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1ST QUARTER 2020

January - March 2020



Exodus Family,

It is an honor to be your pastors. Throughout the first quarter, we were able to see the gospel at work in and through the people of Exodus Church—in care and counseling, in service and prayer, in hospitality and sharing food and sharing the gospel. In so many ways, Exodus Church has shone bright for the glory of God and we want to share a few of those things with you from the first quarter of the year.

You'll see how we are giving generously to fuel the advancement of the Kingdom here in our community and around the world. You will see how God is changing us, bringing more people into relationship with Him and with the church, and how the church is then serving in our community. It has been clear to see God working in and through Exodus for His glory.

With all of the uncertainty that our world faces today, we hope you are encouraged and filled with hope as you read this report. Please join us in this effort and pray with us that God would continue to move through Exodus to advance His Kingdom throughout 2020 and beyond.

Sincerely,

The Elders of Exodus Church



NATHAN CHAPMAN
Pastor of Worship
& Community



TYLER GRIFFIN
Pastor of
Family Ministries



BEN HOERSCH
Pastor of
Stewardship



DAVID KNEEN
Pastor



ADAM LEE
Pastor



BRIAN LOWE
Lead Pastor

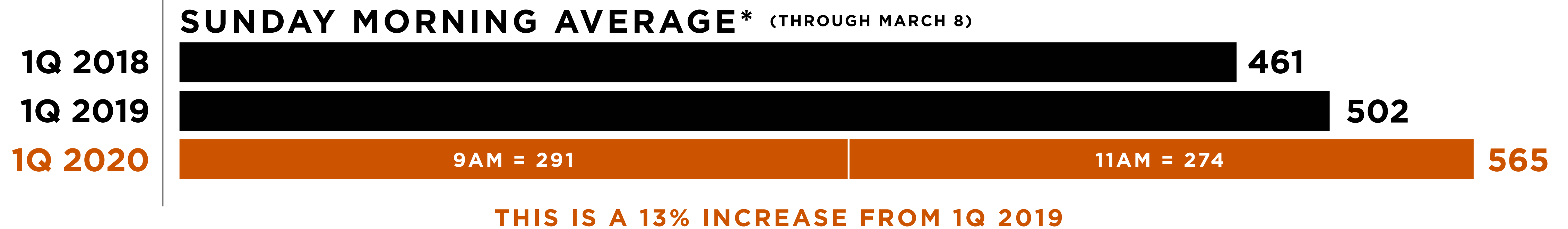


ANDY WILSON
Pastor

A man with glasses and a beard is seen from the back, speaking into a microphone. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. The word "ATTENDANCE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

ATTENDANCE





In the first quarter, we averaged 565 people in attendance across both our Sunday morning gatherings.

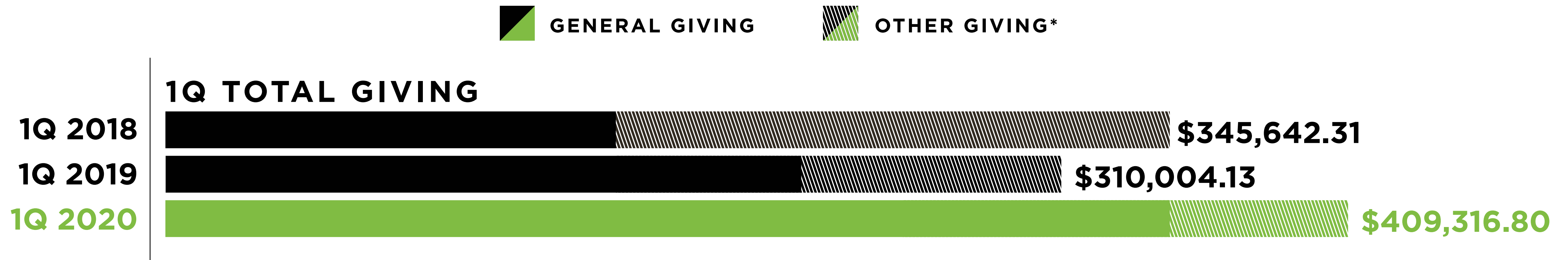
This is an almost 13% growth over our attendance during the same period in 2019.

*The average of 565 people is adults and kids who are worshipping or volunteering.

A photograph of two men in a workshop setting, overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The man on the left is wearing a checkered short-sleeved shirt and holding a dark cup. The man on the right is wearing a polo shirt, glasses, and has a beard, with his arms crossed. In the background, a sign with the word 'CUTTING' is visible. The word 'FINANCES' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

FINANCES





In the first quarter, the total giving to Exodus was **\$409,316.80**.

