dreams can more easily be pursued if our current mortgage is finished.
- ★ TOTAL estimated need for this dream: **\$1,000,000** (*one-time need*)

These DREAMS include continuing to expand the hours of our part-time staff:

- ★ We'd love to get to a place where none of our staff are working 2nd jobs.
- ★ If all of our staff can get to 30+ hours, we can accomplish more, care better for more people, expand our mission, and consider more group benefit planning.
- ★ As our church continues to grow, this will be a vital dream for helping with the discipleship of more and more new believers.
- ★ TOTAL need for this dream: **\$40,000** (*additional 40k per year*)

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These DREAMS include continuing to plant more churches:

- ★ We want to continue to support our missions to Guadalajara MEXICO, and Wellington SOUTH AFRICA as they engage new cities around the globe.
- ★ But, we know that the Lord will open up new opportunities for us in the future.
- ★ We've already begun to impact a local nursing home with a bi-monthly worship service and an Alpha class.
- ★ Plus, we anticipate that someone from our church or team will catch the vision for a new city in the coming years... and we want to be a part of it!
- ★ TOTAL need for 2 new churches: **\$100,000** (*one-time need*)
- ★ TOTAL yearly need to support new churches: **\$10,000-15,000** (*per year*)

Again, we are in a season of DREAMING. Here's an estimate of what it will cost us to accomplish these goals on both a yearly & a big one-time expense. These are just ideas and dreams not official numbers. But, DREAM with us today:

- ★ Big one-time expenses:
 - Pay off current loans → \$232,000
 - New facilities → \$1,000,000
 - Two new churches → \$100,000
 - **TOTAL → \$1,332,000**
- ★ Yearly needs:
 - Current budget - \$307,000
 - Staff updates - \$40,000
 - Mission support - \$15,000
 - Facility & ministry needs - \$25,000
 - **TOTAL → \$387,000** (*per year*)

We are definitely in for a fun season... a season of CELEBRATING what "Sent Out" accomplished and a season of DREAMING about what comes next. We hope that you'll continue to join us on this journey of ***"Engaging our cities with Jesus' love and good news."***

If you have questions, want more information, or even have ideas yourself, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. You'll be hearing more and more about these CELEBRATIONS this Fall and we hope to be sharing more and more DREAMING as we approach our 10 year anniversary in 2026.

Finally, we want to say a BIG Thank You to everyone who has contributed their treasure and their time to help us accomplish the Vision over the past few years. We could never do this without your generosity.