



OUTREACH REPORT

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Looking back: Did we make a difference? Was the Kingdom of God advanced through our “Sharing” and “Reaching” values?



Locally we saw over 50 people receive Christ as Savior. This figure is lower than last year because we did not offer *The Gift*. However, the quality of responses was encouraging. Many decisions were made by individuals who did follow-up sessions with a mature believer from Valley.

Starting Point by Andy Stanley was offered for the first time. The numerical response to the class was small, but the quality of response was high. Several attenders made commitments to Christ during the class. For the first time in her many years as a Christian, one believer led an attender to Christ. We hope more people will bring friends who are new to or have questions about the Christian faith to *Starting Point* this fall.

The Great Commission includes showing great compassion. The town of Avon was shown great support as Valley attenders donated 900 blue bags of food and goods. The worship and outreach ministries partnered by inviting people to bring food bags when they attended *Lessons and Carols* in December.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement was offered for the during the spring of 2018. The class averaged over 50 people in attendance over each night of the 15-week course. “You’ll never regret taking it, and you’ll never forget it,” one student said.

Looking forward: We are trusting God to provide over \$1M in the coming fiscal year to expand our impact for the Kingdom. Our World Outreach partners tell us that Valley goes beyond its significant financial donations. They are also encouraged by the interest of many Valley attenders they meet in our Communities and Growth Groups.

One Memory: Valley sent 37 people to Greece to provide educational programs for the children of healthcare missionaries who attended a conference that provided ongoing medical training. The director of this conference, which drew close to 900 missionaries and their families, told us that the strong growth in conference attendance was because of the increasing number of young families involved in medical missions, and the quality children’s programs the conference provides, led by Valley.