This includes general giving of **\$348,793.21** and other giving and interest that totaled **\$52,961.33**.

We praise God for His provision and the evidence of grace in the lives of our people shown through their generosity. We continue to pray for God to supply the resources for His work!

*Other Giving = Any designated giving, including the Restoration Project, and earned interest.



In the first quarter, our total expenses were **\$285,660.10**.

This is an increase of **19.1%** over the same time frame last year.

\$44,669.98 was given in support of missions and church-planting efforts in the first quarter, and includes \$19,000 from our international offering. Learn more about our strategic partners in the next slide.

PARTNERS





From the beginning of Exodus Church, our goal has been to financially support, fervently pray for, and effectively begin new churches. It's our prayer to plant churches, to be a church-planting church.

The following are church organizations that we support through prayer and finances.

NETWORKS & ASSOCIATIONS

Acts29 Church Planting Network

NC Baptist Cooperative Fund

Greater Gaston Baptist Assoc.

DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Epiphany Church
Camden, NJ

Life Church
Charlotte, NC

Reconcile Community Church
Greenville, SC

Strong Tower at Washington Park
Montgomery, AL

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

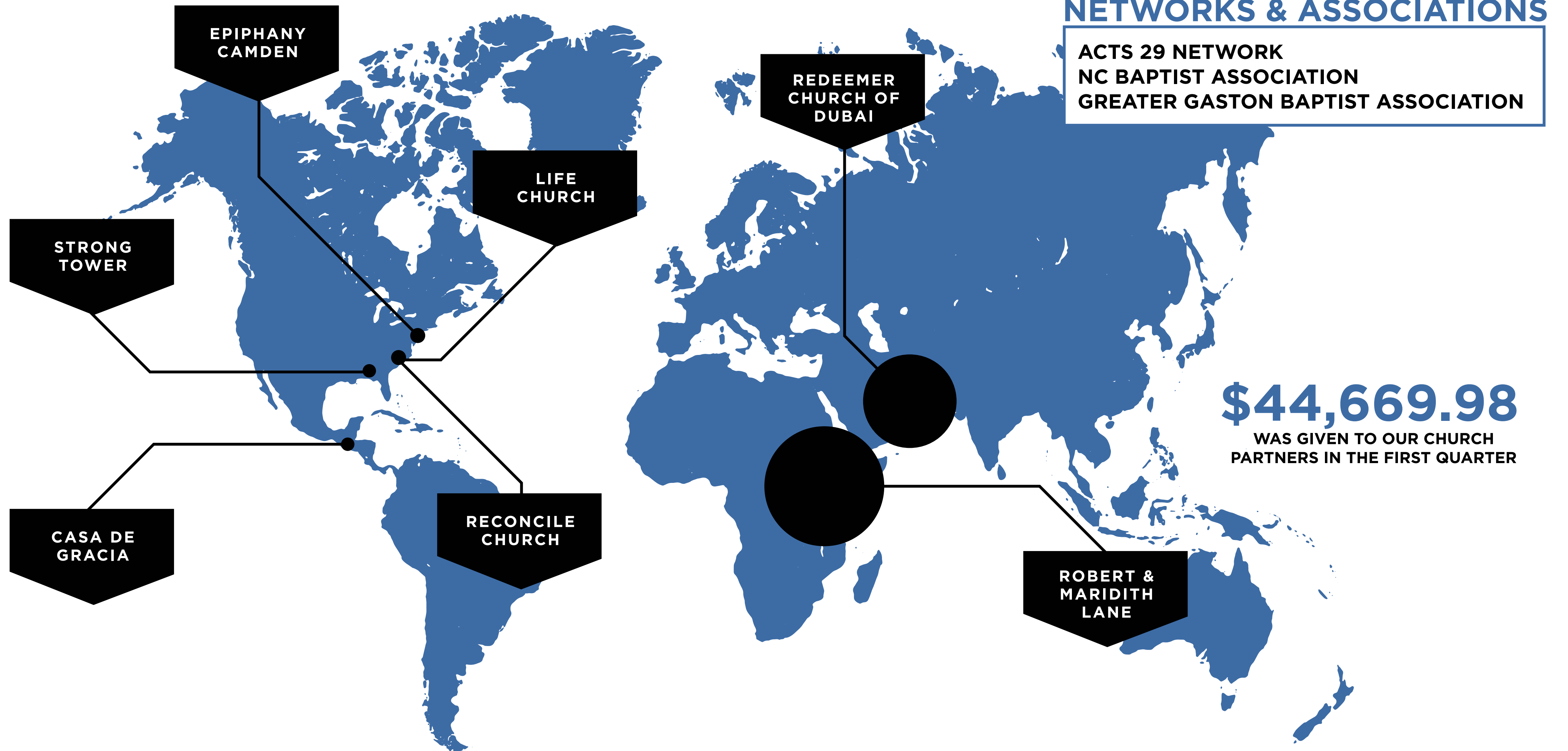
Casa de Gracia
Guatemala

Redeemer Church of Dubai
United Arab Emirates

Robert & Maridith Lane
Chad

PARTNERS

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CLARITY

HIGHLIGHTS



BAPTISM

We had 3 people profess their faith through believer's baptism.



