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# Big Bend MAC Pastors Written Reports



## **BIG BEND MISSION AREA**

### **Dave Pullen (Tallahassee First) – Mission Area Coordinator**

#### **Archer**

#### **Pastor Richard Norman**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

I have multiple stories from several different members that have shared how they are talking to non-affiliated people. So far we have not seen any of these give their lives to Jesus, but we are still praying. They are communicating with me and of course we are praying. We have a Dare To Care meeting on Sunday nights. One of the things they are doing (Led By Rev. Ray Hohenstein) is taking my daily prayer list of 5 Archer residents (comes into my mail box and after praying for each individual) I save it to a file and periodically give it to Dare To Care and they send cards to them.

It is my hope and prayer that next years' report will be different. As you will see below, we have implemented intentional actions to reach outside our walls.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

We have a local licensed woman who basically pulled away for the past year. I took her and her husband out for lunch and encouraged her, not to resume, but to sincerely seek what God's call was on her life. For the first time since coming to Archer, (3 years) she had a real plan and calling. We have renewed her local license by unanimous vote, and I am actively monitoring her process. She has been active again and will soon be taking some of the Wednesday nights to teach. (her masters is in criminal justice and she has a heart to reach those who have been released )

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

This past year we started a community "Friday Fun Night". We have had as few as 4 and as many as 60 come out with at least 75% of the higher number nights having no association with the church and many of them coming to Archer Naz. for the very first time. Tonight (3/6) We are having an outdoor Karaoke/bonfire night. We are starting to see a cohesiveness among the FFN people. The ratio is about 50/50 children to adults.

We have authorized a budget for Facebook advertising.

This years' ministry budget is set at 10% of our annual budget (12,000) so that each of our ministries are not constrained by finance. We have VBS, Caravan and Fun Friday Nights right now as major ministries.

I am personally doing as much study as I can on outreach.

## **Gainesville CityLight Church**

**Pastor Josh Wicker**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Every Sunday we end our time together by saying, "You were made to shine! Go shine like heaven on Earth!" It's our culture and so many people have embraced it. One example is Tiffany, who would tell you herself that she was an addict but now she's found Jesus. She invites people to church all the time who wouldn't normally feel welcome in a church. Several of her friends have given their lives to Christ and all of them have been welcomed and loved. We say eternity will be different because Tiffany had the courage to shine like heaven on earth and invite the people in her circles to church!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

We are raising up several young people for ministry right now but one who comes to mind is Jake. He is an engineering student at UF working on his graduate degree. We met last year and immediately I saw leadership potential in him. We started getting together from time to time over coffee or just hanging out at the church. He continued to impress me and since then we've invited him onto our church leadership team and into our weekly leadership prayer meetings. He has gone from an attendee to discipleship group leader and tech director and I couldn't be more excited about what God has for this young man.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our local missions and outreach strategy for 2020 is that every CityGroup (discipleship group) is commissioned to find their own way to serve, invite and be Jesus in our city. These CityGroups are serving the homeless, sharing the gospel, caring for the elderly, making hospital visits, ministering to the addicts, praying for and caring for one another, serving our church and the city while inviting their friends, family and neighbors to church or church online.

## **Gainesville Japanese Community**

**Pastor Mitsue Hart**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

We have a Japanese pre-nurse who works at the local community health clinic in our very small town. She introduced me to two (2) other Japanese Christians through her work. One of them works in our library for years! The other Japanese Christian just came to our community in the last couple months! Our community is a small southern rural town, where most of the Asian community lives in Gainesville. In Japan, Japanese Christians only make up less than 1% of the population. The Lord sent me these 2 wonderful Japanese Christians through the pre-nurse! I was blessed and encouraged.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am currently grooming the Japanese pre-nurse from the above answer. She has wonderful connections to the small town and to the Japanese community that I cannot even imagine. She always has a sense of when to connect me to those who are in turmoil. She spiritually grew from her own family turmoil/chaos for the last four years and has come to be sensitive to those who really need support/counseling.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

The Gainesville Japanese Community Church is an unorganized church based out of my home. We make every effort to connect what we are doing with our immediate community. We try to connect with the Japanese who are studying, faculty or research members at University of Florida. We also connect with our Japanese community who are permanent residents of this community. We host cooking classes, monthly meetings with the Senior ladies for lunch, two small Bible study groups and intentional monthly meetings with a permanent group of ladies. Future plans include starting a mother/kids program and a Japanese language Bible study for other Asians.

## **Greenville Mision Mt. Carmel**

**Pastor Ricardo Munoz – no report submitted**

## **Lake City Nazarene**

**Pastor David Dhanarajan**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Ginger has been a long term member of the Nazarene church in Lake City. She recently married and she and her husband Chris have been faithful attenders and have shown real growth in their faith this past year. Long-term friends of theirs have been battling addiction and thankfully just celebrated one year of sobriety. Ginger and Chris have been sharing their faith in Jesus with them and have seen them express faith in Jesus Christ.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I currently am discipling a group of men in the church. The Lord has placed each of these men on my heart to personally disciple in their faith and to grow them into leadership within the church. Nick has recently began leading a men's lunch twice a month. Eric is passionate about studying the Word. He has great ability to teach and engage individuals. He also is helping us to bring a training program to the church for our boys and girls that is similar to the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts. James, Austin, Bryan, and Brian are still growing and are at the beginning of this journey. Outside of the men, I've been working with one of our members (Dana) who is transitioning into leading our worship team and system.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Focusing on connecting people (within the church and outside) to community and discipleship. First by building on our current small group system to provide connection, care, and discipling. Second through a clear discipleship track to take people who are new to the faith to maturity. Third through existing partnerships in our community with Catholic Charities, the Pregnancy Care Center, and local schools. Also providing evangelism training to equip members to share their faith and lead someone to Christ with confidence. Specific events include: a Family campout on the church grounds, drive-in movies, Fall Fest, Thanksgiving Dinner for our neighborhood, VBS, Personal Finance courses, and food program.

## **Live Oak**

**Pastor Louis Medaris**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A member of our church died of cancer over a year ago. He left a widow and 2 children. About 4 months ago their home burned down to the ground. The church rescued them by finding a home for them to stay. The widow was already a Christian, but now her 2 children are growing believers and active in our youth ministry.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Our starting of 2 more classes in our youth department has led to personal growth in our youth for the Lord. We have an adult Bible study during the week that ministers to adults who are growing in the Lord.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We have a church van and bus that weekly goes and picks up people and brings them to church and involves them in the ministry of the church.

## **Monticello**

**Pastors Bethany & Shawn Grosvenor – no report submitted**

## **Monticello Bethel Iglesia**

**Pastor Bersabe Hernandez – no report submitted**

## **Suwannee River**

**Pastor Homer Edmunds – no report submitted**



## **Tallahassee First**

**Pastor David Pullen**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Simmie and Jo An were driving past Costco, towards their home. They spotted a woman fueling her car. Attached was a small camper. Most would ignore this picture. Yet, Simmie was being led by the Holy Spirit to turn around and speak Jesus to the woman at the pump. In only a brief moments, this woman, Cindy, received Jesus just before leaving the pump area. Cindy has began attending our church on the next Sunday morning and returned Wednesday. She has asked to become a member of Tallahassee First Church.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I have the privilege of watching God transform a young man named Akii. He is age 26, married, with a 2 year old son. Akii's past is solid as a Christian, yet what he needed was a guide to get him to the next level. I have been meeting with Akii weekly, teaching and leading, through not only the doctrine of the church, but also making application towards fulfilling his calling into full time ministry. I am recommending to our church board this month to extend a local minister's license to Akii. God is succeeding through Akii's heart daily.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Tallahassee First is reaching out to our community with various intentional touches, such as:

1. We have multiple people extending personal invitations to new, un-churched people.
2. We will be hosting a Neighborhood Picnic outdoors, on the first Sunday afternoon of June.
3. We will be hosting a Vacation Bible School to connect with those outside of the church.
4. We will host a Fall Festival event to challenge the purpose of Halloween.
5. We are developing our plan for our upcoming, monthly, neighborhood prayer walk.
6. We made a business card our folks hand out, TrueLife.org, and we witness with the line of "answers to life's difficult questions."



## **Tallahassee New Life**

**Pastor Sugrim Singh**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Several of the members are using their positions at work to cater to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of their co-workers and clients. One person was able to minister to inmates returning to the community by addressing housing and employment needs.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Mentoring through personal contact. Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer. Giving them opportunities to speak to the congregation. Public recognition of their service.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Praying specially with unsaved family members and others. Sharing the Gospel whenever the opportunity is available. Inviting people to church. Having Vacation Bible School and wrap up with a cookout on the Friday evening with family members of the children.

## **Trenton Community**

**Pastor Jack Lowe**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Two Senior Ladies who are lifetime friends (snow birds) began coming to the church and our Senior Ministry "Pacesetters" Shirley was encouraged by her friend Doris to ask questions about salvation, the experience of baptism etc. This lead to a desire to be baptized and the Baptism Class. This lead to her baptism and her granddaughter and children attending her baptism along with 5 others.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Assisting Kim Martin in her pursuit of completing her class work and interview process. Health issues near the interview time caused a temporary setback and further work.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

1. Expand our visibility on the social network.
2. In discussion with the Children's Coordinator. The possibility of Community Center VBS. (Subject to Virus)
3. Continued involvement with local schools through their sports programs.

# First Coast MAC Pastors Written Reports



## **FIRST COAST MISSION AREA**

**Nick Lennon (Jacksonville Lighthouse) – Mission Area Coordinator**

### **Jacksonville Arabic**

**Pastor Nicola Abdo – No report submitted**

### **Jacksonville Central**

**Pastor David Maxwell**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Central has a food pantry that helps feed about 500 families per month. One of the food box recipients began to help in the preparation and distribution of food. As she began to become acquainted with the workers in the pantry she began to tell us her story of a difficult family life and a separation from her husband. Several of our congregants began to help her in different ways and one who was a neighbor of hers offered to bring her to church. Her life is different and she has been faithfully attending both Sunday school and worship for some time now.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am convicted and must confess I have not been discipling any one individual over the past year. I do hope to identify and begin to mentor individuals who are demonstrating leadership qualities this coming year.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We hope to put in place a comprehensive training program on discipleship and evangelism. By training individuals on how to disciple others, we hope to create an atmosphere of genuine heart felt love for those who are searching for an answer to life's difficult questions.

We also want to become more of a community church creating evangelistic events that will welcome people in our area to learn more about our fellowship of believers.

### **Jacksonville First**

**Pastor George Malone**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A man who had lost his wife recently started dating and he brought her to church. She started attending and accepted the Lord.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

At present I don't have such an individual.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We're looking into how we might be able to set up internet streaming of our services.

## **Jacksonville International Bible**

**Pastors Paul & Rita Coy**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One person in our congregation has been volunteering at a food pantry. This person has invited several people outside the church to attend our church. This past year we have had two people attend our church through this person's witness. They both have accepted Christ and are growing in Him.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

This year I have given more guidance and leadership opportunity to our board members, Sunday School teachers, and worship team. I have prayed with them, encouraged them, and help them grow closer to Christ.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are continuing to minister to the Filipino Civic Groups in Jacksonville. We visit the members and pray for them. This year we are also planning to reach out in our neighborhood. There are two apartment complexes very close to our church in which we plan to get to know management and see what their needs are.

