

2023/24

Annual Report



OUR MISSION

*Leading people to
experience the life
Jesus gives*



Welcome



LEAD PASTOR FRED & SUSAN EATON

I want to thank all of you for your involvement and contributions to Grace Church during the 2023/2024 year. A healthy church is a growing community where the Holy Spirit is bringing forth unity and spiritual maturity. Together we have the privilege of accomplishing God's mission for our church: *leading people to experience the life Jesus gives.*

One of the wonderful aspects of the new life Jesus gives to us as believers is to love one another in our church. Jesus wants us to make good Christian friends and to love one another with His love:

**"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."
– John 15:12 (NASB-2020)**

When Jesus gave this command to His disciples in the Upper Room, He was commanding them to love one another as good friends. Jesus told them, "I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15). Jesus opened up His life to His disciples and went on to give His life in loving them. Friendships take effort to form, but they are essential to the life Jesus wants for us.

As we look forward to the year ahead of us, I hope you will "love one another," making and being good friends in Grace Church!

Gather

1024

total first-time guests

(23.7% increase from last year)



“Worshipping on Sundays at Grace is my battery recharge. Everything the world throws at us through the week diminishes as I get to praise the Lord, be fed the Word & connect with the saints.”
- Karli Hoffmeier

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average weekly attendance

(10.4% increase from last year)



486

people in groups

50

small groups

274

members

418

people serving



Teaching Series Timeline



Baptisms



79
people baptized

31 adults & 48 kids
(113.5% increase from last year)

GC Kids

162

average weekly attendance



VBS

200

kids

110

servants

920 LBS
DONATED TO THE
FOOD BANK

“VBS is a wonderful way to reach the children in our church and community, and teach them about God’s love for them, and his redeeming Grace. I love all the aspects of VBS, but I especially enjoy story time”
-Jamie Boor



8 *child dedications*

“When we came to Grace Church 8 days after moving to Sahuarita, God showed us we would find our church family here. We have since dedicated our 3 children to the Lord at Grace, most recently alongside another family in our small group. We are so grateful for our church's commitment to families and to children.”

-Brandie Lowe



GC Students

75

average weekly attendance

Middle & high school

(13.6% increase from last year)

\$5600

awarded in launch scholarships

74

attended winter camp

91

attended summer camp



2023/24

Highlights



July:

127

BACKPACKS
DONATED

\$2,390
in monetary donations



August:

260

HOT DOGS AT
BACK TO
SCHOOL
BASH

2023/24

Highlights

December:



426

SHOEBOXES
FOR OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD

February:



56

CARS ENTERED
IN THE CAR
SHOW



August:



150

KIDS AT DEFY
YOUTH KICK OFF

September:



710 LBS

DONATED TO
THE FOOD BANK

\$95 in monetary
donations

December:



1,366

CHRISTMAS EVE
ATTENDANTS

(33.5% increase from
last year)

March:



4,000

EASTER EGGS
HIDDEN
AT PALM SUNDAY
FUN DAY

March:



1,682

EASTER SERVICE
ATTENDANTS

(14.1% increase
from last year)

April:



8,816

ITEMS DONATED
TO BABY BASKETS

\$1,075 in monetary
donations

Missions

GLOBAL MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Omar and Rebecca Rodriguez, ReachGlobal,
Latin America & the Caribbean

Nubako and Claudine Selenga, ReachGlobal,
Kinshasa DR Congo

Andres and Lisa Jimenez,
Ethnos360, Colombia

Lucas and Lizi Gomes, ReachGlobal, South Brazil

Joey and Emily Cogliano, Ethnos360, Wisconsin

Edward and Hannah Han Bo Tun, BEE World,
Myanmar

Dot and Amy Chapman, Ethnos360, Southeast
Asia

Nate and Lydia Luers, Scriptures In Use

Aaron and Bess Edmunds, World
Venture: Vienna, Austria

Ben and Kathleen Wunderink,
YWAM, Cambodia



REGIONAL MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Rio Rico Church Plant, Rio Rico

James Flamm, Missions Door: ASU Phoenix

Sue, International Students

Caleb & Ciera Brock, Apache Youth
Ministries

Lisa Cohen, Decisionpoint: CA & AZ



LOCAL MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Springboard Home in Tucson

Child Evangelism Fellowship

Hands of Hope

Gideons

2023-2024 WINS



Rio Rico plant 2nd anniversary.