MEMBERSHIP

14 individuals joined as covenant members seeking to be missionaries in their own zip codes.

180 WEEKEND

65 students from Exodus, along with 15 leaders, were able to attend 180 Weekend to be encouraged with the Word, through worship, and in fellowship.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

85 women signed up and went through our 8-week Women's Bible Study through Colossians and Philemon.



FINANCIAL PEACE CLASS

16 people attended Financial Peace University this spring. FPU is a 9-week class that teaches a practical and Biblical approach to managing money.



DEEPER CLASS

189 people gathered to hear Reid Monaghan teach about Christology (theology of Jesus Christ) in the series of Deeper classes we are having throughout the year.



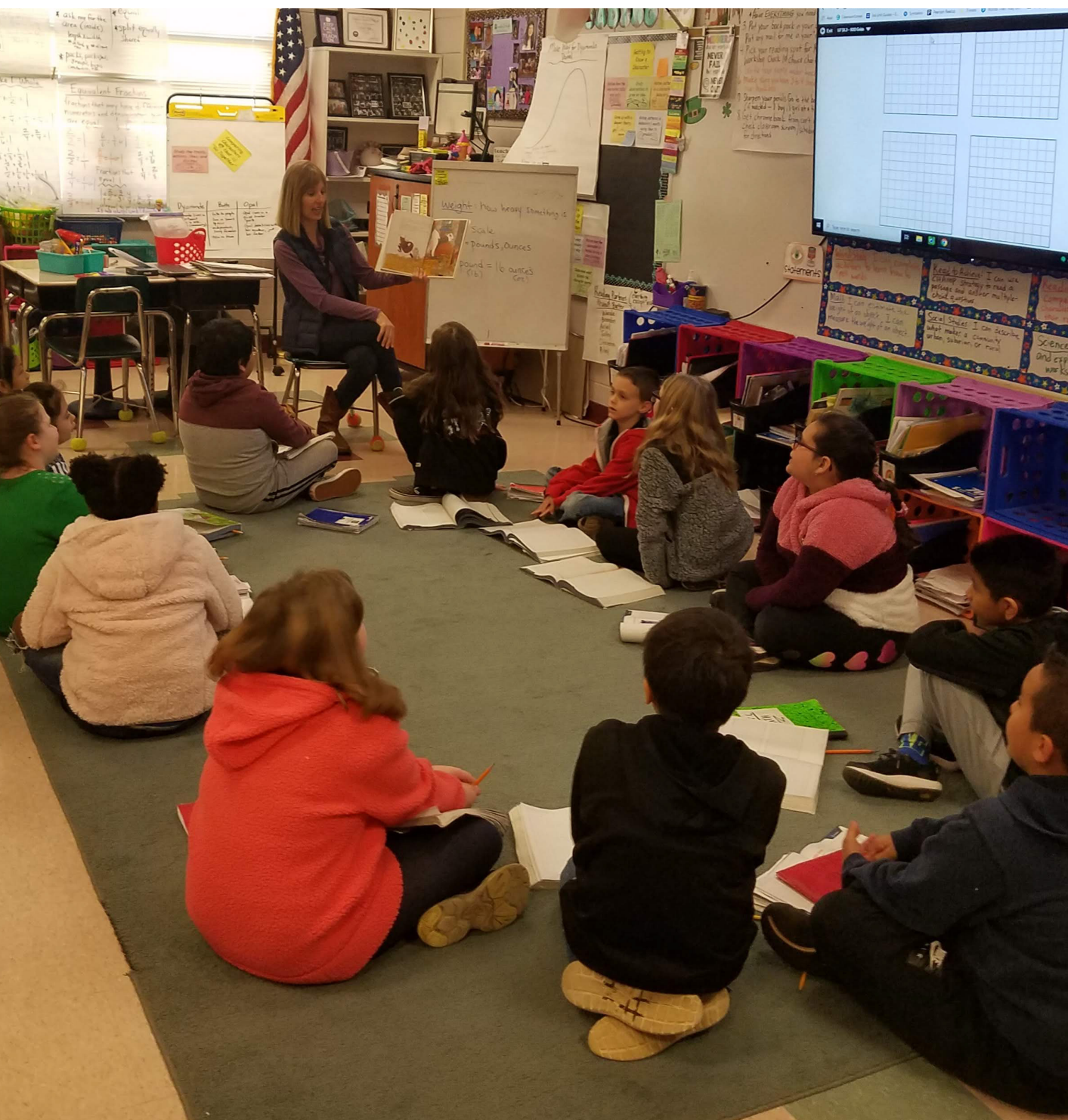
A group of approximately 20 people, including men, women, and children, are posed in a library. They are holding various children's books. The background shows bookshelves filled with books and a desk with a computer monitor. The text 'LOCAL OUTREACH' is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