## **Jacksonville Lighthouse**

**Pastor Nick Lennon**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One of our lay leaders has a habit of visiting a particular Starbucks on a regular basis. On one of those visits they noticed a homeless man sitting at one of the tables reading a Bible. Frequenting this location regularly, they met this man and his companion on a regular basis and began to establish a relationship. It wasn't long before they felt pulled by the Lord to invite this couple to our church one Sunday morning. The couple was reluctant at first, as

they had experienced a somewhat negative interaction with another church in the past. Ultimately, they came to service that morning. It is our prayer that God will provide avenues for the church to continue to nurture its relationship.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

The most prominent (and most recent) would be encouraging my wife to pursue a local minister's license and begin the journey of discerning God's calling to ministry on her life. My wife has been active in ministry for most of her life (we met leading a college ministry together). However, having four kids (two of which are homeschooled) has a way of occupying one's time, energy, and mental fortitude. While I have been encouraging her to pursue this course for a number of years, it's only now that we both feel that she is ready to open the pages of this next chapter in her life.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our church leaders have made a commitment to be more intentional about our fellowship gatherings. Each of our communion gatherings will have a specific outreach opportunity in mind. For example, we will have a St. Patrick's Day (SPD) Feast in a few weeks. We are partnering with another church by collecting food for their food pantry. The SPD Feast will be the kickoff to a long-term relationship of collection and distribution of food to those in need in the Jacksonville area. These future outreach events will coincide with our corporate feasts. It is our hope that these events will open the doors to opportunity to engage others outside the church walls as well as help those within its walls to live in solidarity with those who struggle.

## **Jacksonville New Dimensions Church**

**Pastor Luke Benjamin**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Unfortunately, New Dimensions does not have a story of a congregant leading someone to Christ. This is my 2nd year here as pastor - we've had some baptism and new members but we have not seen any new converts.

At the members meeting, I asked the congregation when was the last time they saw someone come to Christ. Sadly, no one could remember the last time someone came to Christ in the church. We are making it our goal to change that this year.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

There is a young man in my neighborhood that I meet with every Tuesday. We are currently studying the book of James because he is going through a tough season in his life and I'm using the word of God to show him how he can respond in a Christ-like way to his trials.

There's also another young man that I'm discipling, his father is a member of New Dimensions but the son is not currently attending. He's going through a recent failure in his life and we meet every Thursday. I am also going through the book of James with him.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

New Dimensions members have a heart for God but they have not been trained in evangelism and outreach. We have been going through a discipleship course on sharing the Gospel. We plan on doing multiple outreach events this year. Our first outreach even would have been an Easter Morning pancake breakfast for the community - but due to Covid19, we've cancelled that event.

My family and I agreed to move closer to the community so that we can build relationships and connect people to the church. I have decided to reduce my salary significantly so that we have the money needed to do outreach.

Once the limitations on gatherings are lifted, we are planning intentional ways to reach out to our community. A food pantry will also be in our future.

## **Jacksonville Northside Fellowship**

**Pastor David Franklin – No report submitted**

## **Jacksonville Oak Hill**

**Pastor Timothy Maynard**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

We have seen an increase in the number of invites that people within the church have been making to friends and family. We have seen 5 people come to Christ this year.

We are also expanding our influence on our ELC and have seen an increase in family participation in church functions.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I lead a small group for leaders of the church. We discuss the many facets of discipleship and leadership.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are expanding our discipleship focus with the inclusion of an unpaid staff member and the development of discipleship plan, which will include the start of the Alpha course for unbelievers.

## **Jacksonville University Blvd**

**Pastor Steve Walker**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

In our Upward Basketball program, our middle school teams had a young man named Deante who has played on and off for a few years. Deante lives in a low income apartment adjacent to the church. He often comes to practice and games not having eaten that day. He frequents as many events as he can, including our Sunday night basketball league for adults (He is 15). Couch Todd has been working with Deante for a few years; Praying for him, making sure he has a dinner or breakfast on practice and game days and being a great mentor for him.

During our closing ceremony we offered the opportunity to accept Christ. Not only did Deante come forward, but also 3 other team-mates. To God be the glory!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

This year we had a young man from ROC join our congregation. He spoke limited English but can carry on a short conversation. Freddy is a pastor with the Christian Missionary Alliance. Monthly we meet to discuss his role as a pastor to a growing immigrant population. He started preaching in Swahili last March to small group of people (4-5). We have walked through an outreach program and worked on theology. Freddy is now interested in join the Nazarene Church and pursuing ordination. Freddy's group is now averaging 9 people and has had as many as 15.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

A Wildly Important Goal this year: Get our young teens and young adults more active in their communities. We will be contacting each young adult and teen in our congregation monthly to encourage and mentor them through their own journey with Christ. The objective to build their relationship with Jesus to a higher level.

Second, We will be initiating a Love Your City program, #Umatter Jax, with three types of community projects

- 1) Service projects: Neighborhood improvement, school or someone who is struggling
- 2) Pay it Forward: Funds and supplies for a local laundromat, Gift cards to the local Wawa, meals for shut-ins or even just buy coffee at a coffee shop
- 3) Recognition meals: Catered meal to service organizations

## **Orange Park**

**Pastor Crystal Riner**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

We have been praying for a nephew of one of our members for years he has spent the majority of his life on drugs and in & out of jail. This young man was in a severe accident 2 years ago where he suffered severe trauma to his



brain and was not expected to live or ever walk again. We continue to pray for him and we never gave up. Long story short, he is a miracle that God has great plans for. He is disabled from the accident, but praise be to God He not only saved his life but saved his soul and we had the privilege of receiving him into our congregation and baptized him. He is on fire for God and has changed his life around and is eager to share God's story and his personal testimony with everyone he meets.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I truly feel it is my responsibility to encourage everyone to go out and find the will of God in their lives. With this, I have assisted them in finding the right path to see God's will. I am also a mentor for a young lady who is in an active lay ministers program. I also have small group studies that allow for more conversation in the groups and which gives more encouragement from their peers.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Every year we evaluate our current yearly motto and for 2019-2020 our motto was: "We are on a mission to grow - Grow into the person God wants us to be!" We realized that we needed to get prepared spiritually before we could move outward. Even though we are not fully there we are well on our way. For the year 2020-2021, our yearly motto is: "Reaching up! Reaching Out!". For the year ahead we want to continue reaching closer to God while sharing the message to the community around us. If that means more services being held at the local Dairy Queen, or walking the neighborhood in a prayer vigil we will be doing it. The church is not in the four walls it is in the people of the town and that is where we will bring it.

## **St. Augustine First**

**Pastor Andrew Keffer**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One of our biggest blessings to the community is a food pantry that we run feeding an average of 80 families a week. William is one of our food pantry patrons. Through the relationships built during his time at the pantry through by way of servants like Ed Johnson and Gayle Pack, William has begun attending church. More than that, William's new-found faith is on fire. He has begun seeking to pray for his community and is inviting others to church. Recently, William encountered an elderly lady at our food pantry by the name of Judy. Judy is homeless, has been through trials in this life, and was in a hopeless situation. William invited Judy to church and allowed her to stay in an apartment he owns rent free.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Stephen and his family have been attending our church the last couple of years. This past year he stepped up to be our sound tech. Stephen has a heart for people. We seek to meet on a weekly basis for a time of devotion, prayer, and challenge. William, who came to our church via our food pantry, has a heart for the lost and wants to do ministry in his neighborhood. I am helping him, through prayer, conversation, and discipleship, to best navigate that call. Finally, our church board meets monthly for a time of not just business, but prayer and accountability. We ask hard questions, we are transparent with one another, and we read and study together. This past year, we went through the book, "Reviving the Glory" by Mark Tipton.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our Church's vision is to be a lighthouse in our communities. This next year, we are implementing life groups that will meet for 6-8 weeks at time in homes outside of the church for the purpose of praying for and building relationships with neighbors. We also have implemented the tool [www.BlessEveryHome.com](http://www.BlessEveryHome.com) that focuses on intentional prayer for neighbors. We have more than a dozen homes throughout St. Johns County praying for their communities. In this, we are encouraging and training our people to build relationships. Our goal is to connect people with the saving grace of Jesus. It is not about getting people to church, it is about getting the church to people. We want to become "mini-churches" becoming "many-churches."

## **St. John's Faith Community Church**

**Pastor Wayne Bauer**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Lisa was a single mom who attended FCC. Richard was a single dad who had been on a quest to find meaning in his life. Though he had been raised by Catholic parents (dad was not a practicing Catholic), in his quest for meaning he researched many religions. He had really started to lean toward Christianity when he met Lisa. She invited him to start attending FCC. Over time he became convinced that Jesus was what he had been looking for and surrendered his life to Jesus. he was baptized, he and Lisa got married, and he is currently in training to become a small group Leader at FCC. His knowledge of Jesus and his faith is impressive and his enthusiasm for Jesus is contagious.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am currently mentoring and discipling someone who will lead our small group ministry in the fall. His professional skills are in the area of project management and developing teams to accomplish a task. He is learning how to utilize those skills in the church but helping develop and lead the whole small group ministry. I am also working with 7 other leaders discipling and training them to lead small groups that will start in the Fall.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Six ways we will SATURATE our community with the Gospel in 2020.

1. Serving our community not only with hands and feet but our building and grounds.
2. GoClubs - Front yard Bible Schools out in our community.
3. Shine the Light - Halloween block parties.
4. Breakfast with Santa - Share the Gospel at this event.
5. Connect Groups - small groups that meet out in the community and are open to friends and neighbors

# Central MAC Pastors Written Reports



## **CENTRAL MISSION AREA**

**Greg Brown (Leesburg) – Mission Area Coordinator**

### **Clermont Cirtus Heights**

**Pastor Doug Lane – No report submitted**

### **Eustis**

**Pastors Terry & Stan Wade**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

There are 3 leaders in the church that have been working with a young man who began attending services with his grandparents after being released from juvenile detention. He has left the area a couple of times only to return back into the church and mentoring of these leaders yet again. It has been a difficult sowing season, and he has once again left the area. We continue to pray for him and if he returns he will find friendship again.

We have a group of teens in the community that play basketball on the church property. One of the teens has been to church service with his grandmother. We make frequent contact by bringing them water. We are building relationship and are reminded that we would love to see them come to church service.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am currently working with the young adults. We are actively building relationships and working together to reach out into the community. I am praying for a time to bring them all together to grow Spiritually as well as continuing to work for the Kingdom.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our church family plans to continue to have "Picnics in the Park" where we share food, fellowship and Jesus to those around us. We are also moving outside the church with more activities and inviting our surrounding neighbors to attend.

## **Hernando**

**Pastor Andrew Heer**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

I've not discovered one yet

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Just starting

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are working on a strategy now

## **Leesburg**

**Pastor Gregory Brown**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Through our children and teen department, we have had multiple teens and children accept Jesus this last year, and baptized two of them.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Every Board Meeting we ask the question, "How have you seen God at work in our church this past month?"

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We do many forms of outreach to our community, including handing out free popcorn at the Fruitland Park monthly movie night. We also encourage people to invite neighbors to meet in their homes for fellowship, prayer and Bible study. One such home has up to 30 people meeting regularly.

## **Mascotte Casa de Dios**

**Pastor Lazaro Garcia – No report submitted**

## Ocala First

**Pastor Barry Dunlap**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One of the leaders in our church - Mike - has been a vital part of our church family for a number of years. However, his wife remained unsaved and uncommitted to the Kingdom or the church. In this past year by way of hours of prayer and intercession before God, his wife, Michelle came to a saving relationship with the Lord and has been baptized and received into membership. She is serving along with Mike in various areas of our church life!!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Over this past year we have intentionally turned our attention to making disciples and as a result I currently meet regularly with 6 members of Ocala First for discipleship training with the intent of sending them out to mentor/disciple at least one person over this next year!

