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At COMMUNITY everything we do and every dollar we invest is about the mission of “helping people find their way back to God.” How we accomplish that mission is best explained in this simple diagram:

- We **REACH** people far from God. (Matthew 28:19,20)
- We **RESTORE** God’s dream to communities both locally and globally. (Luke 4:18)
- We **REPRODUCE** the mission in others. (II Timothy 2:2)

This is not just COMMUNITY’s mission, this is the mission of every Christ follower. We believe the best way to accomplish the Jesus Mission is for each of us—every single one of us — to discover and do the mission Jesus has for us. 2012 was an amazing year where 73% of our small groups created their own written mission statement and were commissioned at their campus to “go” and accomplish that mission. We are leading the way and setting the example for other churches both nationally and internationally in mobilizing every person for mission.

As you read the 2012 Annual Report, you will see that God has once again blessed us with a great year of growth and difference-making. God has been very good to us. This report tells a remarkable story and it’s your story. It’s the story of a community that is laser-focused on “helping people find their way back to God.” It’s the mission that God has for us, so that is what we must do.

Thank you so much for your extraordinary generosity. Together, we are accomplishing the Jesus Mission!

Dave Ferguson
Lead Pastor, COMMUNITY
COMMUNITY’s Lincoln Square Campus Baptism Celebration in Lake Michigan
2012 Attendance Average
Adults, Kids and Students by Year

2012 Attendance Average
By Campus

Celebration Service at COMMUNITY’s Naperville Downtown Campus Meeting at Wentz Hall on the Campus of North Central College
CARILLON: Carillon attenders contributed $6,450 to the Joliet Gift Mart. Experienced the highest ever summer attendance and the Grief Group averaged 10 to 12 persons each session. Welcomed Leadership Resident David Griesemer. Over 50% of Carillon attenders completed the Community Bible Experience by reading the entire New Testament.

EAST AURORA: StuCo sent a record number of students to Blast. More people are contributing to the Jesus Mission and becoming 3C Christ-followers than ever before.

EDGewater: Official public launch on September 9, 2012 with over 125 people celebrating together. Since then, four new small groups have formed and two people have publicly committed their faith in Christ through baptism. Edgewater also received a lot of attention in the Chicago press through the “ChalkTheBlock” campaign, prompting more people to find their way back to God through this campus.

LINCOLN SQUARE: Celebrated seven baptisms in August. 100% of Small Groups have been commissioned for their various missions. Connected with over 500 kids and families at Apple Fest in Lincoln Square. The All In campaign reached $375K in pledges which reflects a 70% increase in giving for the individuals and families who pledged.

LEMONT: Launched eight new small groups and 14 people were baptized. Collected over 600 bags of food and donated over $1,500 for what one worker called “the largest ever one day donation” to the Lemont food pantries.

MONTGOMERY: Partnered with the Village of Montgomery for four city-wide events and donated over 1,000 pounds of food from the campus garden to local food pantries.

NAPERVILLE YELLOW BOX: Baptized over 200 people with almost 100 in a single weekend. Created a ministry to more effectively reach the deaf and hard of hearing community. Mobilized over 1,750 people into our community during our inaugural Service Celebration.

NAPERVILLE DOWNTOWN: Small Group Leaders hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for 160 people to connect those to small groups that are unconnected. The number of college students contributing at the Downtown Campus is up over 400%.

PLAINFIELD: Received $1.83 million in commitments for the All In campaign. Sending several staff and leaders to reproduce a new network of campuses launching in Glen Ellyn. Transitioned successfully to a new campus pastor, Ray Green. Average weekly attendance has grown by 100+ people over last year.

ROMEoVILLE: Growing a diverse network of congregation services and small groups to reach a highly diverse local community. Five missional networks launched to restore target communities locally and globally. Construction of the Underground, a youth leadership factory, to reproduce the next generation of leaders, is two-thirds complete.

SHOREWOOD: Established a brand new Celebration Service across Shorewood’s parking lot at Alden Estates, a senior living and rehabilitation center. Mobilized 450 adults, students and children to serve the local community during Service Celebration.