LOCAL OUTREACH



NORTH BELMONT ELEMENTARY - READ ACROSS AMERICA

Exodus was invited to serve at North Belmont Elementary with the Read Across America program. On March 2nd, 19 people from Exodus deepened our relationship with NBE by visiting the school classrooms, engaging with the kids, and reading to them.



MERCY PLACE - FOOD PANTRY

Exodus regularly serves at a Belmont low-income retirement housing complex that is filled primarily with widows. During the last 2 weeks of March, Exodus helped them establish an emergency food pantry, collecting and distributing countless donations of needed items for their residents during the beginnings of the COVID-19 quarantine.



OTHER WAYS WE ARE SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

PRISON MINISTRY

We have continued to provide meals, fellowship, and Bible Study for the inmates at York County Prison.

GASTONIA STREET MINISTRY

Our community groups provide meals each month for the homeless and impoverished community of downtown Gastonia.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Women in our church began a mask-making and delivery team and have been able to provide masks to healthcare workers and other public service providers throughout the county and surrounding areas.

Our church quickly mobilized its people to donate and deliver non-perishable food and other essential items to Mercy Place in order to care for the senior citizen population in our community.

Members of our church helped the faculty of North Belmont Elementary deliver weekend food packages to families whose children attend NBE.



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RESTORATION

P R O J E C T

restorethemill.com



For ten years, Exodus Church met in downtown Belmont. Over those first 10 years, we expanded our presence there, renting more and more space across multiple buildings to accommodate our growing congregation. While we loved being part of the downtown Belmont community, we had always known the downtown Belmont area could not be a permanent home for us as there was simply not a place to put hundreds of people on Sunday mornings. For many years, we searched and prayed for a new location, one that met all of our foreseeable future needs. By God's grace, we found a nearly 100-year-old mill that fit exactly what we needed for our future home.

Pursuing this property at the beginning of 2018, we began The Restoration Project, a 3-year capital campaign with a goal of \$1.25 million in pledges to renovate this old mill to meet our needs for our church to gather there. In just 5 months, we reached our pledge goal. We had our first Sunday at what we now call "The Exodus Mill" on August 25, 2019. Even though we have been meeting in this space for almost a year, people are still fulfilling their pledges and giving towards this project . This is an update on where we are at.



167 PLEDGED GIFTS
TALLING

\$1,252,832.04



81.2%

\$1,017,536.43 DOLLARS RAISED
OF PLEDGED GIFTS

Given to date through end of the 1st quarter, 72 of 167 pledges have been fulfilled, totalling \$1,017,536.43 out of our \$1.25 Million goal. This also means we have crossed the One Million mark. Praise God!

We are 67% of the way through our pledge campaign period with 81.2% of giving completed.

CONNECT



COMMUNITY GROUPS

20 Community Groups meet either online or in-person throughout the area on different nights of the week.

Community is one of those words we all use, but few of us seem to ever really experience what the Bible describes. We live in a culture that is highly individualistic, lonely and busier than ever. And yet, in each of us is a desire to know and be known, to belong. The primary place to know and be known at Exodus are Community Groups. Learn more about our groups by visiting groups.theexoduschurch.org.

SERVING

Serving others is a fulfilling, God-ordained task, though it can be difficult to find a way to serve that works for you and your circumstances. Our serve opportunities range from those that require only a sign-up and short commitment to ones that are more involved. We want to help you find the ministry team that is the best fit for you. Learn more about how you could give your time and talents by visiting serve.theexoduschurch.org.

COMMUNICATION

Communication connects us together as a people. In order to help us communicate better with our church, we use a tool called Realm. Realm allows our church to build strong connections by providing one central place for communication. Become part of our Realm community to be in the know here at Exodus by emailing us at info@theexoduschurch.org and we will send you an invitation to join.

GIVING

The generosity of our people equips us for the mission of God. We want those who call Exodus home to be faithful and sacrificial in giving so that our ministry can be multiplied and the mission of God can be accomplished. To learn more about giving at Exodus, visit theexoduschurch.org/give.



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