

The background of the left half of the cover is a photograph of the Overlake Christian Church building, a modern structure with large glass windows and a flat roof. In the foreground, there is a green and grey playground with a bench. The image is partially obscured by white geometric shapes on the left and bottom.

2022

IMPACT REPORT

OVERLAKE

CHRISTIAN CHURCH



On behalf of the leadership at Overlake, we want to say THANK YOU!

Since God's heart is for everyone, everywhere – so is ours. What would it look like to be a part of helping others experience & be transformed by the love of God?

Well, the following stories, snapshots & stats from 2022 are a glimpse into exactly that.

There's so much to pause and celebrate in reflecting on what God has done in & through Overlakers who are committed to the way of Jesus. We're grateful our families get to follow Jesus with you!

Neely

PAT

Pastor Neely McQueen & Pastor Pat Swanson
Co-Lead Pastors



WHY do we exist? For this vision...

**We want to see everyone, everywhere -
experience and be transformed by the love of God.**

HOW do we live into our vision? Through these **six B.E.L.O.N.G. values...**

Bravery · Equity · Learning · Ownership · Nurturing · Gifting

These six biblical values are modeled by the early Church and inform how we share life together and shape the culture at Overlake. We believe when we belong to Jesus & one another - we become more like Jesus.





There's a lot of ministry
happening through the
lives of Overlakers.

WHAT flows out of our shared life together?
These **five G's** embody exactly that...

GATHERINGS

GENERATIONS

GROWING

GOING

GENEROSITY

GATHERINGS

600-800 kids, students & adults gather together on a weekly basis for Sunday worship (in-person & online)

470+ people were involved in **60+ groups**

Overlake's **Spanish-Speaking Ministry** continues to grow. At a recent potluck **65+ people representing eight countries** gathered together!



GENERATIONS

Student Ministries

"We had several new students join us at winter camp. Before the weekend was over, one of them shared that he now knows how loved he is, and realizes that more people need a place like OCC to hear this message."



Jodie Blemker
Student
Ministries Pastor



THE BEST LEADERS

Student Ministries have the best leaders! One leader made it to an extra curricular event for every student in her small group in the spring. We have leaders from ages 18-74 and they are catching the vision of "moving up" with students up through each year of Middle School and High School.

FUN FACT

50+ Students serve every week on one of the various Sunday teams - they are leading the way! You'll find students running cameras on the tech team, caring for toddlers in KidTown, and serving up lattes in Central Cafe.



In the last six months, kids have shared their weekly **memory verses** over **250 times** at the KidTown train station!



GENERATIONS

KidTown

(Babies - 5th Grade)

"Teaming up with the Redmond Farmer's Market we saw over 300 people experience connection through games and activities at our Summer Fun Zone. It was a great way to share with the community a little bit of what Overlake is all about! We've also met new families on Sundays whose first experience at Overlake was from coming to the Market."



Tina Kim
KidTown Pastor

FUN FACTS:

- KidTown attendance **doubled** from the start of the year to fall. (55 in Jan to 117 in Oct)
- We were blessed to see **22 children** dedicated to the Lord this past year at our two dedication services. We plan to add more dedications in 2023 for our growing families at Overlake.
- This year we averaged **4 new families** EVERY Sunday!



"My daughter, who is in the 3's class, LOVES coming to KidTown. Every time we talk about KidTown on Sundays, her face lights up. She loves her leaders!" – Mom of KidTown preschooler

GROWING

Throughout the year we've seen consistent growth in Sunday attendance, which has also led to more spiritual decisions & next-steps taking place.

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BAPTISMS

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LET'S GO!
PARTICIPANTS

100+

NEW PEOPLE
SERVING ON A
TEAM



STORIES of TRANSFORMATION

DREW'S STORY



“I needed to change.

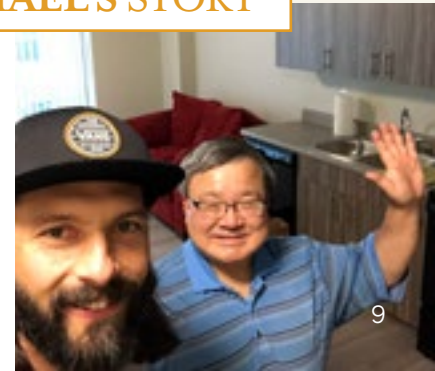
In the middle of the pandemic and after years of listening to the negative voice inside my head, I was depressed, anxious and loathed myself with intensity. **I needed to hear a different voice. One that was truthful, protective and redeeming – God led me to Overlake.**

Since then, **I’ve been actively growing**, participating in the *Let’s Go* series to understand the vision and opportunities and was even baptized on Easter! Now I serve on the Sunday experience team to recreate the feeling I had when I first entered the front doors.”

A new place to call home.

Michael had been unhoused and living in his car for several years. In June 2022, he was finally able to move into an apartment in Redmond with help from Tisza and OCC’s Safe Parking Ministry. Overlake members donated furnishings (like the red loveseat in the photo). Michael was thrilled to be in his new place – look at that huge smile on his face!

MICHAEL'S STORY



Michael with OCC Pastor Josh McQueen

GLOBAL EXPRESSIONS

Eight Service/Learning Teams comprised of 60+ Overlakers

Spain – partnered with Not Abandoned, empowering freedom for exploited women trafficked from North Africa.

Kenya – partnered with Agape on a family serve team helping street kids reunify with family.

Texas Border – student & adult teams partnered with Border Perspectives to better understand and advocate for asylum seekers at the border.

LOCAL EXPRESSIONS

OCC World Vision Team ran a half-marathon raising over \$26,000 so that 500+ people can have clean water for life!

FUN FACTS:

This year Overlake helped **24 people move into housing!**

There were **3,750 visits** in 2022 to our resource center – we offer showers, food pantry, and personal care for people who are unhoused.



GENEROSITY

We value hospitality!

Overlake provides no & low-cost office & storage space for local non-profits & ministries – Young Life, Seattle Angels, Not Abandoned and New Ground Counseling.

Over the course of the year we've welcomed **60,000+ people** through our doors for a variety of services, ministries, groups & events. We're grateful for what we have and want to continue to see every bit used to serve others.

We value generosity & faithfulness!

Last year **484 Overlake families** gave **\$3.3 million** to fuel the mission at OCC. The **first 10%** of General Fund giving goes straight out the door to support **15+ partners** around the globe.

Your generosity makes all this work possible & more!

We invite you to stay up to date with our newsletter, get connected, join a group, serve on a team & partner with us – **occ.org/connect**





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