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

While there are multiple ways in which we try to make a way for the broken and hopeless in our community to find their way to Jesus, here are just two examples. As a congregation we have engaged in Oikos ministry. Realizing that God has intentionally placed in each of our lives 8-15 people to whom we can show God's grace and love. Our responsibility is to not only pray for them daily but to intentionally engage them and build relationships that will allow us to show and share Jesus with them. We are also engaged in a ministry we call Bags of Compassion through which we minister to homeless, desperate and hurting people by serving, praying and sharing Jesus' love and forgiveness with them!

## Ocala Prince of Peace

**Pastor Antonio Figueroa**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One of my congregants comes from highly Catholic family. Despite being nearly 60 years old, his family still questions his decision to be a member of our church. His aunt, who is 92 years old, fell ill and was confined to a rehabilitation center. This turned out to be a great opportunity in which my congregant could sit down and discuss his faith with her. She prayed the sinner's prayer with him, and asked for me to go and pray with her. Our discussion involved the importance of the decision to follow Christ, and the opportunity to share Christ with her cancer-stricken son as well.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I currently am discipling one of the young men from our youth group. Our mentoring relationship has involved time in Scripture, prayer, practical ministry, and exposure to the realities of ministry administration. As he has

begun his journey through the Scriptures, he has been able to both affirm his faith and ask better questions about it. He has begun to feel a call to ministry, and I am currently helping him to develop clarity in this sense.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

In December of 2019, our church formed a committee to analyze community demographics and determine what the best options for growth would be. Over the last 5 months, we have been working out a plan for launching two new ministries to reach our community. The first is a singles ministry. This ministry will seek to attend both the spiritual and the social aspects of singleness, offering the opportunity for fellowship and personal growth. The second is a bilingual service to better serve the second and third generation Hispanics which attend our congregation. Second and third generation Hispanics typically struggle with dominating their native language, instead learning English in school. Bilingual service will remove a language barrier.

## **Ocala West**

**Pastor Tim Alford**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Last fall we started an outreach to the community to draw children. We called it Campfire night. We would roast hotdogs and make s'mores. There were some children who came to the outings. One of our members posted the event on a Facebook board. A lady from the community came to the event and enjoyed the fellowship and food. She came to another one. She is now coming to church and worshiping with us on a regular basis. We are ministering to her for her past has a lot of brokenness.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am discipling people but can't say how it is fulfilling God's call on their life. I believe they are growing in Christ in His word and prayer.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are praying and looking where we can plant a church. It could be a Spanish or another minority group.

## **Tavares**

**Pastor Evan Ryder**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

We have a lady who is intentionally loving people in her neighborhood and has been active in sharing Jesus with her neighbors. She talks about Jesus, invites them to our services at church and in the park and she has served as



the link for our church to minister hands-on by caring for the inside and outside of a family's home in her neighborhood. We have not seen anyone respond, but she faithfully continues ministering to her neighbors. One of the gentleman she has identified as needing Jesus continues to decline her offers, but as we were cleaning the family's home, he was watching. One of our guys connected with him and they exchanged numbers. The lady from our church was excited to have another influence in this guy's life!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

David came to our church in the midst of some challenging circumstances. He had a background knowledge of the Gospel and had family that spoke into his life when he was a child. About 2 and a half years ago, he devoted his life to Jesus for salvation and service. Over the course of the last 10 months, I have been meeting with David weekly to read Scripture, pray, and talk about what God is doing in his life. God has been opening David up to ways of service and leadership that he had never considered before. Most recently, we have been working through classic spiritual disciplines and he has seen great growth because of it. I am incredibly excited for what God is going to do through David both in our congregation and in our community!

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We have two intentional plans: 1. We will continue with Easter Sunrise (hopefully), Christmas Eve and Sunday night gatherings outside in the local park. During these events, we meet people walking, playing or just enjoying nature; it gives us opportunity to meet people and share Jesus in a public way. 2. We are continuing with our vision to empower people in the congregation to be a link between the church and the local community. These people will engage in conversation with people in the neighborhoods, begin groups (bible study, prayer, etc.) in their neighborhood. They also help the church know how to be a physical representation of love to needy families in their neighborhood, thereby reinforcing and earning a hearing to share Jesus.

# Sun Coast MAC Pastors Written Reports



## **SUNCOAST MISSION AREA**

### **Nick DeFord (Zephyrhills) – Mission Area Coordinator**

#### **Brooksville Bridge Fellowship**

**Pastor Amy Byerley**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A teen in our church had been reaching out to their friends and inviting them to come to church. One of her friends decided to come and join her and had been coming to church every Sunday since then. This young man even made the decision to ask Jesus into his heart and months later made the choice to be baptized. This young man's family came to watch their son be baptized and had come to church a few times with him.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

When I disciple another leader I try to figure out their goals and what ministry area they feel God is calling them to. Then I try to help them fulfill their goals or give them ways to accomplish their goals. As for the ministry they feel called to, I would place them in that ministry role and help them along the way.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our church is starting a church thrift store. We hope that this will be a bridge for people to come and buy the things that they need at a discounted price and learn about Jesus in the process. We plan to have Bible studies at our thrift store and slowly introduce them to our Sunday worship services.

#### **Lutz Hinneni**

**Pastor Juan Ernesto Rivera**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Last year a lady came with her children to whom I gave Bible school when she was young. She came with her children and through her, her husband came who gave his life to Christ. He has been a great blessing to us. Your family has been invited on occasions and they have visited us on different occasions. Another brother from our church invited a colleague from his job who was Catholic and testified that he felt something very different in our service to God and gave his heart to Christ and to this day he has been persevering. God has been very good. Through our Facebook page, other visitors have come to visit us from time to time. God has been more than good.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Every year I bring to the church a study using the Nazarene Essentials book as a base, there I take advantage and teach them how to fulfill our call thus emphasizing evangelism and missions. Just as we began to teach what we learned at C.E.M. and motivating the mission to see God through the Bible.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

The last Sunday of the month we have had a night of worship where we invited other churches of our organization which brings us a Biblical thought, which has been a blessing. This month we were preparing to take our service to the outside of the temple a little more -- unplugged and there to preach a message of salvation and holiness. We also started an event last year for ladies, SPARA-Ti, where we bring a conference for ladies and it is given a day and care and rest for them. It is important our Facebook page that has attracted people from near and far.

## **New Port Richey First**

**Pastor Jeanne Morgan**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Wilner Rene' felt that God told him to invite 100 people to our Friend's Day in November. 38 people from his workplace showed up. Here's the fruit: Donna and Wendy are becoming more regular attendees than not. Mary, Dennis, and Rita have come off-and-on since our Friend's Day. Our recent sermon series: 2020 What will be your next step? Donna has gone from never being in the Bible to taking her "next step" by downloading the Bible App and joining in Bible Studies with Wilner, Angeler, and myself. This morning Donna texted Wilner and told him that she surrendered everything to God today! The fruit of Wilner's effort is coming into fruition.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Jim is someone that had a calling on his life, received his local license, began his studies then took a job that kept him out of church more than in church. He backslid. For the last 3 months, through many conversations and prayer, he has come back to Christ and to the church. We are currently going through a college class on Revelation and we meet to discuss...he has given me his work schedule and I hold him accountable for being in church rather than taking extra hours for the money. He is now leading a Men's Bible Study and is discussing the possibility of taking the Course of Study again.

I'm mentoring a young adult who has come back to church after backsliding. She is plugged into my young adult group and is now reading the Word

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Prayer 1st. We are calendaring Community Outreach efforts i.e. Rent Shelter in the park and as we teach children how to make balloon animals, or receive face painting, it gives us about 5-10 minutes to talk with parents. Our goal is to build relationships in the community through a consistent calendaring of these events. While the parents are there, we hand them a bag with a Church info postcard, a card that explains who we partner with in the community, and an Outreach brochure that provides updated methods to present the gospel and prayer.

We are also educating core group about our Simple Church Process: Worship, Discipleship and Serving. Inviting people to join any of these doors with them.

## **Port Richey Casa de Esperanza**

**Pastor Jose Rivera – no report submitted**

## **Port Richey Living Faith**

**Pastor James Brannon**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A funeral visitor was so impressed with our church and its people that she attended one of our services and asked what she needed to do to become a member of our church. She then encouraged her niece to join her for Sunday morning service. Her niece had been abused and was not interested in church, but made the decision to visit. After her initial visit she was so moved by the Spirit of God that she returned. And on her third visit she gave her heart to Christ.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Our assistant youth leader attended our church briefly as a teen. He then went out into the world and became addicted to many things for many years. Because of my past life, I have been able to encourage and mentor him on his journey with Christ.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our church has built a picnic pavilion for the purpose of reaching our neighborhood with various activities, i.e. picnics and outdoor services.

## **Spring Hill Calvary**

**Pastors Edward & Barbara Leanza**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Mike and Gale have been a continued blessing as they've found their way back to Jesus through our church. They continuously invite people to 'come and see' what God is doing at CCNaz.

This past year they invited Lisagail when they met her while shopping. Lisagail came and, after three service, gave her life to Christ. She was so excited for her new faith that she went straight home and told her daughter, Jessica. Jessica then gave her life to Christ after only two weeks in our church!

This pattern has been experienced many times over this past year as many of our people are sharing their faith and excitement of how CCNaz is changing lives for Christ.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

We recently began a group study on leadership. This group meets at our house each week on Sunday evening and Ed has asked our closest leaders to be a part. Ed is teaching them about the vision and mission God has called us to share with the people of Spring Hill. Ed is also challenging them to live at a higher standard of Christianity as they are leading ministries in The Church.

With this ministry, Ed is meeting with 2 men on an individual basis. Barb is also meeting with 2 ladies each week. During these individualized meetings we are challenging our 'students' to a deeper walk with Christ as they give more of themselves away to Him and others. We are leading them to deep change as they find their faith stronger after each meeting.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are continuously challenging our congregation to share their faith and many people are coming to see how CCNaz can help them in their spiritual walk. Many people come to visit after being invited and decide to make CCNaz their home church.

We are also offering a 'free' hot meal on the third Saturday of each month. This has become a time of community for our church family as we come together to share life with people who do not currently attend CCNaz. There is a short message shared each week at these gatherings and many of our visitors take advantage of the sack lunch we provide on their way out.

We encourage our visitors to get involved with the church and have seen many decide to worship with us weekly!

## **Tampa Crosspointe**

**Pastor Harv Lyon**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Paul and Candy Fernandez invited Melody to church. She came broken to CrossPointe on February 23rd with her two daughters Sophia and Mia. At the conclusion of the service we gave an invitation for people to invite Christ to come into their lives. Melody came forward and prayed the sinner's prayer. We had just had a baptism that very morning so we left the baptistry in place and baptized Melody Wednesday night (just 3 days later). It was a great celebration! Melody is now working at the churches after-school program and she is growing in her faith. Melody's conversion is a reminder to us that people need the Lord and they are just waited to be invited to church.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Our Youth Pastor's wife, Beth Chauncy feels called into the ministry and is pursuing her studies. I meet with her weekly for spiritual and ministerial mentoring and we always take time to pray for one another. We are currently putting a unique service together entitled "City on a Hill." Beth is a talented artist, so while I am preaching on the

unique opportunity the church has to be the light of the world, Beth will be painting a picture to artistically capture the message. One of my greatest joys as a pastor is to mentor others.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

One of the prayers that we pray at CrossPointe is that God would make us the church of choice of the teachers and families represented at Maniscalco (an elementary school next door to us). This year we are specifically "focusing on the families from the afterschool." Our plan is to offer side door events. i.e. Financial Peace University, keeping our children safe on the internet, and special awards ceremonies to celebrate our arts academy after-school program and its students. In addition to this we are currently involved with "Faith Tampa Bay" a parachurch organization that reaches out and partners with schools. We currently have touchpoints with the staff and faculty of Maniscalco elementary school yearly.

