# DEAR OVERLAKE FAMILY,

You are such a beautiful church – showing Jesus' love to **everyone, everywhere!** You and many others have made this possible with investing your time, your giftings & talents and your finances – **thank you!** 

It's humbling to reflect on all that's happened in the first 6-months of this year...

• We rallied in April to shower +300 local teachers with love through "OCC Loves Teachers."

• You've faithfully provided showers and continue to come alongside our neighbors in need of housing through the Safe Parking Ministry. Someone just received housing this month!

• We witnessed ways the Healing Love series in May ministered to so many people.

• We have financially supported 36 partners around the globe, who are stepping into amazing ministry opportunities coming out of Covid.

• Recently, we opened as a "Cooling Center" for the community (and their pets!) when record-breaking temps soared above +110 degrees.

• We've added five new elders, hired a Worship Pastor (Royce Lovett) and are relaunching KidTown with a new Children's Pastor (Tina Kim)!



## There are similarities between **you and the church in Acts.** In fact, Overlake started 52 years ago with a prayer that we would be an Acts-like church on the Eastside...

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. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

- Acts 4:32-35 NLT

Overlake you are meeting needs! Physical. Emotional. Relational. Spiritual. Every ministry, every staff position, every budget line item, every ministry partner is in some way advancing the Kingdom of God, by meeting needs of all kinds. There is more work to do and more opportunities we would love to step into, especially as we enter a season of relaunching ministries coming out of the pandemic.

It's your financial faithfulness and generosity as an act of worship that makes it possible. On the next page is an important financial update as we look ahead to the next 6-months together.

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

We started the year with an affirmed budget of **\$70K/week** in general fund gifts, tithes and offerings.

Currently, we are averaging **\$55K/week**. This means we are at a **\$15K/week deficit.** 

Thankfully, we are not fully expensed at the \$70K/week (our staff is as lean as it has ever been) and God has provided! At the start of the year we qualified for a federal forgivable loan in the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). Additionally, we are seeing building and parking lot rental income return and it is worth noting our property continues to be more than a financial asset – it makes so much ministry to our community possible! At the current pace these PPP funds will continue to bridge the gap through the Fall.

Thankfully, there is a solution to this deficit. It is sustainable. It is missional. It is biblical. It is discipleship oriented. It aligns with our calling. It has roots dating back to the church in Acts.

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100%. That's the number that matters most. We know \$10 or 10% for one family cuts into groceries while \$90,000 or 90% for another is as simple as cutting a check. Again, the number that matters most is 100%. All of us.

Not only would we bury the deficit. We would be resourced to fully relaunch reimagined ministries, restore positions in need of filling and say yes to the ministry opportunities heading our way. Elders are discerning the sale of a property the church owns to invest the funds into relaunching ministries and advancing the Kingdom. Our aim should be closer to \$75K/week rather than the original \$70K/week and a collective response makes it easily possible.

What if...100% of us were committed financially to the vision and mission?

ALL OF US. TOGETHER. 100%.

### WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

**GIVE FIRST** – it becomes a priority. **GIVE FAITHFULLY** – it becomes regular.

**GIVE FEARLESSLY** – it requires trust. **GIVE FREELY** – no guilt, shame or manipulation, there is worship & joy.

To setup your reoccurring giving visit: OCC.ORG/GIVE

#### Do you have a need?

This is the most important question in this discussion. Again, OCC MEETS NEEDS as Jesus calls us to! Do you have one? Is there a way the Overlake family can come alongside you or your family? A way we can pray for you? Please... let us know: <a href="mailto:care@occ.org">care@occ.org</a> | <a href="mailto:prayer@occ.org">prayer@occ.org</a>

Overlake, great things are ahead as we trust & follow Jesus together!

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