YORKVILLE: Successfully transitioned to a new campus pastor, Aaron Koehler, in September. Since then, seven people have been baptized, six children have been dedicated, four new small groups have launched and over 35 attenders have begun contributing in new ministries and roles. Yorkville is in the process of purchasing and expanding their current building.
In 2010, COMMUNITY embarked on the dream to plant three new campuses in the city of Chicago. The first campus to launch was Lincoln Square in 2011, led by Tammy Melchien. After holding small gatherings for a year, a second campus in Edgewater, led by Rich and Dori Gorman, had their first public service this past September. Now, our third site is set to launch in 2013 in the Lincoln Park | Old Town neighborhood of Chicago. Eric Metcalf, who has been on staff at COMMUNITY as the Adult Ministry Director, NewThing Director, and Leadership Residency Director, will be leading this new campus under the direction of Jon Ferguson, Chicago Network Leader. Eric, Erin and their three children moved to Lincoln Park this past summer to begin the process of listening to and connecting in the community as they prepare for this new campus. Eric will soon be joined by Jesse Vaca, a leadership resident at the Plainfield Campus, and Eric Barton, a leadership resident at the Montgomery Campus. The dream is to continue to reproduce and launch campuses in Chicago for years to come.

### Glen Ellyn
The Glen Ellyn campus is set to be the first of 12 locations in the Dupage County Westline corridor. With a launch date of October 2013, this new campus is the result of the missional mind-set of several COMMUNITY Campuses coming together to further the Jesus Mission. Brad Prunty released his apprentice, Ray Green, to lead the Plainfield Campus so he could lead this new network of churches. Cathy Cuny, Plainfield Kids’ City Director, Brian Prunty, Plainfield StuCo Director and Jake Kirchner, Romeoville StuCo Director will take on new roles at the Glen Ellyn Campus. The Naperville Yellow Box and Plainfield Campuses will play key roles in making this new network of churches successful through financial support and the missional sending of attenders to plant this new campus.

### Lincoln Park | Old Town
3Rs
Resource Allocation
2011 Fiscal Year

REACH - 75%
Ministry Operations, Facilities and Capital Staff Compensation Service Celebration

RESTORE - 8.5%
Community 4:12 Cars of Hope Benevolence Haiti and Philippines

REPRODUCE - 16.5%
NewThing New Initiatives New Campus Start-Up

Historical Giving
1989 - 2012 Calendar Year
2012 Giving - $6.3 Million

Giving by Campus
2011 Fiscal Year

Edgewater / $163 K
Lincoln Square / $239 K
Yorkville / $235 K
Shorewood / $511 K
Lemont / $240 K
Carillon / $222 K
Romeoville / $445 K
Montgomery / $290 K
Plainfield / $611 K
East Aurora / $118 K
Naperville Downtown / $388 K
Naperville Yellow Box / $2.854 Mil

REACH - 75%
SWD - 8%
LEO - 8%
NYB - 45%
WY - 9%
PLF - 9.5%
EAU - 2%
MOH - 4.5%
EDG - 2.5%
LEM - 47%
CAR - 3.5%
ROM - 7%
MON - 4.5%
NDT - 6%
2012 THE FOUR TEAMS

Children from the Orphanage in Croix des Boquetes, Haiti
**Parent Mentors**
- In 2007 there were five mentors at one school in East Aurora. In 2012, Community 4:12 placed 45 mentors at seven schools in East Aurora.
- Each mentor is paid $1,000 a year for 10 hours a week of service. In 2012, $45,000 provided the school district with over $120,000 of teacher assistant work in the schools.

**Tutoring/Mentoring**
- Kids Hope Mentoring, Brady Buddies, Kid Pal, and Saturday Stars Tutoring provided tutoring and mentoring for over 200 students in East Aurora and Joliet.

**Gift Marts**
- Held three Gift Marts (two in East Aurora, one in Joliet). Collected 13,200 toys, mobilized 1,375 volunteers, served almost 3,000 people, and raised $19,450 for our partner schools. The Gift Mart “funds education one toy at a time” and provides the gift of dignity and education to low-income families.

**School Supplies**
- Provided assignment notebooks and other supplies for 500 children in East Aurora and supplies for 350 children in Joliet.

**Food Distribution**
- An entire week worth of groceries was provided to 60 families over spring break, and 100 people were fed at Daybreak Shelter in Joliet for two days.
- Collected dozens of boxes of non-perishable food items each month for the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry.

**Emmanuel House:**
- Sponsored an auction that raised over $20,000 to support Emmanuel House, a home-ownership program for families living in working class poverty in East Aurora.