## **Tampa Town 'n Country**

**Pastor Jay Buchanan**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

We have always had an open door policy. All are welcome. We had the opportunity to reach out to a young woman who didn't feel welcome in another church. She responded quickly to our ladies group and joined our praise team. She has renewed her commitment and has found a church home and is growing in her walk with Christ. She is reaching out to others in her circle to bring them to a knowledge of Jesus.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am currently working with several younger men in our church to help them develop into leaders in our church and then possibly to go out and mentor other men. We meet weekly. We communicate daily through phone, texts, and email. We share and lift each other up spiritually, personally, and emotionally. I have found that these men are responsive and willing to serve, but didn't have a personal model to pattern their life after. We are working together to grow and be all that God wants us to be.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our church has gotten involved in the homeless ministry in the Tampa area, as well as helping to provide food to local food banks. We are working hand in hand with local leaders to reach out to the homeless and provide items on a monthly basis to help them. They are welcome in our church, for worship, food supplies, and emotional support. We want everyone to feel welcome and to feel important. Many of the homeless have "no one" who cares for them - we care.



## **Wesley Chapel**

**Pastor Mack Brown**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

There is a young man in our church, and I use that term loosely because he is in his forties. This young man has struggled with addiction all his life. Some of his friends invited him to church and he came. Within a few weeks, God has gotten hold of his heart and he gave his life to God and our God has changed him, now he is a regular and seeking heart holiness.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

We have a young lady in our church, and again I mean in her twenties. After feeling the call of God on her life, I have tried to prepare her for the long road ahead. I have given her all my old books and use her regularly to preach. I guess I should teach her how to fill out reports, because some think that they are more important than anything. As of this writing we are waiting to find out if she will be licensed by the District. We are grateful that God is still using the younger generation in the Kingdom.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our church ministers to the forgotten people, and I mean by that the retired. We have tried to keep things the way people of that generation remember. We still worshiped the same so when they return, they feel at home, we have had many tell us that where they have worship for years have pushed them out. We agree that there is a place for the younger generation and when I am asked, we tell them that there is a good Nazarene Church downtown where they can find that type of worship. This year we intend to keep our doors open for all those who feel pushed out.

## **Wesley Chapel Fe de Oro**

**Pastor Angel Toro**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Tengo varias personas , que las hemos instruido a testificar fuera de la iglesia. O sea en sus trabajos , en las tiendas, ect. Y han tenido y ofrecido testimonios de que las personas han aceptado a Jesucristo como su Salvador. De cada dos meses hablo con esas personas para que se pongan al dia de lo que han hecho afuera. Y he tenido muy buenos resultados.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Estamos discipulando a varios lideres y les estamos abriendo camino , para que desarrollen su ministerio .Dandole oportunidad de maestro, clases verificadas antes por mi como pastor.Encargandolos como lideres dentro de la iglesia.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Estamos evangelizando atraves de internet , como todos los pastores en estos momentos . Pero por ese medio estamos conociendo personas que estamos trabajando con el proposito que lleguen al templo y sean parte de la iglesia . Atraves del telefono estamos orando y aconsejando a las personas necesitadas .

## **Zephyrhills First**

**Pastor Nick Deford**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Karen Greene lost her husband mid-2018. He had been somewhat sick for a while and since he took a lot of care, she was only minimally to moderately involved. She served inside the church in several ways. Some time after his passing, she took on a couple of new responsibilities inside the church. But after participating in one of our S.H.A.P.E. assessments, she began volunteering in the local Samaritan Project. She has regular, direct contact with many low-income clients and she has found new ways to share her faith with them through intentional relationships and with Christlike love

Perhaps the largest impact she has had is on the Director and her boyfriend who also volunteers. They are on their way back to Christ and Karen is guiding them.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I have been working with Matthew for almost two years now. He wasn't a Christian when he began coming with Michelle. I had the opportunity to disciple him and lead him to Christ and baptize him. They both joined the church. They have two children (she already had one). I am working closely with Matt on his personal walk with God, helping to guide him through the Word and through areas of sin in his life. I counsel them on their marriage.

Moreover, Matt is assisting me in leading our Men's Group -- Frontline Men. He is our guy that opens up the building on Sundays and brews coffee and turns on lights, sound, etc. He has a heart to serve God and the church.

I heard God specifically tell me one Sunday "DISCIPLE HIM".

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are actively working on 3 initiatives to reach our daycare families and staff. Many of the teachers don't attend anywhere.

-We have intentionally brought two of our church pastors on as daycare helpers to be involved that way.

-We have a chapel (led by a pastor) with all staff and students

-We have plans for financial and spiritual classes for staff

-We are working on plans for offering similar classes for parents and families in the future, probably in 2021.  
(Building a foundation with staff first.)

We realize that we have a mission field that gathers here throughout the week. It is diverse and multi-cultural. If we are successful, we will bring this diversity to our congregation as well.

# Space Coast MAC Pastors Written Reports



## SPACE COAST MISSION AREA

### Brad Fink (Rockledge Cross Bridge) – Mission Area Coordinator

#### Cocoa Launch Point

**Pastor Bryan Ayers**

#### Pastor's Written Report

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Bill invited Jim to our very first service. Jim has been fighting cancer and knew he needed a change in life. In our Discover Class after the worship service, Jim indicated that he was moving toward Christ. After a few months he has given God glory for his health and is learning more about following Jesus.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

With several leaders we went through 10 weeks of running a community group with emphasis of living on mission for Jesus. Evangelism training was included in that time.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We will continue building relationship with a local elementary school. Participating in local events at our community center helps us meet people from the neighborhood. Meeting our neighbors and sharing our story of what Jesus has done for us as well as the Gospel is another way we will reach out

#### Geneva Living Word

**Pastors Dewey & Carolyn Jones**

#### Pastor's Written Report

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Message from Norm McIntosh, our Associate Pastor and his wife Sue:

We met Derick Evans through Sue's brother Dave. He at that time, had many health problems. Sue and myself always bring the Lord in our conversations when we were with him. He had never accepted Jesus as his Savior. He was facing a serious heart operation. So we went to the ICU at the Hospital to see him and share Christ with him and he accepted Jesus! We were able to Baptize Derick in his Hospital Room! We brought him a Bible and gave him a Baptismal Certificate. We were able to take pictures for his family! This ultimately moved Clara, his sister and David's girlfriend to be receptive, to listen about Christ! Doors opening! and Lives are Changed!!!! Amen!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Our Wednesday night Bible Study has grown with the leadership of Ron Weidner, our “reluctant musician” who finally showed up after holding out on His Calling, is now seeking to go forward in Ministry! He will be preaching at our first Outreach Ministry called the 3-B’s! We’re excited with his growth and desire ...as he seeks God’s will, taking “Steps” into Ministry! In Jesus Name! In spite of all our Church’s health issues, we now have 7 New Members to report this year! ALL FOR HIS GLORY! AMEN!

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our ultimate goal is to have our home groups, once a month, invite their neighbors to the “3 B’s” “Backyard – Bible – Bar-B-Que”! LETS GO “B” the Church.. With HIS LOVE IN ACTION! Gathering Together to share our LIFE SAVIOR, JESUS! Lets Go!! Gathering together to Share Jesus with our Community with the “3-B’s..In a Backyard.. NEAR YOU! BIBLE.. Sharing His Word! Barbeque .. Tasting His Goodness! With our Faith! Family! And Friends! Having FUN! In the “SON”!

## **Melbourne Comunidad Cristiana Renacer**

**Pastor Ruben Rosado – No report submitted**

## **Melbourne First**

**Pastor Joel Tooley**

### **Pastor’s Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Pastor Joshua Luo (minister in a sister denomination) attends our congregation regularly with his wife and son. Joshua and Lydia own a Chinese convenience store in front of Florida Tech University. In recent months, they have befriended several Chinese university students; one student was the Chinese Student Association President this past year - he and another student recently found new life in Jesus and are being discipled by Pastor Joshua. They will be baptized on Easter Sunday!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God’s call upon their life.**

One of the privileges we have is being geographically close to Florida Tech University. The leading para-church organization serving students at Florida Tech is Intervarsity. Intervarsity has two young leaders; one leads at Florida Tech and the other at Eastern Florida State College in our community. I meet regularly to disciple these two young men and to pray with them for the evangelistic work of Intervarsity in our community. These two young men and their spouses continue to grow as leaders calling this generation to a dynamic walk with Christ.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We continue to partner with University Park Elementary School (UPE) and Palm Bay Magnet High School (PBMS); two of the most challenging schools in our entire county. UPE currently has 90 homeless children attending school. Through UPE, we have set up at our church a clothing closet and school supplies store for children in need - a team of ladies meets every week to fill the supply requests from teachers and the guidance counselor. At PBMS, we tutor athletes on the boys and girls basketball teams so that they can maintain a growing GPA and remain in the

athletic program. This helps with both student academic success and improved social environment at the high-risk school. We also provide meals for these teams during their season.

## **Melbourne First Haitian**

**Pastor Deiboni B LaFrance – No report submitted**

## **Merritt Island Community**

**Pastor David Schaffer**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

No one in the congregation have had any confirmation of their efforts to help others outside the church to find Jesus, but are still praying and encouraging others outside the church

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Spending time each week with this person who has gifts of compassion and caring, encouraging them to deepen their walk with Jesus, praying for them and encouraging them to share their passion for Jesus with others in the congregation

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Each one reach one, every member of the church has focused on one person within their circle of influence -- friend family member, or neighbor --who does not know Jesus. Praying for them daily, taking time to share with them as a friend about Jesus, the impact He has made on their own life, and as the Spirit leads help that person to get to Jesus. The entire church is praying for all those individuals as well

## **Palm Bay Christian Development Center**

**Pastor Chris Adams (first Sunday, April 12, 2020)**



## Rockledge Cross Bridge

**Pastor Brad Fink**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One of our members has been involved in jail visitation for some time. An inmate, Kelly, came out of jail and began attending our church. He got involved in our Celebrate Recovery and eventually moved into the home of another member of our church who provided him free housing as he got back on his feet. Kelly not only gave his life to the Lord through the care of the member visiting but began to put the pieces of his life back together. He recently moved to New York to join a program to help inmates transition back into society.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Nine individuals in our church are sensing a call into ministry right now. They are all at different steps in the process of their call: 2 have District Licenses, 4 have local licenses, and 3 of them have very recently expressed this call and their desire to pursue it. One of the things I am doing with this group is taking 3 hours on Sunday nights to teach ministerial classes. In addition to teaching Sunday night classes, I am currently meeting individually with one of these students who has been granted a local license as our Freedom Ministry Pastor. In these meetings, I am providing the supervision for his internship for the Masters in Biblical Counseling he is completing this May.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

1. Continue to love and care for our community through specific church wide outreach ministries (Upward, Celebrate Recovery, Learning Center, Adventures in Motherhood) and encouraging all our Connect Groups & individuals in our church to have regular Serve Projects to love & serve those around us in the name of Jesus.
2. Creating opportunities (invite cards, new sermon series, special big days) for individuals to invite those they are investing in to come and hear the good news of Jesus. Creating salvation moments at least once a month for people to respond to the gospel and offering baptism monthly on the 4th Sunday.
3. Equipping people in "Step 2" of The Journey (our 4 week assimilation process) how to share the Gospel with someone.

