



# MARCH NEWSLETTER

## CELEBRATIONS



We had the joy of celebrating Tate Den Herder's baptism in February!



We celebrate the many people who participated in the Centerpoint Students Trivia Night Fundraiser! Thank you to all who came to raise money to send kids on ministry trips and to all who helped make the night a success!

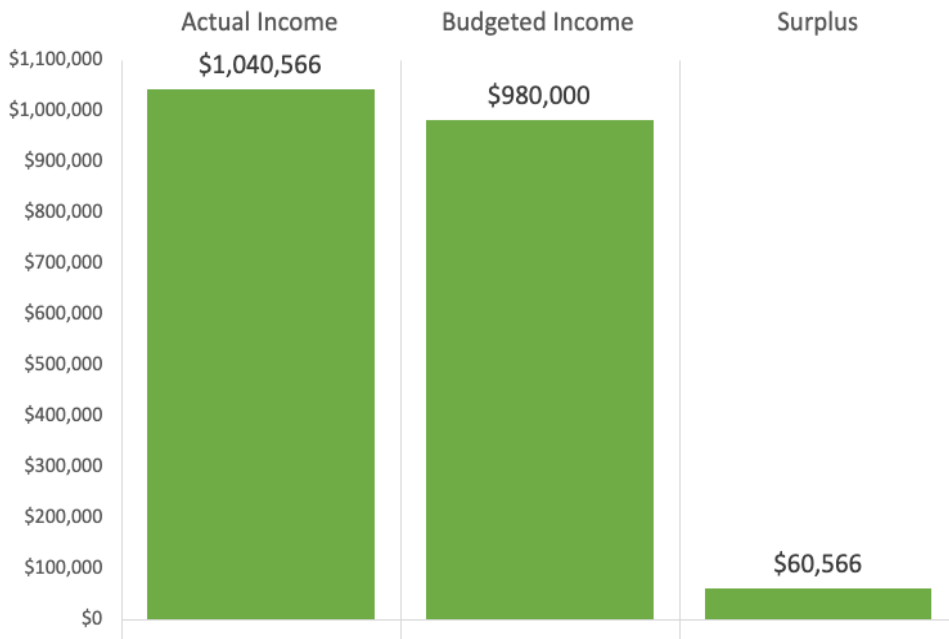


## GET INVOLVED

### BOARD UPDATE

The Board of Elders met on March 11, 2024. The format for this month's regular meeting was different than our normal monthly meeting. There were two items on the agenda. The first item was the annual review of the progress and status of the five Ends for Centerpoint. As a reminder, the Ends answer the questions: "Why does Centerpoint exist?" "For what purpose does Centerpoint exist?" "Who does Centerpoint benefit?" and they direct the work of the Board and the purpose of Centerpoint. Currently, the Ends include Worship, Discipleship, Missional Engagement, Multiplication, and Healthy Culture. Pastor Jamie and the staff provided a written report to the board that contained both quantitative and qualitative reflections on the progress made towards these Ends in the past year. With these reports, we were excited to track the progress being made. The second agenda item was the formal annual review of Lead Pastor Jamie Dykstra.

On March 22, the board and some members of the staff will be holding a half-day off-site meeting to continue thinking about the future of Centerpoint, our current Ends, and whether we need any changes or additions to our Ends.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are currently 6% ahead in giving.

# COMMUNITY

## A CLOSER LOOK AT MISSION WORK

At Centerpoint Church, our Missions team is guided by the vision of creating “a missional culture where the people of Centerpoint are intentional and strategic in fulfillment of the great commission.” In our pursuit of fulfilling this mission - locally, regionally, and globally - we have sought partnerships with others also focused on Jesus’s command.

In some instances, partnering looks like Kidzone, where church staff, Centerpoint volunteers, community volunteers, Dordt University, and the Sioux Center School District are the hands and feet that come together to provide free, Christ-centered after-school care.



Each pin indicates the approximate location of a supported mission. We support more than one mission in some of these locations.

Other partnerships look like Centerpoint Church providing financial resources to missionaries working in our communities and across the world. We are currently engaged in direct support of 7 local missions, 6 regional missions, and 10 global missions.

No matter what these partnerships look like, the investment of time, energy, and resources is having an impact! Read below to know a little more about some of the “wins” recently seen in the missions we support!

From Amber: “Your support allows students in Mexico and Kansas City to have safe spaces to go after school where they can not only experience God’s love but learn about it too.”

From Amy: “At the beginning of the year, during devotion time, we had an elementary student who did not know what the Bible was. A Dordt student was able to share the greatness of the Bible with them!”

From missions in Africa: “Praise the Lord for the young herdsman who disciplined three more families into the light!”

From Sithol, Sorith, & Soboroh: “Over the past eight months we have built 19 toilets, handed out school supplies to 550 students, shared the gospel with 500 people, and new believers are coming to know God.”

From Sokhoeurn & Saroat: “We baptized 7 of our students and two of their parents. For all of us here, it is with great excitement and joy that the students and their parents have committed to following Jesus. In addition, these seven students decided to attend DTS in January 2024.”

