

SEVEN MILE ROAD HOUSTON



ANNUAL REPORT
2019-2020

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A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR

Hello Seven Mile Road!

We just celebrated our 4th birthday together and what a 4th year it was! In the midst of the constant challenge that 2020 has presented, God continues to be faithful. As we look back over the last ministry year and prepare for what God has in store for us, I want to catch you up on a few things we are celebrating, as well as invite your prayers as we look to the future.

- Your response to the twists and turns of the Covid season starting in March was and continues to be soul-stirring and encouraging. Our network of 26 house churches became 137 huddles nearly over-night as we re-positioned in response to the realities of our moment. Beyond that, you responded in service and generosity as you blessed first responders, tended to your neighbors, and most recently sought to bless teachers all across this city.
- Your staff continues to operate with unity, flexibility and strength. At the outset of Covid we recognized that we were staffed and aligned for a system that no longer existed which occasioned a great deal of transition. It is a miracle, truly, that through it all every person has been humble, encouraging, supportive of the mission and loving towards each other and our congregation. I am stunned and grateful to God for his grace at work in your gifted and godly staff. I love them all and consider it a privilege to help lead them and you.
- We signed a lease on the Joplin Campus – just across the parking lot from our previous space. In light of the ongoing Covid restrictions at St. Thomas this could not have come at a better time, because we now have a location to meet as our world slowly opens up. We will be doing some construction work on the property as we prepare for it to become our home, as well as a collaboration center for other churches and non-profits that will office with us and use it as a training space. It will be an active hub for kingdom work in the city and a catalyst for us to continue to embody and declare God's redemptive story to every Houstonian.

In a moment of great unrest and challenge the Lord is near and is tending to his bride, empowering her for the mission ahead. I am excited about what is in store for all of us and looking forward to the days ahead as we re-emerge to care for the city that we love and to which we are called. Please continue to pray with me for revival in our city. Pray that God would be on the move in our neighbors. Pray that we would be God's hands and feet and voice as we comfort and care for those who are struggling. Pray that the glory of the gospel would cover this city as the waters cover the sea. All for God's glory and for our joy!

With much love and gratitude for each of you,
Jeremiah



FINANCIAL UPDATE

**2019-2020
OPERATING
EXPENSES**
\$1,547,831.27

DECLARE LOCAL: \$219,000

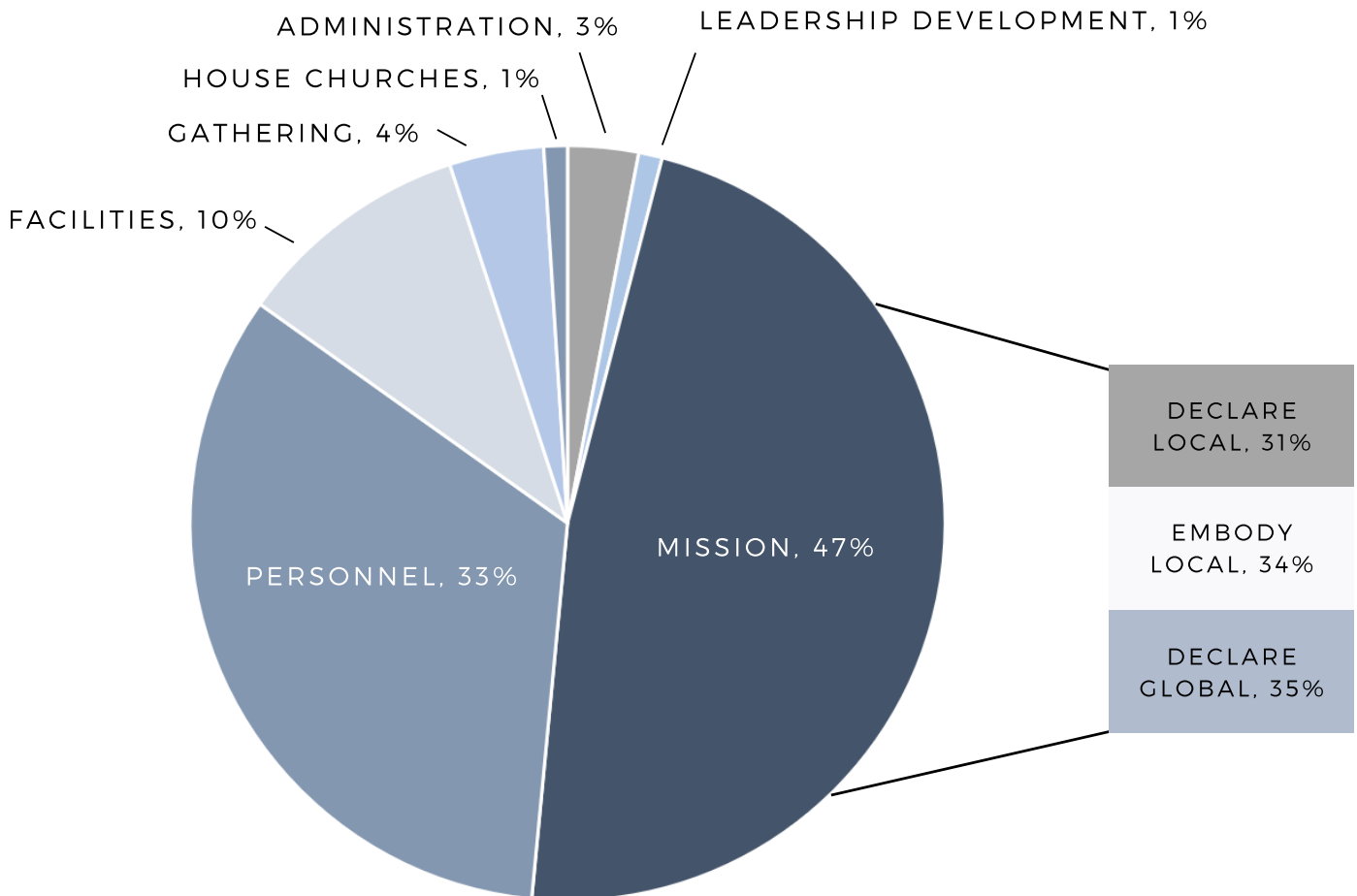
Church Planting Residents, Church-Plants, HCPN