## Sebastian Church At The Cross

**Pastor John Vacchiano**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Due to one of our new outreach services that focuses on God, Country and Family many new attendees have found their way to The Cross. One couple in particular have become plugged in and are being trained up for leadership roles. This new theme is drawing folks in with a "non-church" focus.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Making Disciples is hard and time consuming! It is however, the Great Command of the Great Commission. Praying together, Study the Word together, hanging out, having meals together and just plain being there for one another is so beneficial. This leader in particular is willing to be accountable with me. We ask one another the Wesley Questions on a regular basis and communicate by phone almost daily.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our congregation since our inception has been trained up to know and believe that we must go beyond the church walls and Make Disciples! We are constantly challenging one another to allow the Holy Spirit to orchestrate our comings and goings. Whether it is aisle 5 at the grocery store, pumping gas, work or school, or outside in the yard we must remember to be intentional in our desire see souls saved and lives transformed!

## **Titusville Calvary**

**Pastor Noel Henry – No report submitted**

## **Titusville First**

**Pastor Dale Aubrey**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

We had an electrical problem in the sanctuary while the electricians were working on the issue a member invited the electrician to come and worship with us. The husband and wife were not attending any church. Since that time they have been faithful in attending.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Right now there are no candidates

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We continue to be intentional in inviting and encouraging those who have no church home to come to church, but of more importance to come to a personal relationship with Jesus. Continue to broadcast Sunday message on the local radio station. Have been approached many who listen to the broadcast. Updated web page. Have met financial needs as we have become aware and are able to accommodate. Have two members who are active with hospice which allows us access to homes and providing a much needed ministry.

## Vero Beach First

Pastor Hugh King

### Pastor's Written Report

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Five years ago Samantha and her family of 5 were not in relationship with Jesus, but that would change due to their involvement with Vero Beach Academy. Both Samantha and her husband were converted and baptized. In 2019, Samantha became burdened for her sister-in-law to know the Lord. She felt she was to pray each day for her spiritual condition. The next step that she took was to text a word of encouragement or a verse of scripture.....trying to build a bridge to a young mother who had her share of heartache. Attending church was not on her radar screen. This would change by August. She started attending with her kids and now has become a regular attendee, even joined a "Discipled by Jesus" Group.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

There are two men that I have committed to raise up as leaders. One is a college senior who feels a call to ministry. His financial situation precluded his attendance at TNU. I suggested he get a Business degree at IRSC. We have committed to an internship with him in which he will work in hands-on ministry while taking his ministerial preparation classes from NBC . We will cover the cost of those classes.

The second man that I'm working with is a recent convert who has exhibited a hunger for the things of God. We meet on a weekly basis and I take the opportunity to disciple him as I sense the work of the Holy Spirit in his life. We are at the place where he has raised the question; How do you know if you are being called into ministry?

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Statistics show us that more than 40% of the families in our community are from blended families. We are also told that this is one of the most under-addressed groups by the church. They have unique needs that are going unaddressed. We have sent 2 staff and 3 laymen to national training to launch a Blended Family Ministry for our community. We have currently started a small group with a sharp Blended Family couple facilitating. We are reaching out to our community and beyond with a Facebook Blended Family Page. We are working to host a community workshop with a national leader. Our congregation has committed prayer and given over \$19,000 to see this and another outreach get traction in 2020.

# Orlando Metro MAC Pastors Written Reports



## ORLANDO METRO MISSION AREA

**Dwayne Adams (Orlando Center Pointe Community) – Mission Area Coordinator**

### **Kissimmee Arabic**

**Pastor Nasir Barakat**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A lady in my church loves to share the gospel with the lost. One day she was praying that God send me someone to share the gospel with. At that day her husband doing work outside the house in the garden. By mistake he cut the cable. They called the cable company, the guy came to fix it., after he finished she asked him to come to have a cup of tea. Then she shared with him and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I do teach every week on Facebook to a group of church leaders from my original country.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

1/ individual evangelism

2/ social media

3/ making friendship

### **Kissimmee Casa de Vida**

**Pastor Nahelis Colon – No report submitted**

### **Kissimmee First**

**Pastor Eric Skelton**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Frank Santiesteban is in charge of our homeless ministry, and it is almost every other week that Frank comes back with a story about taking to someone about asking Jesus into their hearts. One story that jumps out is a young man who was looking to be admitted into a drug rehab but needed a sponsor. Frank stepped up to the call and helped find this gentleman a place in a home, and while waiting at the hospital for check-in, Frank led the young man to

the Lord. His whole face changed and a weight was lifted from his conscious. It was a real transformation. This is one of many that has happened through the ministries at KFC this year.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am currently working with a young man enrolled at Johnson University, with a call to Youth Ministry. Having spent 10 years in youth ministry, we have formed a relationship, and through that relationship, he has come on board the KFC team to help lead the youth ministry. Mike is ambitious and excited to see where God is going. We meet twice a week to discuss life, ministry and what God is doing in each other's life. I am seeing this "green" young man mature into a leader in His Kingdom!

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are continuing to be creative in ways to reach our local neighborhoods and local elementary, middle and high school. God is using relationships inside the church to form new ideas, recruit leaders and open up opportunities for the church to be the church, outside the walls! God is using our weekly popcorn and sno-cone ministry to reach 200+ students weekly, who live directly in our neighborhood, for Jesus. As we walk through this season of COVID-19, God has been birthing new and creative ideas of local missions opportunities in our congregation.

## **Orlando Bethesda Haitian**

**Pastor Real Demosthene**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

There is a young lady who came to our church after she came out of a bad relationship. She was overwhelmed, depressed, disturbed, and empty. Then she hears that there is someone who can help her despite of everything has been happened in the past. She finds relief and comfort by hearing the gospel of Jesus according to Matt 11.28.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Practicing self-control, focus on God loving kindness, and maintain prayer life.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We provide food and drinks to everyone who comes in our church, believers or nonbelievers each Sunday. We have an opportunity to share the gospel with them while eating together. We do not exchange food for the gospel.

## Orlando Center Pointe Community

Pastor Dwayne Adams

### Pastor's Written Report

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Several months ago Terry received the gift of salvation!!! He is a resident at Central Care Mission CCM- a men's rehabilitation center. We have often built relationships with men from CCM through men from Center Pointe that serve as mentors there- including Matt Olson and Brad Miles. The men also worship with us on Sunday mornings. We seek to love and bless the men of the CCM in ongoing ways. Terry was welcomed and embraced by our larger church family and eventually found a smaller cluster of fellowship in a SS Class. One Sunday morning, Terry asked Jesus to come into his life. He is now in a growing relationship with Jesus, studying the Word and developing a heart of love and compassion for the other men at CCM and the world around him!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Friday mornings I meet with two men from Center Pointe for life-on-life conversation, growth, and prayer. One of these men is several steps ahead of me on the journey of life and faith, while the other, Matthew, is a few steps behind me. I believe we need both of those relationships as part of our personal discipleship journeys -- our lives being poured into by someone a few steps ahead, and us pouring into one who is a few steps behind. We journey together by providing a safe space for the voicing of cares and concerns, by reading books together and discussing, by helping one another navigate the difficult decisions of life and by praying for one another. I am blessed by our time together and by how these times influence my walk with Christ!

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

One intentional movement for opening doors for our community to encounter Jesus is through our Parents Night Out Ministry. On the first Friday night of each month we open the doors of our building for kids from our community. This is a night for parents to get much-needed time away to strengthen their marriage, do stuff that can't be done with the kids, or to rest. We typically welcome 75-100 kids each month. Our hope is to bless the family with downtime, but we also seek to build relationships with those who do not have a church home. This has proven to be a great way for us to love our community and to open doors of care for these families. Each week the love of Jesus is shared with the children. May they see him alive in us and seek him!

## Orlando Ebenezer Haitian

Pastor Sobner Vertus

### Pastor's Written Report

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A fellow congregant knew of someone that moved to the States with nothing on their back so they took them in, along their toddler and brought them to Christ.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am mentoring our current youth president to help them spiritually and mentally.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our goal is to evangelize to the community.

## **Orlando Grace Tabernacle**

**Pastor Gilbert Dertes – No report submitted**

## **Orlando Heart of Mercy Community**

**Pastor William Andrews**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One member idea was a food pantry for the church congregation. The idea has blossom into developing a women ministry in the community using groceries as a tool in enrollment.

There is a weekly study of women in the Bible as illustrating their strength in overcoming the problems they face.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

A weekly online study in preparing minister in training for local license. This study includes doctrine, theology, missional service

Recognizing community needs. There is also studies in how to recognize partners with the same mind set, vision, and mission.

Grant writing, identifying resources and procurement.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We have a Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, while providing and feeding the homeless on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. This ministry has allowed us to reach out to provide prayer and resources to help them. It also ties us into their families in trying to united them as a family unit. The goal is to reach a hundred families.

## **Orlando Light of the World**

**Pastor Paul Marc – No report submitted**



## Orlando Metro West

**Pastor Ronald Benjamin**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One of our members invited a family to church. After attending for two Sundays, the husband received Christ in his life and has been baptized. He is currently in a discipleship class. It is clear that through relational connection the believer was able to make a way for someone outside the church to find his way to Jesus.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I have been meeting with a young man regularly who has acknowledged that he senses God's call upon his life to the ministry. I have since recommended him to the local board who has approved his local minister's license. We have discussed some of the lessons related to spiritual formation offered by The Discipleship Place. He has indicated that he has a burden for youth. He will be placed in that ministry.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

This year our local church has agreed on three objectives: Retaining, Reclaiming and Reaching. Structured and relevant discipleship strategies are being examined for all ages. this is geared toward our retention goal. Our Reclaiming goal is necessary since Orlando is the 6th most de-churched city in the nation. Efforts must be made to reclaim them through multi-point strategies such as special events, relational connections, and forums that allows them to share their concerns.

The Reaching goal is intended to target the unchurched. Orlando is the 9th most un-churched city in the USA. We have been preparing our congregation by having faith-sharing strategies. Some sermon series will be salvation focused as well.

## Orlando New Life

**Pastor Ed Young**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Joe came for a Sunday morning service, several of the congregation did the normal greeting thing, and Joe responded that he would be back. We are familiar with that response, but most times the visitor is not seen again. Joe did return, there was interaction with several folks, including the pastor's wife and the pastor.

Joe had questions and in short order began to make suggestions. The surprise (to us) was Joe began to participate in tangible ways. Handyman for a recent widow, cooking at Men's Breakfast. Since that time Joe has begun membership classes, joined our prayer warriors, and worked diligently to improve the condition of the campus, while continuing to pursue a closer walk with the Lord.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Charlie has served as SDMI chair for several years, and recently determined to pursue the Certificate of Lay Ministry. As an octogenarian who has served many veteran organizations, as well as 2 churches, the challenge to complete this certificate will enhance his proficiency in the duties where he currently serves.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We diligently encourage each attender, each service, to GO, TELL, CARE, SHARE;

GO is easy -- almost everybody goes (Matt 28:19-20). TELL is encouraged in two phases -- First, TELL What great things God has done for you (Luke 8:39); and TELL of Jesus love to you (John 17:24); Care for the hurting -- whether bandaging a wound or listening to someone with a hurting heart (Gal 6 ;10). SHARE with those in need -- a cup of water, a warm meal, a warm coat or a word of kindness (James 2:16).

This is coupled with a challenge to begin a conversation with someone, that will develop a relationship, that will become a friendship, leading to an introduction to Christ (and hopefully an invitation to attend church with us.