From Brian & Donna: “When our family lived in Chiapas, Mexico some time ago, the Tojolabal church leaders decided not to support and be involved in the translation of the Bible into their language. More than 10 years after we moved back to the U.S., some of the church leaders decided to initiate the translation project. Now, 15 years later, the project is complete! The entire Bible has been translated into Tojolabal. Of the 7,000 languages from around the world, Tojolabal will be nearly the 800th language group to have a full Bible!”

From Piseth & Sineout: “We gave school supplies to 1500 children in 12 villages. We were also able to share the gospel with 300 adults.”

From a Freedom’s Gate Church attendee: “Thank you for the support and love you have shown me through my Keystone stay. Everyone was a huge help in getting me through there and home. I became close to God. Thank you for my baptism also.”

From Sokhoeurn & Saroat: “Many new believers here come to faith when they pray to Jesus and are healed from diseases. Ming, a local Christian woman who has struggled with a long-term illness and the recent death of her husband, is showing the new believers in her village what it looks like to hold onto her faith through grief and a long, difficult illness.”

From Amy: Kelly, who does home visits with Spanish-speaking families in Sioux County through the public health office, shared that she has heard such great feedback from so many families about Kidzone! She hears, “It is a safe, positive environment for their children and a lifesaver for some of the families. The extra support, attention, and encouragement that the kids receive make a difference.”

Jesus is clear about the command he gives us in Matthew 28:19. This call to make disciples of all nations is one we as a Mission team take seriously. We thank you for the ways you’ve contributed to this work! If you’d like to hear from the missional organizations and people we support more often please call the central services office at 712-722-1861 and Denice will help you.





Afterschool program in Argentine.



Outreach in rural Cambodia.



One of the translators that helped with the Tojolabal Bible project pictured here with her daughter.



Kidzone kids enjoying their time together.

## MEET & GREET WITH MISSIONARIES



Stop by the Hawarden campus on Wednesday, March 20 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm to meet Rothana & Sophorn Brak, a missionary couple we support from Battambang, Cambodia.

They don't often have the opportunity to travel to the United States, so now is a great time to reach out and connect with them in person!

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: WORSHIP AT LIVING STONE PRISON CHURCH

Jesus is so good at drawing our attention to the ways we can be more Christ-like through serving others. In Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus talks about caring for the “least of these” and lists prisoners as needing care and attention. One way we are leaning in to do the work of which Jesus speaks is through monthly trips to Springfield, South Dakota, to worship at Living Stone Prison Church at the Mike Derfey State Prison.

The inmates have shared with us that it means so much to them that people are willing to come and worship with them. They often feel forgotten and are encouraged and lifted up when fellow Christians come to show them that they care and don't judge them for the mistakes they have made. Many inmates have made complete life changes as they have grown more involved in the activities and opportunities at church.

If you are interested in joining Verlyn Raak on one of the monthly trips to worship in Springfield, please give him a call!

**When:** 2nd Sunday of each month

**Contact:** Verlyn Raak at 712-441-4429

**Duration:** 4 hours total driving with 2-3 hours spent at worship and with inmates

**Preparation:** There is an initial clearance process that every person must complete prior to attending. This process takes about 2 weeks, so please plan ahead if you are interested!

## UPCOMING S.A.L.T. EVENT



Business...Education...Recreation. These are three of the pillars of our local communities. Our Centerpoint senior's ministry group will have opportunity to see all these areas of Sioux Center close up at our next S.A.L.T. gathering.

Mark your calendars for the morning on Thursday, April 18 at 8:45 am. Our agenda includes a bus trip around Sioux Center to visit several locations where we will be led on guided tours. Our first stop will be the new American State Bank dome, scene of many sports and recreational activities. We will follow with a “behind the scenes” tour of Casey's Bakery at the mall. Finally, we will head over to Dordt University to see and hear about the present and future plans for this school. Our day will conclude with a luncheon hosted by Dordt's food service.

Some walking will be part of these tours. We hope you can join us for this interesting and informative day. Newcomers to S.A.L.T. are always welcome! Please sign up by April 10 by contacting the central services office at 712-722-1861 by April 10.

# LOOKING AHEAD

## HORIZON NETWORK: ANXIETY WORKSHOP



The Horizon Network is pleased to offer an opportunity for you to attend a one-day Brimstone Coaching Group workshop! Register for *Anxiety: Managing Yours, Understanding Theirs* through the link below. This event will be held Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Sioux Center campus and is open to all. Lunch is included in your registration fee.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday: March 28 at 6:30 pm at the Sioux Center campus

Good Friday: March 29 at 6:30 pm at the Hawarden campus

\* Please note the Good Friday services will not be broadcast live on channel 77. We are unable to do that from the Hawarden campus. It will be broadcast live at <https://wearecenterpoint.online.church/> and <https://www.youtube.com/@wearecenterpoint/streams>.

Easter Sunday: March 31 at 9:30 am at both campuses

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Join us for supper on Wednesday, April 10, at the Sioux Center campus. All are welcome for the meal and some fellowship. Serving begins at 5:00 pm and ends at 6:15 pm.

## WORDS OF HOPE

Stop at the central services office or at Next Steps at either campus to pick up your copy of the April/May/June Words of Hope devotional.

