



COMMUNITAS
— International —



IMPACT

— REPORT —

2020



Dear Kingdom Partner,

Communitas International exists to start and shape communities of faith that love like Jesus in their neighborhoods. And as we have watched our world change in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, our vision statement has become more and more important: Transformed lives... Transformed neighborhoods... Transformed world. Our call as Christ-followers to make disciples has not changed!

Communitas churches and church-planting projects are actively transforming lives across Europe, North America, and Latin America, proclaiming salvation and demonstrating grace to those who desperately need it, and we follow God's leading right in our own neighborhoods. We are currently experiencing exciting and explosive growth in Eastern Europe and Russia!

In the last five years we have grown from 68 churches and projects to over 130! With your help, we continue to launch new fellowships, raising up and training missional pioneers within their home contexts and sending missionaries cross-culturally. Over 200 front-line team members now serve within Communitas as we press forward into the disciple-making mission God has given. Communitas is in a spiritually vibrant season as we plan for even greater missional impact.

We believe the church is the very presence of Christ in culture. And we believe in the unique calling God has placed on Communitas to start and shape life-giving expressions of Christ's church. My prayer is that this report will show just a glimpse of God at work through this movement. There are so many stories we could tell. And with every prayer, gift, and story you share, you participate in Christ's Great Commission with us. Words simply cannot convey the extent of our gratitude for you.

Expectantly,

Geoff Rinehart
President/CEO

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Communitas Stories

Great Joy in the Midst of Trauma



Kasem and Bashir, two young refugees from the Middle East, started coming to Upper Room church in Glasgow, Scotland, last December. As we reach out to Muslim-

background individuals, we practice what John Wesley referred to as sacramental evangelism: making the Eucharistic celebration itself a time of invitation to “taste and see that the Lord is good.” Just as Jesus is meeting Muslim men and women in their dreams, we also see Jesus meeting our friends in communion.

That evening online, I (Wesley White, leader of the Upper Room Church) led everyone to the table of bread and wine, and invited new seekers to personally receive what Jesus had done for them at the cross. I reminded them that the risen Christ could be part of their lives even now, if they would simply open their hearts, repent, and invite Him to come in by His Spirit.

Bashir and Kasem called me the next day to say that something had happened for them in the brief moments of Eucharist. They said, “Jesus was really there. We cried as we shared the bread and the wine of Jesus’ body and blood. We did what you said.”

Then they said the most beautiful thing to me: “Since last night, we have not been able to stop talking about Jesus and praying and reading about Jesus.” I asked them what they were reading. They said, “Luke 24—the two followers going to Emmaus—when they ate bread and understood it was Jesus with them.” (We had been studying that account for about three weeks in our Upper Room Live-Stream Monday Night Fellowship.)

Kasem and Bashir are now in a discipling group. We are reading Scripture together, praying and holding one another accountable for growing in faith and service. Please pray for these—and so many other—young followers of Jesus!

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Praying for Food



Ismael and Amy are a part of a Communitas church plant in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Their church eats a meal before worship and one Sunday two people spoke up: “We had this idea... what do you think about maybe taking

some bread and going into the downtown area where there are a lot of people living on the streets?”

The question about taking bread to the homeless was quickly answered: “Yeah! We should make sandwiches! That way it’s not just bread, but some meat and cheese too.” Then someone else said, “We should take something to drink also, maybe some juice.”

This conversation was a moment Ismael and Amy had been praying for—when this community of believers would suggest they begin to do something more than just meet together... and that the group’s response would be a resounding, “Yes!”

And so a ministry of feeding the homeless began. Once a month this church has ventured downtown with food to serve “the least of these” in order to practically serve as Jesus’s hands and feet in their city.

A few months later, a flood of text messages nearly cancelled the outing. Much of the group planning to bring some ingredients could not come after all. The group debated: Change to a more limited menu with limited group members, or not go at all? In the end, they decided not to be discouraged.

