



## REPORT

JULY 2019

*Growing Generations that Transform Communities*

### IN OUR CHURCH

#### *Highlights*

665 Salvations

360 Went to Youth Camp

196 First Time ALL IN Commitments

169 Water Baptisms

103 Going to Kids Camp

277 Extravagant ALL IN Givers

#### *Spotlights*



##### **Finding a Foster and Adoption Care Community**

John and Jennifer Lapusan have been fostering children in their home since 2007. When they moved to Texas in 2014, one of the things that drew them to the Oaks was the foster and adoption ministry they had heard great things about. Since getting plugged in, they've become part of a care community like they've never experienced before. They have other foster families that look after each other, share supplies, babysit for one another, and meet each other's needs any way they can. The Lapusans officially adopted sisters 5-year old Sarah and 4-year old Abigail on June 20. Throughout the adoption process, the care community helped ease the transition with love, support, prayers, meals, supplies and friendship.



##### **Growing in Boldness for Jesus through Camp**

Every summer, the Bjerke household is abuzz with excitement leading up to camp. Through each year of camp, Craig and Heather love seeing their 3 children Connor (senior), Audrey (junior) and Caleb (freshman) grow in confidence in sharing their faith at their school with their friends. Last year after camp, Connor started to lead a Bible study with his brother Caleb's class. This summer, a lot of his Caleb's friends came to camp to experience Jesus' love. Connor is on his way to college with a boldness and confidence in being a witness for Jesus.

# IN OUR COMMUNITY, NATION AND ALL OVER THE WORLD

## Highlights

47 Church Planters Trained

82 Youth Going On a Mission Trip

206 Kids Fed Monthly Globally

34 Children Fostered

211 Meals Provided to Foster and Adoptive Families

8 Projects Completed by Handyman Team & Foster Single Parent Families

## Spotlights



### After 8 years of Food Provision...

Growing up poor in the Philippines, Kate often had nothing to eat. Hunger affected her ability to study and do well in school. At the age of 10, she was enrolled into Convoy of Hope's children feeding initiative, FeedOne, through her local church. Now at 18 years old, she is living for Jesus and is a college student preparing to enter the Hotel and Restaurant Management industry. After she graduates and gets a job, Kate is excited about one day becoming a sponsor of other children through their church.



### Will and Jerry

In 2009, Will Perry came to the Oaks to join the Oaks School of Leadership (OSL) program to train to become a pastor and earn a degree from Southwestern Assemblies of God University. As an intern with our youth ministry, Will led a youth small group. Jerry Nickerson, a high school student from Midlothian, was one of the students who started coming to the Oaks through Will's small group. Will took Jerry under his wing and mentored him through Jerry's high school years. After graduating from high school, Jerry joined OSL. Today, Will Perry is serving as the Youth and Young Adults Pastor of Hope Fellowship, a multi-site church in North Dallas, and Jerry Nickerson is the Youth Pastor of Victory Church, a mega church in Oklahoma City.