**Other:**
- Provided 350 Easter Baskets and 70 Halloween Costumes for children in Joliet.
- Provided VBS for 40 students in Joliet.
- Provided and art camp for 30 students in East Aurora.
- Hosted 70 junior and senior high students from around the country for a week of serving in East Aurora through Radius Camp.
- Hosted a college intern for a six week summer program through Inner Change.
NewThing’s Mission: “To be a catalyst for a movement of reproducing churches”

NewThing specializes in NEW things! 2012 was a year of equipping new Leadership Residents, starting new churches and networks and creating new resources.

New Leadership Residents
Leadership Residents are church planters in training. In NewThing we look for the top 5% of church planting leaders and invite them to learn both how to plant a church, and how to plant a reproducing church. We currently have 54 Leadership Residents who are being equipped to start reproducing churches in the coming year! This is key to movement-making!

New Churches and New Networks
New churches are the best way to “help people find their way back to God.” New churches are five times more effective in outreach than existing churches. In the last year, we have started churches as near as Roselle, Illinois and as far away as Ventura, California and Novosibirsk, Russia. As these new churches reproduce they start their own network. This past year we saw the birth of five new networks within NewThing. In only a few years NewThing has expanded to 130 churches that reach more than 40,000 people every week. New reproducing churches are how you catalyze a movement!

New Resources
In order to equip our NewThing pastors and staff it is important to give them the very best resources using the very latest research so we can share the very best practices in movement making.

Discover Your Mission Now
The Discover Your Mission Now book explains both the Jesus mission and how to discover your mission through using the B.L.E.S.S. missional practices. These practices are not only being adopted at COMMUNITY, but also in NewThing churches around the world.

Leadership Residency Guide
The Leadership Residency Guide book trains a pastor in how to identify, recruit, equip and release a Leadership Resident to plant a new reproducing church. This resource is the first of its kind.

NewThing Online Training
NewThing Online is a monthly training broadcast with some of the best faculty in the world (Alan Hirsch, Wayne Cordiero, Larry Osborne and more). This training equips our NewThing pastors and staff with the latest in thought leadership and missional practices.

Thank you for your generous support of NewThing! Together we are catalyzing a movement of reproducing churches!

“Like many church planters, I have some ministry experience but I can’t imagine starting a church without doing a NewThing Leadership Residency. As a Leadership Resident I received valuable hands-on training. Everything that has led to our current success can be traced back to something I picked up on during my residency through NewThing!

- Matt Miller, Lead Pastor, New City Church, Shawnee, KS
It has been another wonderful year of fruitful work as we at Philippine Frontline Ministries continue, “reaching and helping people find their way back to God.” This year throughout our growing multi-site church network, we have seen hundreds of salvations as each week people are responding to the gospel, getting baptized, connected to small groups, and growing in Christ. At FACE the Children, the Lord has blessed us with more facilities, and more children to protect, love and lead. We are rejoicing to see incredible life transformation taking place in those once abandoned or abused.

With as many as 1.5 million street children in the Philippines, it is unlikely we will run out of work any time soon. We have a big task, and both the opportunity and the privilege to make a difference. In addition to the newly built Girls and Boys dormitories, in 2012 we opened an Interim Center where we hope to transition many more children from a dangerous life on the streets to one of safety, care and life changing love.

At the jails we see the immense need of broken lives and in the hospital the needs are staggering. The children on the streets are incredibly at risk and many already abused. With vision, determination and creativity, we know that so much good can be done for these; so much redemption of broken and lonely lives is not only possible but happening each day here at Frontline.

What an indescribable honor it is to be called and chosen, to be coworkers with the Lord and other committed partners in the great harvest that is humanity. At times we are “pressed beyond measure,” and in ourselves feel we cannot measure up to the challenges and needs. But the Lord continues to provide the grace, the strength and the resources we need.

To all our Frontline partners, we say thanks. May the Lord bless you richly!