## **Orlando Renuevo en Plenitud**

**Pastor Angel Guzman – No report submitted**

## **Orlando Second Haitian**

**Pastor Rude Beaussejour – No report submitted**

## **Orlando the Way to Calvary**

**Pastor Dason Demosthene**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

At age 13, Jackson was locked up and Jackson shows no emotion. I've been his adviser for about a year. "Do you believe in Jesus," I asked him one day. "Yes," he said. "I have since I was young." I bought him a Bible and encouraged him to stand for Christ. After months of hard work, I was able to get Jackson transferred from lock-up into a better facility for delinquents. "That's not who you are!" I said to him, completely frustrated. "Be the kid who stands for Jesus, Jackson. I know you can!" I believe that. Now Jackson is a soul-winner, Evangelist of the gospel. winning the lost for Jesus, winning those like Jackson is a win for this nation.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I have a young pastor candidate who has been having difficulties with every leader that he came across to serve under. No leader gave a good report about him. After a few months I realized what they were finding out again

and again were the limits of his capacity as a leader. He couldn't control his emotion and attitude. He can attract people, but he lacked the capacity to handle more. I made the issues well clear to him and he's working on them and referred him for renewal evaluation.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

The first strategy under this larger goal is increasing youth participation. We have also continued and improved upon the community Fellowship program. Our second strategy is in enhancing the social mobility of marginalized and underprivileged youth.

## **Orlando Union Park**

**Pastor Dennis Jones**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A church member responded to a friend's plea to find a church. The friend Jeannette attended our church shortly after being invited. On her second visit she was led to Christ and was subsequently baptized.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

There is a young man who had been my student/athlete since 6th grade in the middle school where I taught. After inviting him and his family to Friends Day about 5 years ago, his entire family began attending regularly and became members. His dad currently serves as trustee, his mom as steward, and the young man who is now attending University of Central Florida has grown spiritually at such a rapid pace, he is given the opportunity occasionally to minister the Word. He has now blossomed into a great student and minister of the Word as well as being one of our youth leaders. He is responding to God's call on his life to ministry.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We have started a Food Pantry ministry since last June 2019. At present, we serve over 60 families every weekend. This gives an opportunity to meet the physical needs as well as spiritual needs of our church community. So far, one couple's marriage has been saved, one senior gentleman has rededicated his life, and the connection made with many other recipients of the food pantry lends itself to opportunities to share the good news of the gospel.

## **Orlando United**

**Pastor Lamar Courtney**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Awhile back, a young man asked if he could park his equipment at our church. He lived right down the street but his homeowner association wouldn't allow it. After parking there for over a year, Jim invited him to church. He attended church on my first Sunday. On the second Sunday, he apologized for not attending after being hung over. We continued to follow up with him and I have built a great friendship with him. Nate has been attending now with his girlfriend as well as his roommate. He is excited about joining the softball team and helping with the church playground project. He is proud that he has a church home and I can really see the Lord calling him into a deeper relationship with each conversation and every service he attends.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Ben was a young man that I knew when he was a teenager on the district. I reconnected with him as soon as I arrived. My wife has been discipling his wife and I have been meeting regularly with him. At our Ash Wednesday service, I prayed with him about a struggle that he was going through and have now become an accountability partner with him. We are regularly discussing the scriptures to walk together to overcome addiction.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

In this next year, our goal is to host several outreach events to our community and follow up with those who attend. We will also be starting several community small groups and sports ministries with the goal of inviting unchurched people to join us. My wife has already started a ladies' ministry that has created a lot of buzz. It is my heart's desire to develop some type of worship service or small group to the University of Central Florida which is one of the largest universities in the nation.

## **Orlando Vietnamese**

**Pastor De Khac Nguyen – No report submitted**

## **St. Cloud**

**Pastor Dennis Woods**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Our Worship Leader, Brian Bednasek, is one of the most God-centered men I have ever known. Seldom a week goes by that he doesn't have a name of a person he has met that he has witnessed to or accepted Christ because of his witnessing. One person in particular received the good news from Brian 2 years ago on the job. Due to some

circumstances in his life he contacted Brian during Thanksgiving to talk. Over the Christmas/New Year holiday he was baptized in the ocean off Melbourne beach and is absolutely on fire. He has taken membership and is an integral part of our service.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

There is a Spanish congregation meeting in our facility, we have had frequent conversations about ministry. I have made myself available for any situation that arises. Over the past 6 months we have a young man from Boston, interested in becoming a member, joining from another denomination, and interested in beginning the journey toward ordination.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are blessed to have a 2-acre piece of ground, the school has for the past 9 years or so used it for parking, that will be revitalized into a sports venue. We hope to have soccer, flag football, perhaps introduce some to Lacrosse. Our hope is to offer something to parents in our neighborhood.

## **St. Cloud Camina**

**Pastor Elmer Santos**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Tuvimos una actividad evangelistica el mes pasado. Repartimos información de nuestra iglesia y mensajes de esperanza. De esa actividad pudimos ganarnos una vida para Cristo. Lo discipulamos y al final terminó bautizado y siendo miembro de nuestra iglesia.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Hay un joven en nuestra iglesia que pertenece a varios ministerios y es parte de la junta. Me he encargado personalmente de discipularlo y encaminarlo a descubrir su propósito en Dios. La meta final es formarlo y enviarlo para que pueda llevar las buenas nuevas de salvación

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Tenemos la idea de hacer un torneo de baloncesto para integrar la comunidad. También estamos dando servicio de consejería a la comunidad gratis. Hemos decidido abrir una academia de música con el fin de acercarnos más los necesitados.

## Winter Garden Faith Family Community

**Pastor Melvin Adams**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Vinny Mojica, one of our locally licensed ministers, works for a flooring distributor and was able to witness to a person who's going through a rough time. He was able to share Jesus with this person because Vinny has had a personally challenging year because his daughter was born with a serious condition that required multiple surgeries. This personal experience opened the door for him to share Jesus. Another story is of Carl Imhoff. Carl is a construction site supervisor and has been able to share Jesus and the Bible through the Bible reading plan that we have instituted as a church. Not only is Carl growing in his faith but he has been able to invite coworkers to join him on the journey.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am personally discipling multiple guys in my church. I recently finished a year-long discipleship program with the young man in my church who has since been nominated to the board of the church. Also two of the young men I am mentoring have felt calls on their life and received their local license. One is attending Nazarene Bible College the other is attending God's Bible School.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

One of the primary goals for our church is to interact with the high school next door. We have student parking, meals for football and baseball teams, as well as other community events that target the high school demographic. We are working on a discipleship program that would include a class on evangelism. The most effective way that we will reach those outside the church is by getting our people excited about Jesus again! We are intentionally teaching and discipling our people to experience the power and majesty of Christ in their lives everyday.

# Gulf to Bay MAC Pastors Written Reports



## **GULF TO BAY MISSION AREA**

**Pat Glenn (Clearwater First) and Randy Gant (Tampa First)**  
**Mission Area Coordinators**

### **Brandon Center of Unction**

**Pastor Carlos Pagan – No report submitted**

### **Brandon First**

**Pastor John Alder (Supply) – No report submitted**

### **Clearwater First**

**Pastor Pat Glenn**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Church members Paul and Val launched a life group to reach their neighbors. Rich and Mary came a few weeks and both made decisions for Christ. Currently they are working their way through our Discover CFN track and will become members in April.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Have had the joy of walking with Raul Rivera through his final year of ordination and discipling/training our life group leaders as they fulfill God's call.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Weekly food pantry outreach to community, spring and fall block parties, neighbor invites to local life groups, special family outreach for Christmas and Easter.



## Clearwater Iglesia

**Pastor Aurora Acuna**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Late last year we started to open church for prayer 3 days a week in the morning. One day a couple of new ladies came to prayer and told me a friend from church had invited them to church for a while now and they just couldn't come to regular services, so they came to prayer. One of the ladies came because she had problems in her marriage and was looking for help. She decided to give her life to Jesus and Jesus put her house in order. We have started discipleship and her family is attending church.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I'm purposely dedicating time to train leaders through personal and group training. Giving resources and information for leaders to prepare and giving them the opportunity to minister to others. We have started to have training meeting to better prepare for this year.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Providing more oportunities for people to connect. Home services. Special activities and services that the church can provide, have been a real blessing in the past and we will keep working on that direccion.

## Gulfport "El Sembrador"

**Pastor Alexander Pineda**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

La familia Nieves-Valcárcel le ha hecho la invitacion a nuestra iglesia a un hermano de ella que ya conocia del Señor pero estaba alejado, Carlos es su nombre y el se ha seguido congregando fielmente, Carlos le ha compartido de Jesus a su amiga Heydi ella le ha aceptado y se esta congregando con nosotros gracias a Dios.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Yo estoy discipulando personalmente al lider enseñándole el gobierno y politica de la iglesia, animándolo a que participe activamente de los servicios de la iglesia.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Nuestra congregacion va a utilizar los medios de comunicacion tales como las redes sociales y tambien estamos programando actividades familiares para que los hermanos traigan invitados y asi compartirles del Señor Jesus, otro metodo es preparar y equipar a los hermanos con la doctrina biblica y esenciales para que sean aptos en compartir en los espacios que se desempeñen.

## **Largo First**

**Pastor Rocco Sansone**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Nicole Verly has brought her seeker-husband to church faithfully for the past year. He has had no church background at all and has developed great faith in God and Jesus through our services and teachings.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I have been discipling Steve Fine. Besides meeting with him weekly and overseeing his tasks for the church I have been coaching him towards personal maturity as well. One of the greatest outcomes was from studying the book "Emotionally Healthy Christianity" by Peter Scazzero that Dale recommended. He has grown so much emotionally and spiritually through this study.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

One way is we plan on offering our services through an "adopt-a-block" service to the community that offers to do yard work and light maintenance.

## **Pinellas Vietnamese**

**Pastor Christine Chau**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

For 6 years, Pastor visited with neighbor. This year she accepted the Lord and attends church for worship.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Counseling with young couple in ministering to the congregation. Today they are in leadership and on platform in worship.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Conduct Bible study training, prayer groups how to witness for the Lord.

## **Riverview Gateway**

**Pastor Ignacio Prieto – No report submitted**

## **St. Petersburg Lealman**

**Pastor Ralph Mosgrove**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A disabled veteran spoke with the pastor about becoming homeless. The pastor helped him get into rental assistance program and today is living in a one bedroom apartment. In the process, he heard the Gospel message and accepted the Lord this year.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

One of our ladies, a transplant from another denomination, feels God calling her to a ministry. With counseling and mentoring she is entering training for Elder. She will receive her first Local Minister's License this year.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are developing a neighborhood free clothing ministry. We are also entering into a prayer program where we will be praying for every home within one mile radius of the church for a year. Then we will make contact with the families.

## **Tampa First**

**Pastor Randy Gant**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

We have had a small team of people that have made an intentional effort to reach lost people in our community. They have intentionally used social media to pray for people that feel hopeless and invite them to visit one of our services. We have seen seven new people either find salvation or rededicated their lives to faith in Jesus.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am personally discipling two young adult men to be more proactive spiritual leaders in their homes and in their church. These two men have been receptive to discipling efforts and more accepting of their spiritual journey and influence.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We have committed to another year of social media outreach. Our church board and finance committee have committed significant resources and personal to continue to reach our community with prayer. So many seem to

be in hopeless situations and are very receptive to have a congregation and pray team pray for them on a regular basis.

## **Tampa First Hispanic**

**Pastor Edgar Diaz**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Javier Fernández is a leader of our church and a member of the board. He was evangelizing a neighbor who was separated from his wife. Two months ago he visited our church and after hearing the preaching, he accepted Jesus as his savior. The next week he returned to church with his wife and neighbors. They all accepted the Lord, received discipleship classes, were baptized, and are already members of our church.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

In our local church we have what we call the School of Dynamic Evangelism. All church leaders are called to go through this training as is the congregation. In addition, I share this training with the Hispanic pastors and leaders of our district. As Director of Hispanic Ministries, I look for ways to identify the needs of pastors and leaders to help them fulfill God's call in their lives.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

All the activities of the ministries of our church must be directed to evangelization. We will continue with community activities, but this year with an emphasis on our family. There are times when we seek to win strangers when our families are lost.