Worldwide missions support of
\$233,564.



Partnership with ReachGlobal and
Ethnos 360 Mission Agencies.



Regular support for 16 missionary families.



Emergency Relief: Israel and Ukraine



Myanmar, Cambodia, Congo, Brazil, and
Chuuk Islands special needs.



Outreach projects.

Missions Trip

Rio de Janeiro



“ Going to Rio de Janeiro taught me so much about our faith and not to take things in our life for granted because even when we don't have much we always have God and the joy He brings. ”

- Abby Van Otterloo

In July of 2023, 14 students had the chance to experience, first hand, how God is working all around the world. We had the opportunity to work with two churches in the favelas, teach kids about the Bible at the local school, sing praises to God in both English and Portuguese, and so much more. God did an amazing work in the students and adults who went, and we cannot wait to take another group in 2025.

Nate Hllum
Student Ministries Pastor

“ Rio has changed my life. I live every day cherishing how much I truly have, and to always be grateful and thankful towards God for the opportunities I've been given in this life. ”

- Eric Patterson



Rio Rico

82

average weekly attendance

(26.2% increase from last year)

94

first-time guests

(23.7% increase from last year)



It doesn't seem like we left Grace Sahuarita to start Grace Rio Rico just over two and a half years ago. Time flies!

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We always appreciate seeing you on the occasional visit, catching up at the store, and your faithful prayers for this work in Rio Rico. We connect with new people who are still hearing about us and have spiritual questions each week. It is always exciting to lead maturing believers as well as those seeking Jesus. We thank God and Grace Sahuarita for putting us in Rio Rico for this community to experience the life Jesus gives.

From us and everyone at Grace Rio Rico,
thank you!

Pastor Rick Vogeler
Campus Pastor Rio Rico

Finance

223

first-time givers

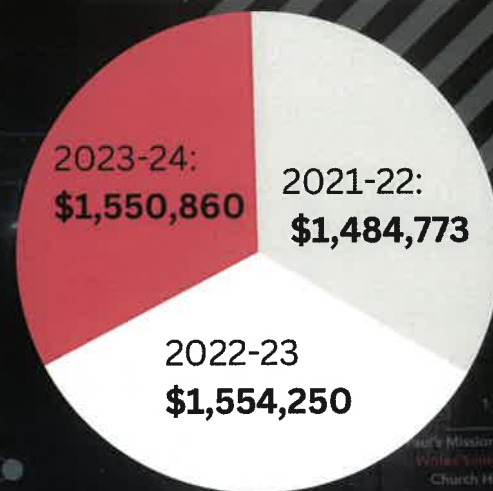
(116.5% increase from last year)

Christmas offering:

\$83,459



3-YEAR INCOME



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1,254

APP downloads

What did you like best?
The message was inspiring.

What did you notice first?
We love the music and the messages.

What did you notice first?
The kindness from being greeted at the door.

What did you notice first?
The friendly atmosphere and the welcoming greeters.

What was your overall impression?
Amazing. I arrived nervous and unknown and left feeling calm and happy.

What did you notice first?
All the kids playing on the playground and families visiting outside.

Our TOP 3 songs were:

- 1- Same God
- 2- What He's Done
- 3- This is Our God



3,917

website media views

What was your overall impression?
Most impressed with the knowledge and delivery of Pastor Fred and his humility and common sense of the Scriptures.

What did you notice first?
The beautiful outside gathering area & playground. It made it feel very welcoming.



THANK YOU!

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