EMBODY LOCAL: \$240,000

Open Door Mission, YoungLives, Fostering Families, COVID-19 Outreach

DECLARE GLOBAL: \$243,000

Soul Winners India, FAMM, City Church Lagos, Redeemer City Church Accra, Acts 29 Network



GROWTH IN NUMBERS

BAPTISMS + DEDICATIONS

15

BAPTISMS:
15 IN 2020
49 SINCE 2016

4

CHILD DEDICATIONS:
4 IN 2020
56 SINCE 2016

HOUSE CHURCHES

34

TOTAL HOUSE
CHURCHES: 34
PEOPLE
CONNECTED: 392

92

DURING COVID, 92 NEW
INDIVIDUALS JOINED
HOUSE CHURCHES
THROUGHOUT THE CITY

LEADERS + GOSPEL PARTNERS

85

LEADERS TRAINED:
85 IN 2020
237 SINCE 2016

122

GOSPEL PARTNERS:
122 AFFIRMED
IN 2020



CHURCH PLANTING

We are firmly convinced that church planting is biblically, historically, and statistically the best way to reach people that are disconnected from Jesus. As we continue to arrange ourselves around the pursuit of every Houstonian to the glory of God, we are investing heavily in God's plan A, the church! This strategy also gives shape to our approach to overseas mission as we are helping to plant churches in W. Africa and all across India!



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CHURCH PLANTING TESTIMONIES



Two things greatly impacted me during my church-planting residency at Seven Mile Road: unified prayer permeating among the church body, and the effectiveness of house church discipleship in equipping people towards outreach, fellowship, worship, and community. As a result of these learnings (after a few tweaks of your model that eventually fit my context), Mosaic Church has experienced growth not only here in Houston but also overseas, even amid COVID. Praise God! Seven Mile Road has been and is still is a blessing to me. May your tribe increase!

- Juan Eclarin, Mosaic Church



My time as a church-planting resident at Seven Mile Road impacted me in ways I've found difficult to put into words. I am forever grateful for the love, kindness and generosity I've received from Jeremiah, the elders, staff and church community as a whole. There are so many memories that I will forever cherish. Just to name a few: Truth-telling in huddles led by Peter; Meeting in the Carlson's home for a spirited discussion on race; Warmly received for dinner in the home of the Luther's; Taking a trip of a lifetime to India with four friends who quickly became family. I could literally go on and on sharing experiences that not only informed, but transformed my life. As a result of my time at 7MR, I am better equipped to lead, especially during these uncertain times. Not so much because of church planting strategies and concepts (of which I did receive and am grateful for), but because it was modeled for me what happens when prayer is the work; what God can do through a people committed to corporate, urgent, unified prayer. Thank you 7MR for your ongoing commitment to support the work of church planting in our city.

- Terrence Campbell, Growing Faith



COVID BRIGHT SPOTS

Seven Mile Road launched 9 teams, each comprised of approximately 10 individuals, to serve our city amid COVID-19. Each team purchased gift cards from a local restaurant and delivered the cards along with letters of encouragement to essential workers in our community. Through this effort, we were able to honor 2 local fire stations, a local post office, Ranch 99 grocery store, a neighborhood Kroger, a neighborhood Dollar Tree, a neighborhood Randall's, Al's Quick Stop, Special Forces Police, Memorial Hermann Nursing staff, and a local CVS.

Additionally, we launched a 10th team, led out by our young families at 7MR who volunteered to love on a "Healthcare Hero" in our church family! Each family was matched with 2-3 individuals at 7MR who work in the medical field. Those families loved on their hero with encouraging letters, drawings, goodie baskets, etc.

In total, we had 95 individuals & 14 young families lock arms at 7MR to honor 12 groups of essential workers, 13 local restaurants, and 41 health professionals in our community! To God be the glory!

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As I was seeing God move in and throughout the city, my fear was shed and God was really freeing me to love neighbor. One of my neighbors in particular is a widow who has been opposed to Christ and the church for years, until we invited her to join us in going to lawn church (unique to COVID) just down the street from us. So, desperate for human contact, she came. Little did we know, she was so impacted by the passage at lawn church, that she had gone home & found an old Bible. She read the whole book of Acts that week & rededicated her life to Jesus. She is coming alive, gradually shedding her anger and bitterness, turning toward her true identity in Christ. There is no greater joy than to be Jesus' hands & feet to a hurting world! It has been humbling to see Jesus work through this pandemic, bringing life, healing & blessing to those who need it. The harvest field is ripe for the picking. All we have to do is be an open vessel & join Him in what He needs laborers for!

- Susanna Davis



STAY CONNECTED



HOUSE CHURCHES

HOUSE CHURCH IS CENTRAL TO WHO WE ARE! IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN ONE, EMAIL PEYTON@SEVENMILEROADHOUSTON.ORG



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