Working While It’s Day, Jeff and Rowena Pessina and the PFM Staff

Children living in one of the dump site communities in the Philippines.
THE HAITI TEAM

**World Relief ($20,000)**
- Prepared plant bags, seed, weed, prune, classify and manage pests of moringa seedlings
- Distributed moringa seedlings to farmers to plant and use for human and animal consumption
- Maintained: mango and avocado seedlings (irrigation, weeding, pest control, classifying and grafting); plantain and mango plantations (irrigate, fertilize, weed and control pest);
- Maintained and expanded the drip irrigation system, drainage canals, door, fence, road, water reservoir, and field in general
- Trained over 20 technicians from 8 organizations in the benefits of grafting and techniques
- Installed two high tunnels for the production of vegetables
- Reconstructed the temple of the Christian Church of United Brothers of Haiti in Carrefour Bertin.
- Expanded Table of the Lord Church in Carrefour Bertin to accommodate more children at the school.
- Constructed houses, churches and latrines in Leogane
- Supported children in Haiti who were able to go start school in October through the Orphans and Vulnerable Children project.

**Haiti - One Family ($10,000)**
- Provided immediate funds to One Family in Christ Jesus in response to Tropical Storm Issac. The storm brought down a section of wall that provides security to the children in the orphanage from the outside. Kidnapping is a common practice in Haiti, but especially in Croix des Boquetes where the orphanage is located. We were able to send $2,350 to rebuild the wall and this was done within five days.
- Bought shoes for 35 of the children at the orphanage for the beginning of the school year. These shoes were made by a shoe maker in Croix des Boquetes so it also provided income for a man in the community. The shoes cost $525, a huge win for the shoe maker and the kids.
- Purchased 18 goats for the goat project in the community in Maissade bringing the herd up to 30 goats and allowing movement into the next phase of the project—selling goats at market, buying cheap skinny goats, fattening them up, and selling them at the market at a higher price. The profits from this project support his school and church outreach and takes the burden off of Pastor Kesnel, who is currently paying the salaries of the teachers and director for the school. The 18 goats cost $575.

**Haiti – at COMMUNITY**
- Initiated quarterly Abide Nights of prayer/worship hosted by various campuses
- Created and led the Aftershock book club and small group
- Multiple Ambassador trips composed of COMMUNITY attenders to Haiti.
- Chris and Jennifer Savini continued their work as residents of COMMUNITY - bringing restoration and hope to the people of Haiti.

One of the several missions trips to Haiti in 2012
On May 5 and 6, 2012, instead of having weekend Celebration Services, COMMUNITY mobilized every campus for a “Service Celebration” of going out into the community to help restore and serve the neighborhoods around them. From partnerships with local park districts and schools, to working with food pantries and shelters, each campus worked together to meet the needs around them and to make a difference in their neighborhoods. Below are just a few of the highlights.

**Romeoville Campus**
Multiple service projects were completed to help communities locally and globally. This included projects to beautify the Friendship Centre grounds, making flower pots for neighbors, and a shoe drive for orphans in Haiti and Uganda.

**Lincoln Square Campus**
Replanted much-neglected gardens at Chappell Elementary. Repainted dugout benches in Winnemac Park and helped mulch and weed the prairie areas of the park.

**Montgomery Campus**
Served in various ways throughout Montgomery, Oswego and Aurora, including holding a BBQ at Hesed House (homeless shelter) for hundreds of kids and adults.

**Edgewater Campus**
Service Celebration Weekend coincided with Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s “Clean and Green” Day. The 48th Ward office planned 12 service projects and the Edgewater campus was responsible for two of them. Projects included cleaning away debris and weeding along a main thoroughfare in the neighborhood and the building of a new community garden called Vedgewater.

**Lemont Campus**
Collected over 600 bags of food and donated over $1500 for what one worker called “the largest ever one day donation” to the Lemont food pantries.

**Naperville Yellow Box**
The Yellow Box mobilized over 1,750 people into the community and performed multiple service projects, some of which included: Appreciating 1500+ staff members in the East Aurora School District, packing 576 birthday bags for Loaves and Fishes, 200+ dinners for the homeless in Chicago and 800+ hygiene kits for those in the Philippines and Thailand.

**Shorewood Campus**
Mobilized 450 adults, students and children to serve the local community. Service projects included partnerships with schools, municipalities, park districts, not-for-profits and even in-home projects for seniors in the community. A real sense of camaraderie and blessing was cemented into the DNA of Shorewood.

**Carillon**
A total of 100 boxes of food, toiletries, books, games, toys for children, and letters of appreciation were donated and packed for soldiers and their families through the Carillon Connection.