Once downtown, they tried to find the same people they had served before, but they had moved. When they finally found them it was late, and some people started to stand up and wake their friends who were already sleeping. Our church group began handing out sandwiches and pouring cups of hot chocolate as quickly as they could. Many of the homeless seemed very hungry.

And then one man said, “We’ve been waiting for you. We haven’t eaten. We were praying for food.”

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“It was both humbling and thrilling to be able to share what we had with others who were waiting expectantly for God to show up,” Amy said. “They had prayed for food, and God provided food! What a privilege it was to be the ones to deliver it.” This is the kind of quiet, humble, but amazing thing that happens time and again when we the church love like Jesus in our neighborhoods.

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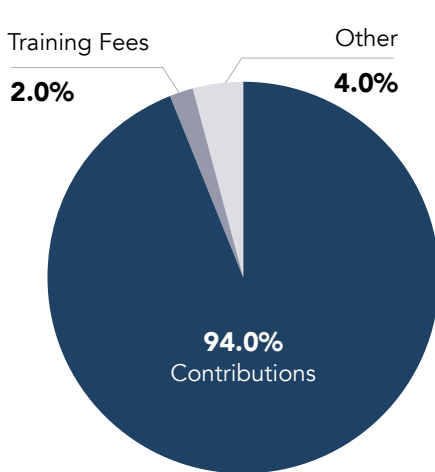
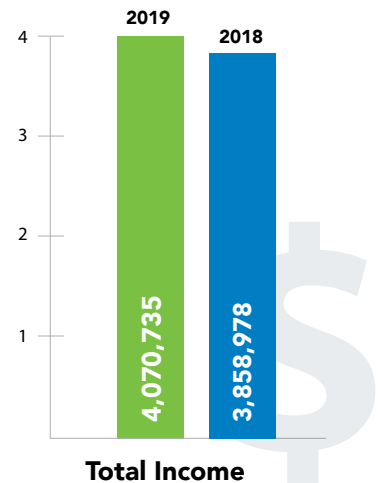


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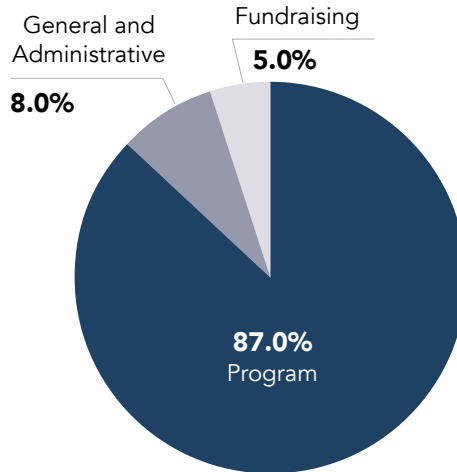
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	2019 (Audited)	2018 (Audited)
INCOME		
Contributions	\$3,831,193	\$3,703,906
Training Fees	\$68,628	\$38,305
Interest and other income	\$170,914	\$116,767
Total Income	\$4,070,735	\$3,858,978
EXPENSE		
Program Expenses	\$3,307,266	3,327,880
Supporting Activities		
General and Administrative	\$288,407	\$171,960
Fundraising	\$207,185	\$198,967
Total Expense	\$3,802,858	\$3,698,807
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$267,877	\$160,171
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$640,724	\$480,553
Net Assets, End of Year	\$908,601	\$640,724

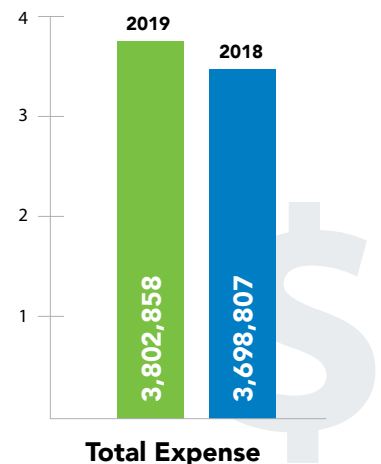
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2019 Income



2019 Expense



Total Expense

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