## **Tampa First Vietnamese**

**Pastor Vinh Quang Tran – No report submitted**

## **Tampa Grace**

**Pastor Jesus Castellanos – No report submitted**

## **Tampa Haitian**

**Pastor Sandra Jeannot**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

I dedicated my life , and everything I have for the kingdom of God, I went through horrible storms that make understand others and seek for the lost , The Lord tested my faith very hard , but I passed in Jesus name

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I encouraged other leaders don't give up in a middle of the storm it's only for a short of time, I encouraged other leaders to pray without ceasing, be humble, and keep quiet

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We do door prize for those who bring more visitor to Sunday school.

# South Central MAC Pastors Written Reports



## **SOUTH CENTRAL MISSION AREA**

**Tim Hancock (Lakeland Lake Gibson) – Mission Area Coordinator**

### **Bartow Home Church**

**Pastor Aimee McCroskey**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Our church ministers to many neighborhood children. This year I have witnessed those within the congregation be the hands and feet of Jesus to these precious kids. From simply loving them and eating meals with them, to caring for them when they are sick, to inviting them to community events, to having deep spiritual conversations, our people are making deep impacts on our kids! Because of these relationships, children are now understanding who Jesus is, and are asking big questions about God.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am always encouraging everyone, not just those in leadership, to answer God's call on their life. When youth and children present questions, I point them towards prayer and personal conversation with God, as well as other resources such as books, podcasts, etc. I am always available to discuss what the Call of God may look like. For those leading, it is the same. If a talent is recognized, I look for creative ways that it can be implemented and used for God and the Church. I encourage my leaders to grow in knowledge by studying, and attending trainings as available. My goal is to use people of all ages in ministry, in order to recognize God's call early in someone's life, so that discipleship and mentorship can be in place early.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

In 2020, we plan to get to know our neighbors by intentionally interacting with them as often as possible. This includes, but is not limited to, inviting them to share a meal together in our home, hosting community get togethers in our direct neighborhood, hosting a back yard VBS and much more! Through these efforts, it is our hope that personal relationships will begin to form, and lasting impacts for Christ will be made. We strongly believe that the Church will not grow until trusting relationships are purposely planted, watered and fed.

### **Bartow Oasis de Esperanza**

**Pastor Antonio Diaz – No report submitted**

## **Haines City First Haitian**

**Pastor Benito Renelus**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

One of our members works for Amazon. He happened to tell a coworker about the Haines City Haitian church of the Nazarene. He invited the family to church and they have loved the church. The mother along with her four children decided to join the church as full member. Shortly after, they invited a family friend of four people to church, encouraging to attend church regularly. Their friend became very active and decided as well to join the church as full members.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

My Co-Pastor began to work along side of me with a local licensed Pastor. We follow all the policies and regulations established by the Manual. He is now an ordained Minister in good standing with the Church of the Nazarene.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

- 1) . We have a food pantry which is open to both church members and unchurch people in the community. We take that opportunity to invite the unchurch people to our regular services.
- 2). We have prayer services in the community outside the church wall.
- 3). Since our population is interested in prayer & fasting, we organized a weekly prayer & fasting under the jurisdiction of the missionary department.

## **Haines City Hispanic**

**Pastor Martha Martinez**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Una familia que se congregan en la Iglesia trajeron 2 invitados estuvieron visitando. Recibieron al señor los disipulos y se casaron. Dios hizo una obra en ellos los hermanos Eva y Hector menendez.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Haciendo un estudio del libro de Juan y les compre un libro a cada uno compre ingles y espanol para que lo lleran. En su casa y en la iglesia y en la iglesia estudiamos las preguntas y respuesta ensenandole como Jesucristo ensenaba a sus disipolos traer a otro a Cristo ensenales. Compartir. Aludarlo en las necesidades mutuamente hacer discipulos con el amor de Dios buscando ser lleno del espiritu santo para llevar la obra de Dios.



**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Vamos ir al pueblo a bendecirlo estamos preparandonos para una cosecha muy grande.

## **Lake Alfred Lugar de Restauracion**

**Pastor Rafael Castillo**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Una hermana de la iglesia que da el testimonio de lo que ha hecho Jesus en su vida. predicando la palabra para llevar el mensaje de salvacion y alcanzar vidas, evangelizando por los mercados calles dando tratados.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Primeramente apoyandolo en Oracion, instruirlo por medio de la palabra de Dios, Apoyandolo en sus actividades, facilitandole materiales para su crecimiento, animandolo a que matriculen en los curso que ofrese el Centro de Estudios Ministeriales que se imparte en nuestro concilio de la iglesias del Nazareno.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

En estos momentos estamos llevando la palabra de Dios a traves de las redes sociales, emisora de radio, atraves de llamadas telefonicas y personalmente, dandole tratados en la calle a las personas.

## **Lake Wales Casa del Restauración**

**Pastor Delvia Roblero**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Hermana Juanita se acercó a su vecina la evangelizo y la trajo a nuestra Iglesia, donde se le dio el mensaje de salvación y fue aceptado por ella y continua preparandose para el encuentro con nuestros Señor ella y sus dos hijos.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Motivandoles a que recuerden que la misión es de hacer dicipulos, dandole estudios biblicos personales, animarle para que trabaje en lo que el Señor le a llamado, y depositar mi confianza en tal persona.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Evangelizar en las calles con carteles, regalar comida a los deambulantes, mediante un mensaje de evangelización radial, dar literatura, tener un ministerio de compasion, y grupos pequeños.

## **Lakeland Family Church**

**Pastor Neal Dyer – No report submitted**

## **Lakeland First Haitian**

**Pastor Gilbert Dertes – No report submitted**

## **Lakeland Highland Park**

**Pastor Brett Rickey**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Jill Green, who serves on our church board, invited someone she just met at Starbucks, to come to church the next Sunday. She said she grew up Catholic, but would be glad to come. She came to church and gave her heart to Jesus that same day. (Last Sunday, 2/2/2020)

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I meet regularly with our staff and directors, which is my main focus. There are currently 2 men I meet with periodically to build up and fan the fire of God's calling on their lives. They are currently already serving, and both have good jobs already. However, they remain available to any ministry that God may ask them to pursue.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Here are 6 of many more.

We continue to use our Sports Ministry as our biggest weekly outreach reaching over 5,000 children plus families, including Special Olympics families.

We partner with FCA in local schools, making a bridge to our weekly Youth Groups.

We prepare and provide weekly meals to homeless children through Kids Pack organization.

We sponsor a Father/Daughter ball which is amazing at reaching unchurched families.

We host VBS, which always draws community participation.

We do Trunk or Treat. A really sweet way to draw a big crowd.

## **Lakeland Lake Gibson**

**Pastor Tim Hancock**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Pastor Ryan has been discipling several young men. While at a meal with Sean, they began a conversation with their server. Surprised by their interest, Lindsey showed up at church about a week later on a Wednesday night. While her schedule makes it difficult to worship with us on Sunday morning, she has been faithful to attend and volunteer when available. Lindsey has connected with several other young women and together they have been meeting to study God's Word.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Our newest staff member, Mandy Stock, is answering God's call on her life. I have been encouraging and challenging her to go deeper to explore the call that God has for her. She is currently leading our Family Ministries Team and is a gifted communicator. We confer on leadership issues and preaching development.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are working hard to both be the church in the community and to develop an "inviting culture" to make it easier to bring our friends and neighbors into the fellowship. We are making our small group options more appealing and available. We are expanding our influence with our Day Care families, the local schools and our neighborhood.

## **Lakeland Nuevo Comienzo**

**Pastor Francisco Ayala**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Angel is our mission leader in the church and he is a brother that has come a long way from being raised as Jehovah Witness to now being a full member Nazarene. He has through his testimony brought lots of people to the church and they have been able to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I can speak of several members in my church but I speak again about Angel how through me being able to help his kids and wife, he started visting the church till one day during service I went and spoke with him and he started to cry and accepted Jesus into his life. its been 3 years now and I can truly say I'm so proud of him, he will be receiving his first minister's license at advance this year.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Through our outreach program we are a church that is strong in outreach -- adults, youth, children -- we hit the streets hard to take the word of our living savior, Jesus Christ,

## **Plant City Community**

**Pastor Don Corzine – No report submitted**

## **Plant City Nuevo Amanecer**

**Pastor Wanda Delgado**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Last year one of our members, has continuously been talking to a lady from work who has been very ill, has been sharing God's word every morning, reassuring her that God is in control. Last week she was in the hospital due to pneumonia. The congregant keep calling and sharing God's word via telephone, praying for God's healing upon her life. After 2 days of calling her, she was released from the hospital.

The lady was full of gratitude, acknowledging God's power, and the love of God reflected in this dedicated person from our congregation.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I have seen a couple of leaders, and have approached them, letting them know that I see what God is doing in their lives. I have started to discipling them, teaching them and encouraging them. I know that they will be fulfilling God's call on their lives. I understand the importance of discipling them, guiding them in the right path, letting them know that we have to make disciples, as the scripture says in (Matthew 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

This year ahead, we want to make a way for the people outside the church, by developing a couple of projects. We want to be intentional, by visiting the hospitals, by openly speaking to anyone about God's love. Also sharing our personal experience of how God's love has saved us, healed us and how we now have eternal hope.

## **Winter Haven Centro de Adoracion Familiar**

**Pastor Juan Lpez**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Nuestra pastora asociada Niovel Fermin trabajó con una familia que no conocia a Dios, y le dió seguimiento y hoy dia son miembros de la iglesia.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Estoy dando clases en tres niveles 1- primeros pasos. 2- discipulado "Un Señor, una Fe, un bautismo" 3- Caracter Cristiano.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Vamos a usar La Feria familiar (Family fun day for the community). VBS evangelizando los padres. y por supuesto siempre saliendo a las calles a repartir tratados.

## **Winter Haven First Church of the Nazarene**

**Pastor Bruce Oldham**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

In early November, I met with a young man whose life had been troubled by addiction, just one of many who are brought into the influence of the gospel through the "His Mission" ministry of our church - Tom, Kris, and others reaching and providing for the needy - and he had just prayed for salvation a few days before. Having come forward during an altar appeal earlier, we discussed the meaning of Christ's work on the cross, what confession and repentance and what it truly means to follow Jesus by faith, and steps toward deep commitment and spiritual growth. He was baptized on November 10. We praise God for what our volunteers are doing each week to reach the poor and needy with compassion and extending opportunities for finding Jesus!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

It's been a challenge during my 10 months in Winter Haven to identify potential leaders. Our congregation had settled in during recent years of transition, with aging and acceptance of how things have "always been" often inhibits new leadership development. A lot of time this year has gone into re-organizing/connecting with existing leaders and others within the church moving into vacant roles. As one whose ministry passion has been discipling/developing leaders among the young during 25 years in Nazarene university settings and 13 years in youth/associate pastoral ministry, I'm eager to help our church become a place where young men/women, especially new believers, are embraced, nurtured, encouraged, empowered, and mobilized to serve.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our vision for 2020 is to be "a community of faith, connecting our world with the love of Christ, one person at a time." Our new vision was launched during Sunday services from January 15-February 22, planning new initiatives around our four core values - community, worship, spiritual growth, and compassion - and four key priorities - to care, to celebrate, to cultivate, and to connect with our community, and a complete calendar laying out those

steps, beginning with outreach/discipling training through "Alpha" beginning on March 11. Though the pandemic has delayed our personal presence, we are doing our best to move ahead through online encouragement and look forward to re-starting when congregational activity begins again.



