



ASSIST

CHURCH EXPANSION

FROM THE DIRECTOR

NATHAN BRYANT

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your ongoing support of Assist Church Expansion! 2023 was an incredible year of ministry! One of the things that thrills my heart is engaging with more churches across the Fellowship. We are seeing more and more churches reach out as they re-focus on reaching people for Jesus in their community and want to grow to be a more healthy church. Currently, we have official partnerships in process with 23 churches in 9 States!

I'm also super excited about our conversations with strong churches and leaders envisioning new church plants. To name a few, we are working with emerging church plants in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Formation Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. Also Contrast Church in Grandview, Ohio is self-supporting and God is blessing that church as they graduated from our process at the end of the year. We also saw the Carraways launch Church At The Well in Towson, MD, and we are continuing to pray for them and their great work. It is a joy to hear how these planters and teams are reaching the lost and making new disciples of Jesus.

Our prayer is to see the Charis Fellowship be an expanding movement - both from assisting existing churches to be healthy and assisting churches to multiply by daughtering new churches. Pray with us!

2024 promises to be an exciting year and we are depending on God for new ground in our ministry! To that end, our team has committed to a dedicated focus on prayer- asking God for His ministry fruit and financial provision. We believe God is directing a renewed focus on church planting in Canada and have commissioned Phil and Beth Bryant with that directive starting this year.

I can't wait to see what God has in store in 2024 and I hope you will join us by praying with and for us and by continuing to support Assist with financial contributions. Thank you!



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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CHURCH PLANTING RESIDENCY/PARENT CHURCH

Community of Hope - Columbia City, IN to plant in Ft. Wayne, IN
Movement Church - Hilliard, OH to plant in Sunbury, OH

CHURCH PLANTS

Church At The Well - Towson, MD * Concluded 2023
Contrast Church - Columbus, OH * Concluded 2023
Formation Church - St. Petersburg, FL

VISION REFRESH

Delaware Grace Church - Delaware, OH * Concluded 2023
Grace Church of Waldorf - Waldorf, MD


REVITALIZATION

Bellflower Brethren Church - Bellflower, CA
Bridge Church - Martinsburg, WV
Grace Brethren Church - Chambersburg, PA
Grace Church - Aiken, SC
Grace Church of Ephrata - Ephrata, PA
Grace Church - Lanham, MD
Grace Community Church - Huber Heights, OH
Grace Fellowship - Cherry Valley, CA
Grace Fellowship Church - Waterloo, IA
Hope City Church - Norwalk, CA
Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church - Meyersdale, PA
Mid-Shore Community Church - Easton, MD
New Beginnings Charis Fellowship Church - Myerstown, PA* Concluded 2023
Pataskala Grace Church - Pataskala, OH *Concluded 2023
West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church - Kittanning, PA
Villas Grace Church - Ft. Myers, FL *Concluded 2023

RESTART

Calvary Grace Brethren Church - Hagerstown, MD
Findlay Grace Brethren Church - Findlay, OH
Grace Brethren Church - Colorado Springs, CO
Grace Brethren Church - Middlebranch, OH
Grace Brethren Church - Uniontown, PA
Neighborhood Church - Lakeland, FL


HIGHLIGHTS


 **Concluded 6 partnerships in 2023.**

 **Official Partnerships in process with 23 churches for 2024+**

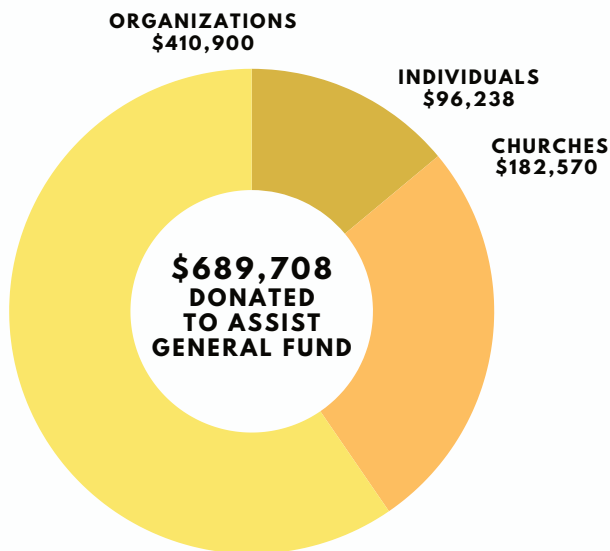
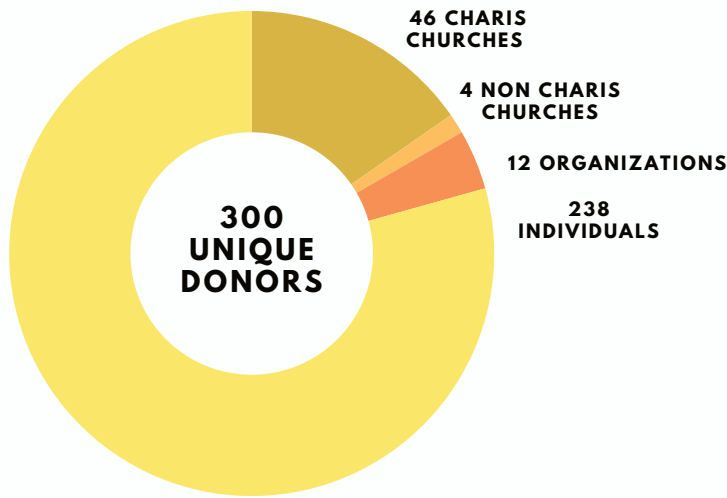
 **5 new partner revitalization churches onboarded in 2023.**

