

September 12th, 2021

Dear Overlake Family,

First, **we love you!** We never stop praying for you and are so honored to be on this journey of following Jesus together. Second, we **can't wait to see you at one of the upcoming Vision Nights** where we will be sharing what's ahead and celebrating where we are going. You can join us on **Sunday 9/19 @ 6pm** (in-person with kids programming for infant – 5th grade) or on **Sunday 9/26 @ 6pm** (online) – [RSVP here](#).

Two-months ago we provided a mid-year financial update - [here](#) - and since then we've celebrated **baptisms**, seen more **new people** join the OCC family and **raised over \$25,000** for our ministry partner - *Not Abandoned* - towards the opening of an Employment Education Center in Pattaya, Thailand to empower exploited women through restoration, learning opportunities and job skills training.

Great things are happening here, near & far!

Now as summer transitions to fall, we want to share another important financial update:

- Last month, the elders unanimously **approved the sale of a property** the church owns to invest the funds into relaunching ministries. (It will be listed later this month and we have a solution moving forward to address the hospitality role this townhome had been providing in the past.)
- Due to the Delta variant, the building and parking lot rental income we had anticipated returning this fall will be **delayed into 2022**. (Thankfully, one smaller contract for parking lot rental begins next month.)
- Current weekly average for gifts, tithes & offerings to the general ministry fund is continuing to hover at **\$55K/week**, below the \$70K/week affirmed budget for 2021.
- The remaining Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funds we qualified for will continue to bridge this \$15K/week deficit into **November**.

We are grateful for the provision of PPP funds and how rental income has historically covered ministry expenses. We are also aware **a sustainable solution is required** and free of another outside dependency.

There is one! It's more than sustainable. It's missional. It's biblical. **It's the way of Jesus**. It's an invitation for all of us. To give **first, faithfully, fearlessly and freely** of the resources the Lord has entrusted to each of us.

Currently, all the ministry happening in and through OCC is **with less than 50%** of us engaged in regular reoccurring giving. We are operating at only half our capacity – that's both alarming and encouraging. If that percentage were to increase to 65%, then we quickly bury the deficit, however, let's forget about aiming to cover a deficit, let's aim to be like the church in Acts – where **100% of us are all in!** Can you imagine...

***"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had."** Acts 4:32 NLT*

Two great **next-steps** as we journey ahead together:

- 1) Jump into or prayerfully increase giving by setting it up [here](#) or by reaching out to finance@occ.org.
- 2) Join us for one of the upcoming Vision Nights. Great things are ahead – [RSVP here](#).

Let's be like the church in Acts. 100%. Generous. Faithful. Following Jesus. Loving. Everyone. Everywhere.



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