## **EAST COAST ORLANDO MISSION AREA**

### **Peter Migner (Deland) – Mission Area Coordinator**

#### **Apopka Calvary/Community**

**Pastor Garry Proehl**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Brian Pein, who is a lifetime member of Apopka Calvary Church and the manager of Quick Lanes at Mullinax Ford, began to witness to one of his employees, Chris Mucherino. Chris is divorced and has lived a pretty rough life, but was under conviction as Brian witnesses to him. Brian, who is part of the mentoring program at Apopka, was seeking someone to mentor and the work place is one of the best places to find tender hearts. As Brian witnessed to him, Chris, actually came and asked what he had to do to be saved. He gave his heart to Christ on the spot and is enrolled in a beginner's Bible Study I write.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I currently meet seven men individually one hour a week early in the morning using our mentoring model of Worship, Accountability and Service. We use a three-pronged approach of how to worship God, how to live and receive the wisdom of God and tithing which is learning to be resourced by God.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We are currently reaching into Lovell and Phyllis Wheatley Elementary Schools with student and teacher engagement, as well embracing our local community in multicultural ministry. The Church is surrounded by immigrants from Hispanic countries. We are using soccer and basketball to introduce ourselves to the community in ways to break down barriers.

Also, through some great Celebrate Recovery leaders we are seeing people saved and engaging the church in ministry. We also are reaching out in the community through Pinnacle Counseling as we develop ministries and outreach around mental health issues.

#### **Deland**

**Pastor Peter Migner**

#### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

In our advertising effort in social media through Facebook, a lady on our prayer team established a relationship with a lady online who eventually came to church. One Sunday she gave her heart to Jesus and then her husband did a few weeks later and he was saved. Since then, they both have been baptized and assigned to the lady who prayed them in to the church. She is now following up with their nurture in the Lord for discipleship.



**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am working with a man in his 30's who wants to grow in the Lord, who has since gotten a job as a prison guard. We stay in touch and meet often for discipleship. He is trying to lead His wife into church or to the Lord and that is his mission presently. Another man who I have been discipling for 6 years lost his wife 5 years ago and backslide for 3 years. Because of the former discipling relationship we had has come back to the Lord and is re-establishing himself in the faith.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We have taught evangelism for a few years and several are launching out in different ways to reach disconnected people in our community. A few do prison ministry by correspondence, another group is serving the homeless in our community through meals, and some plan to be mentoring when the new shelter is completed this spring. Our greatest push is to get people to engage on social media and the schools around us through serving and connecting. With the recent Pandemic so much is already changing our focus and efforts that we are still wondering how we can accomplish what was to be as we adjust to what can be through different means.

## **Deland Luz y Verdad**

**Pastor Elsa Martínez**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

En nuestra iglesia tenemos un hermano que es capellán en el hospital. El todas las semanas visita a los enfermos, ora por ellos y también les presenta el plan de salvación y los invita a la iglesia.

Pues el año pasado visitó aún enfermo y con él estaba su familia. El oró por él y les presento a Cristo. Ellos en ese momento no se mostraron muy interesados pero él les dejó una tarjeta de la iglesia. Esas mismas personas fueron un día al McDonald y allí trabajaba una hermana de nuestra iglesia que aprovechó el momento y les habló de Cristo y les dio una tarjeta invitándolo a la iglesia.

Ellos dijeron; Dios quiere que vayamos a esa iglesia. Nos visitaron un domingo aceptaron al Señor, se bautizaron hoy son miembros de la iglesia.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

La manera en que lo hago es primero convirtiéndome en además de su Pastora, su amiga y les enseño con mis propias experiencias y ejemplo, la bendición de servir al Señor. Trato a través de la enseñanza y la relación con Dios mostrarles el amor de Dios hacia nosotros y que nosotros también debemos amarlo y que demostramos el amor hacia él, comprometiéndonos con su obra.

He corrido el riesgo y les he dado confianza para que tomen parte en actividades de la iglesia, haciéndole ver lo importante que son para Dios y le enseñé los dones del Espíritu y los insté a descubrir sus dones y así a través de una estrecha relación con ellos y enseñanza de la palabra voy formando su carácter para el liderazgo.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Nuestra meta para este año es seguir evangelizando intencionalmente . Puerta a puerta, en los mercados, a través de las redes sociales. Agotar todos los recursos de evangelismo, además de capacitar a la congregación para que se vuelvan evangelistas personales a través de talleres y facilitándoles material para que puedan hablarle a otros de Cristo

## **Deltona Life Fellowship**

**Pastor Randal Benton**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

An 82 year old woman named Fran was talking recently to the cashier at the local Taco Bell. The cashier began sharing about a few personal issues she was facing and how difficult life was when Fran said, "we need to pray about that right now, can we pray for you?" Fran and her friend Marie prayed for the cashier's healing and God's provision in her life right then and there. A few weeks later Fran shared enthusiastically how the worker greeted her the following Sunday exclaiming, "God does answer prayer!"

That relationship has continued over the past six weeks as Fran and Marie have returned to Taco Bell a few times for lunch to follow-up with and encourage their new friend. Jesus and tacos - a winning combination!

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

Currently, I am blessed with an opportunity to pour into a brother who is facing challenges in many areas of his life. Our weekly gatherings to talk and pray both in person and digitally over the years have been a constant source of encouragement to both of us. It has been during these conversations that I have often been reminded of God's faithfulness to me and my family over the years and these memories serve to bolster my faith and challenge me to keep pressing in all occasions.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

We have recently partnered with a local Hispanic Congregation to allow them to use our campus during a season of transition in their ministry. Our new friends' love for Jesus and their passion to "Go and reach the lost" has emboldened our people to take Jesus with them 24/7.

As a result, we are finalizing plans to work together throughout the year to engage our neighbors in both English and Spanish through food and clothing distribution, "Meals of Gratitude" as we love the 3500 plus people that will pass through our facilities during our upcoming elections and minister through "Acts of Kindness" as we cleanup and help our neighbors with specific needs they are facing at home.

## **Deltona Nueva Vida**

**Pastor Ydel Ramos**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

En el mes de Febrero de 2019 le dimos la oportunidad al joven Eric Viera, de nuestra comunidad en Deltona, a que hiciera sus horas comunitarias en nuestra congregación. Esta familia lleva viviendo en la comunidad 16 años y no asistían ni se congregaban en ninguna iglesia. Le extendimos una invitación a sus padres para que nos visitaran en el Servicio de los domingos, los padres de Eric fueron impactados por el poder de Dios y se convirtieron. Actualmente son miembros activos de nuestra Iglesia.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

He desarrollado un plan de adiestramiento de líderes, el cual se realiza el tercer miércoles del mes. En el mismo ofrecemos capacitación y descubrimiento de dones, y ministración para ponerlos en función y disposición de la Iglesia.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Para este nuevo año tenemos como visión, que cada nazareno gane a una persona y la discipule. Estaremos capacitando como desarrollar esta visión de cada uno gana uno.

## **Lake Mary GracePointe**

**Pastor Wayne Thomas**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

They had been married over 50 years. She was a member of the church but he wanted nothing to do with God or the church. Prayers for him asked God to somehow reach to this outgoing but crusty codger. God did, but it cost him two legs before he recognized his deep need for Christ. It was a celebration the Sunday he was baptized right during the morning service. He is a different man today.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

One of our young students has a calling from God for ministry. We meet every other week for study assignments and schedule ministry opportunities.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

I don't have any idea right now what is going to happen in the year ahead. Everything is changing hour by hour. Our focus was and will remain reaching into the community to meet needs as the hands, feet, heart and voice of Jesus. New needs are appearing and we are working to understand those needs and address them with the

unconditional love of God. We are in contact with the local elementary school, the senior adult community and several area businesses for ways to work together in our new world.

## **Longwood Parkside Fellowship**

**Pastor Wayne Searls**

### **Pastor's Written Report**

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

Hannah, a student at the University of Central Florida, was assigned to a team to work on her senior project. On her team was a woman by the name of Cayla. The two of them quickly became friends as they worked side by side on their senior project. Hannah, a relatively new Christian, began to share with Cayla the story of Jesus and her love for her church. Hannah then invited Cayla to attend a service. On her first visit Cayla was drawn by God's Holy Spirit into an amazing saving relationship with Jesus. Soon her fiancé began to attend church with her and has also become a Christian.

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

One afternoon I was going about the routine pastoral duties when a young man named Joel stopped by my office. Joel had been experiencing some life-changing events and decided to seek counseling.

As we began Joel made the emphatic statement, "I don't even know if there is a God!" I told him that was a good place to start. After several weekly "talking" sessions, Joel gave his heart to the Lord. 3 years thereafter Joel was called to pastoral ministry.

Joel felt led to move from Ohio to Longwood in order to be mentored in pastoral ministry. Our training times are some of the greatest blessings I have ever experienced. Seeing a man who wasn't even sure there was a God turn into a man seeking after God's own heart reminds why I do this.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

1. PFC conducts a summer day camp for children K-5th grade. The camp provides a no-cost solution for neighborhood families' summer day care needs. The camp provides breakfast and lunch as well as a nicely structured schedule: daily chapel, recreation events, bible lessons, and crafts. This camp has added 35+ children and 11 families to our church's responsibility list.
2. PFC began Celebrate Recovery in 2019. This Christ based ministry has reached several community residents
3. PFC launched a Bible study at a local 55+ apartment complex. The bible study began with 3 persons and quickly grew a responsibility list of 40 members. Several persons from the complex now attend Sunday Services at PFC.

## **Oak Hill First**

**Pastor Bill Humphrey (supply) – No report submitted**

## Port Orange Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Gerron Showalter

### Pastor's Written Report

**Tell the story of a congregant who has made a way for someone outside the church to find their way to Jesus in the past year:**

A couple in our church began bringing their neighbor's daughter to church with them about a year ago. At first, it was once or twice a month.

In August (2019), the dad showed up with his daughter. A few weeks later, the whole family was there (dad, mom, and two kids). Last September, the son filled out a card that said he asked Jesus into his heart.

The entire family is involved now. The kids are involved in kids/teen activities. The dad now participates in our church band and the family has invited multiple people to services since becoming invested in church and God. The dad is always willing to help. He told me, "Coming to this church has changed my family. How could I not give back to the place that has changed my family so much?"

**Share how you personally are discipling another leader to make a way for them to fulfill God's call upon their life.**

I am currently investing in our youth director. He feels a calling upon his life as a full-time minister. I am meeting with him, discipling him, giving him preaching opportunities, and working with him as he prepares for licensing. We meet regularly and discuss the Bible study that our church is working through. He is leading the teens through it, as well as leading an adult small group. He and I meet frequently to discuss theological and practical questions that arise. I'm thankful for his leadership and excited to continue the discipleship process.

I have two pastors discipling me. It is a real blessing to take what I'm learning, process, apply, and share with him when appropriate.

**Share how your congregation plans to intentionally make a way for people outside the church to get to Jesus in the year ahead.**

Our church is reworking our mindset for evangelism. In the past, our congregants have felt that it is their job to love people once they come to church and the pastor "gets them saved." We are making the shift, grafting into the DNA of the church the mindset that it is each person's responsibility (and calling) to minister to people in their own life circles (where they live and work, restaurants they frequent, etc.). We are growing stronger roots in our biblical IQ and strengthening our faith and confidence in presenting the gospel to others.

We are shifting to where it should have been -- the church leaders and pastor equip the people for the work. It's less about bringing people to our church and more about bringing them to Jesus.