 **3 Bootcamps across the Country.**

 **Our Assist team serves remotely from 9 States and 2 Countries.**

 **Pastoral placements in 4 partner churches, including Joe Ensley at New Beginnings Charis Fellowship Church in Myerstown, PA; Patrick Black at Middlebranch GBC in OH; Tim Combs at Grace Community in Huber Heights, OH; and Bill Seng at the GBC in Findlay, OH.**





NOTES

In 2023, there were 231 Charis Fellowship churches & campuses, which means only 20% of our churches are donating to Assist.

Assist's policy is for 100% of designated donations to our partner churches to be disbursed to that partner (other than credit card/payment processing fees). Assist is unique as nearly all non-profit organizations charge an administrative fee on every donation to fund the organization (typically between 5-15%).

SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS:

- 1) As a donor, you can have confidence that 100% of a designated donation goes directly to that church/church plant.
- 2) Your donations to our partners do not support Assist with the work we do. We need funding directly to Assist to support our assistance of churches - namely to our General Fund.

In the graphic to the left, we have reported only on the donations to the Assist General Fund. We did receive \$139,089 in designated donations for projects.

2023 FINANCIALS

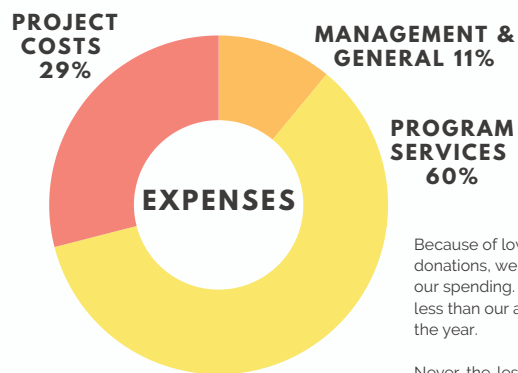
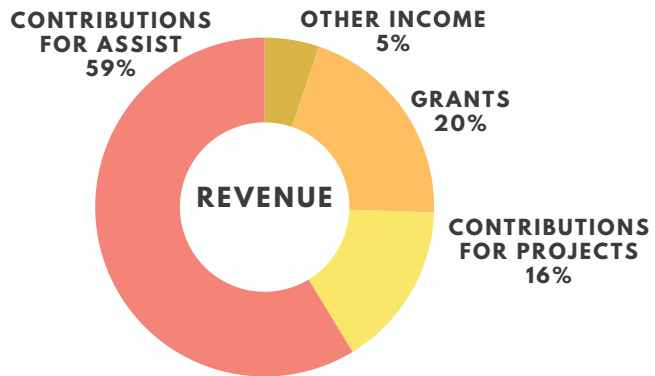
Assist Financial Statements

For the Period Ended December 31, 2023
Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	166,332
Cash reserves and investments	14,785
Prepaid expenses	8,516
Total assets	189,633
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	20,388
Total liabilities	20,388
Net Assets	
Without donor restrictions	82,191
With donor restrictions	87,054
Total net assets	169,245
Total liabilities and net assets	189,633

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Revenue	
Contributions for Assist	512,508
Contributions for Projects	138,089
Grants	177,200
Other income	45,491
	873,288
Expenses	
Program services	555,476
Project costs	274,878
Management and general	102,628
	932,982
Decrease in Net Assets	(59,694)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	228,939
Net Assets, End of Year	169,245



Because of lower than expected donations, we significantly reduced our spending. In fact, we spent \$96K less than our approved budget for the year.

Never-the-less, we had to use \$59,694 of our cash reserves to finish the year.



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