

## **2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

COLLEGE PARK CHURCH GREENWOOD

## TAKING GOSPEL HOPE TO INDIA

"When I first heard Lead Pastor Ben say they needed more women to go on the India Vision Trip, I honestly thought, 'There's no way," Kimberly Clark recalls.

Kimberly works full-time and her husband, James, has a medical condition that requires regular care. But the Lord continued to prompt Kimberly to go on the trip and—once he found out about the trip—so did James.

"He said he really wanted me to go, and I was shocked," she remembers. "The trip would be a huge inconvenience for him."

Still, at her husband's urging, Kimberly signed up and just a few months later, was on her way to India. She knew God could use her biblical counseling experience to bring hope to Indian women, but she had no idea what it would look like. For that, she was trusting God.

Once in India, Kimberly and the team worked with For All Mankind Movement (FAMM) to visit local villages, provide hygiene kits, and share the gospel.

The team passed out the gifts, called Compassion Kits, at Compassion Kit Parties—evenings that Kimberly loved being part of.

"First, we would present the gospel," Kimberly explains. "Then, we would distribute the kits. At the first Compassion Kit Party, twentyfive people professed Christ. [At later parties], that number went up to thirty-two, then forty-five," she shares. "One woman even invited twenty-seven of her neighbors to come!"

> As Kimberly developed relationships with the Indian women, she learned how vital personal interaction truly is. People are desperate to feel loved, desperate to find truth.

Since returning from India, Kimberly says she has made an effort to be more intentional in the way she interacts with others and shares her faith—whether she's at home or in the parking lot of Costco.

"I try to talk with people in whatever amount of time I have and share Jesus with them," Kimberly says.

For Kimberly, the experience and impact of going on a Vision Trip is unsurpassable.

"There's no sacrifice that's too great [to go on a Vision Trip]," Kimberly says. "Going to India truly has been the highlight of my life."

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## **DISCIPLING** THE NEXT GENERATION

Scott O'Malley is an avid supporter of the Awana ministry. He's seen the positive impact it had on his three older children and wanted his younger children to benefit from the program as well. So, when Scott and his wife, Tara, first came to College Park Greenwood in the summer of 2019, they were excited to learn that Awana was a possible ministry opportunity.

Scott was one of the first volunteers to sign up when we launched Awana the following fall.

"Watching my kids, as well as the other kids I work with, hide God's Word in their hearts has been so exciting for me, personally," Scott says. He is especially excited when he sees the truth of God's character make sense to the kids as they grow more familiar with Scripture.

> On a typical Wednesday night, more than forty kids gather for worship, Scripture memory, group discussion, and games. Each aspect of the evening is designed to help the children know and love Jesus, as well as develop deeper relationships with each other.

It's an approach to children's discipleship that Scott sees as incredibly fruitful.

"The gospel conversations I've had with the kids that are centered around Bible verses they are memorizing or have memorized stands out as my favorite part of Awana," Scott says.

Yet, he's quick to recognize that the impact of Awana isn't limited to the children. As an Awana volunteer, Scott's faith is buoyed as he shares the gospel with the next generation, and he sees the Wednesday night program as a great blessing to our entire church, as well.

"One surprising benefit has been that Awana coincides with our adult Equip classes," he says. He compares the midweek programming to a family gathering, one where the benefits aren't limited to only children.

"I believe the church will reap the benefits of this shared [Wednesday night] experience," he says.

Scott has already begun to see the harvest.

Find out more at greenwood.yourchurch.com/awana

## A YEAR OF GROWTH & UNITY

On August 26, 2018, our church stood in front of the congregation at College Park Church (North Indy) to be commissioned for ministry in Greenwood. We lined the front of the Sanctuary, hand in hand, as our sending church prayed over us and our unity as a church family.

Since launch, God has faithfully provided wisdom and resources to accomplish what he has called us to.

Reflecting on the 2019 ministry year, Lead Pastor Ben sees just how much God's providence has meant—in everything from large initiatives to small discipleship moments.

"We took our first student mission trip to Hungary, and our first Vision Trip to India," he says. "And we hosted four Backyard Bible Clubs over the summer."

Locally and globally, he says these efforts have furthered the glory of God and helped develop greater community within our church body.

Our church membership grew by over 50 percent in 2019, as we welcomed fifty-nine new family members and the first new babies to our congregation. God is at work—something Ben says is a reason to rejoice.

"I am grateful for the ways God has grown us this year," Ben says. "It's exciting to watch God do what only he can do."

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given to support medical ministry in West Africa





average Sunday morning attendance in 2019



new members in 2019

2019-20 COLLEGE PARK CHURCH CONSOLIDATED	2018-19 • ACTUAL	2019-20 ACTUAL**
GW General Contributions	-	\$539,132
GW Other Contributions	-	\$54,591
GW Other Income	-	\$18,760
North Indy	\$11,972,521	\$11,822,654
Castleton	\$690,473	\$942,068
One Fellowship	-	\$374,982
TOTAL	\$12,662,994	\$13,752,187

\*Multiply, Christmas Offering, La Vid Verdedera, and CPC Fishers are not included. \*\*2019-20 revenues are preliminary.





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