

THE NEXT GENERA TION.



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2024 annual report



A
MESSAGE
FROM
OUR
PRESIDENT
DAVE
PATTY

Sometimes God shakes us to wake us.

Jolting up from a deep sleep, I fumbled with my clock to see if it was time to start my day. Noting with relief that it was just 3:00 am, I turned over to go back to sleep. But sleep never came, and soon I was unusually wide awake. After half an hour of tossing and turning, I concluded God must have roused me for a reason, so I got out of bed, built a fire, and pulled out my Bible. I breathed a quick prayer, "Father, speak to me through your Word."

The pages fell open to Psalm 78, and I read these words: "... things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to **the coming generation** the glorious deeds of the LORD.... that **the next generation** might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to **their children**, so that they should **set their hope in God** and not forget the works of God..." (Ps 78:3-7)

God has a special place in his heart for the next generation. Faith is not automatically inherited but must be transferred in a living way to every new generation. Young people can be quickly reached with the gospel – or lost from a failure to clearly pass it on.

God used that early morning encounter over 30 years ago to birth in me a vision that became the ministry of Josiah Venture. We have seen the Lord be faithful to this calling.

Not long ago, I stood alongside Ondra as he challenged over 1000 young Czech believers at a denominational youth event. I remember when Ondra put his trust in Christ as a teenager through a JV English camp and then followed his spiritual growth as he was discipled by our team. Now he is an agent of transformation for his entire denomination.

There is a new “next generation” that needs to be reached. Some call it “the anxious generation” because of the explosion of inner stress, depression, and mental health issues. These problems have doubled in the last 7 years, making this one of the most troubled generations in recent history.

At the same time, we are finding it to be one of the most open generations we have ever encountered. As Jesus said, “*It is not the healthy that need a doctor but the sick.*”

This last year has been the most fruitful in the entire history of Josiah Venture. At our summer camps alone, over 700 of the 3700 unbelievers attending made professions of faith in Christ. This represents a 19% level of response to the gospel, the highest percentage we have ever seen!

Once again, we are experiencing God shaking us with the need to reach this young generation across 16 countries of Central and Eastern Europe with the gospel. We also see God shaking them to wake them, many times in supernatural ways.

Your prayers, gifts, and support for your Josiah Venture missionaries are helping this next generation put their hope in God. Thank you for the part you play in his movement.



2024 MINISTRY REPORT.

DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

JV teams/staff led 1,567 participants in small groups or 1-on-1 disciple-making activities.

JV teams/staff trained **7,749** leaders in 2024, 1,190 (+17.8%) more than 22-23.

EVANGELISM

This past summer, the camp ministry made tremendous progress across many of the JV countries, with the most camps in the history of JV. There were **132 evangelistic camps**, reaching over **3,700 unbelievers**, **699 of whom professed faith in Christ**. Notably, **Ukraine** saw its highest number of camps to date — **37 camps reaching 1,543 unbelievers**, with **287 professing faith**.

Evangelism has continued with **steady growth** both year over year and in the more significant trend following COVID-19. Professions of faith and reaffirmations of faith have nearly doubled in the last two years.

JV’s core Highway tools for outreach have experienced steady growth, with Edge sports teams engaging 18% more unbelievers than last year. Fusion is also growing, reaching 630 believers and unchurched young people in weekly Fusion choirs, which is more people than in the previous four years.

752 LOCAL CHURCHES
ACTIVELY INVESTED IN

7,749 LEADERS
ACTIVELY INVESTED IN

375 STAFF

16 COUNTRIES

1,066 PROFESSIONS
OF FAITH IN CHRIST


Dave Patty
President, Josiah Venture

LOOKING AHEAD.

During the year ahead, we will be prototyping new ways to reach young people through evangelistic clubs using The Chosen videos to tell stories of Jesus. We are also expanding our outreach into schools and continuing to use sports and music to reach the next generation. All of these ministries are based in local churches.

Our team in Ukraine will continue to hold out the light of Jesus in the midst of an ongoing war and much uncertainty about the future. In all of the 16 countries where we serve, we will continue to train and disciple young leaders by teaching disciplinemaking principles from the life of Christ.

We were able to complete the purchase of land in Albania for a camp and are now working to build the infrastructure of roads, electricity, and water. Our team in Romania is also in the process of acquiring a camp facility, and our training center in Poland will add 52 beds this year, making it possible to host and lead more events.

This year's ministry emphasis is to get young people more engaged with the Bible, and we believe that many lives will be transformed by the living Word of God.



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