

**ANOTHER YEAR DOWN OF
THE CROSS & THE CROWN**

A LOOK AT 2024

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Well we survived yet another year of ministry in the making, and another year down of the cross and the crown. 2024 was our very first full year of doing ministry out of our building with an official occupancy permit, and it was a full year of doing ministry without any debt whatsoever! Can you believe that? Praise God! You are a part of that! We are so thankful and humbled at all the Lord has done and continues to do. What an incredible testimony that we are a part of! Mary and I and our team would like to express or sincere gratitude to you all for the parts you have played in supporting the heart and vision of this ministry over the years. We don't have a lot of financial support from within due to the nature of our ministry and the people we have been called to minister to. The Lord has always provided through various resources outside of our walls like from you all, and we literally couldn't do what we do without you, so thank you . .

As the Lord provides, we continue to be faithful with the things that He has entrusted us with. At the beginning of 2024, we began doing more outreach ministry by providing weekly showers to individuals that may not have access to one. Tuesday mornings were open for women and Thursday mornings for men. This has been an invaluable resource to the people by allowing them to shower in a safe and sanitary atmosphere and feel the love of God in a new way. People come in so many times with shame and sorrow and leave with smiles on their faces and hope in their hearts because they had an opportunity to take a shower. You all have provided the resources for us to be able to offer this service to our community, so we thank you for all that you have enabled us to do, and the people thank you too . .



The type of outreach ministry that we are involved in has always been extremely draining physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. The Lord has always carried us through and given us the strength and endurance to carry on, and many times that strength has come from the support of you all in different ways. The various ways that you all have been involved has helped us to carry on. We kept our Sunday services in the afternoons from 3pm to 6pm which has been really great for our team. It gives us an opportunity to attend a Sunday morning service somewhere else in the community so that we can be spiritually fed and connected to the body in other ways. It has also paved the way for other people and other churches to get involved in helping us to serve. It has been a blessing to get connected with other people in the community that love the Lord and answer the call to serve the least of these alongside us. We have continued to have a worship service, a message, and a time of prayer prior to feeding everybody a home-cooked meal after every service. The clothing closet remained open and available to those in need throughout the year. We carried on with having our coffee bar open serving hot coffee, hot chocolate, and various drinks. We continued with several different Bible studies throughout the year that were led by different individuals. This gave people different opportunities to come together and grow in their faith which is an invaluable part of our relationship with the Lord. All of the services we have ever provided have always been free to the people and shared in truth and love. This has been made possible because of people like you, so thank you . .



We hosted the annual free health fair once again this year which provided multiple different free services and resources to people living in poverty within our community. There were free haircuts, various vaccines for people and their pets, dental services to include cleaning and extractions, and much more was all provided on site. Warm winter weather gear like coats, hats, scarves, and gloves were given out. Homemade tomato soup and grilled cheese was served, and of course the coffee bar was bustling. There were multiple other vendors on site providing free local resources to people in need, and everyone walked away being better educated and connected to the resources they were in need of. Once again, we couldn't do things like this without you.



We had our very first annual fundraising gala for Lovesick. It was called 'A Decade Down - The Cross & The Crown' to commemorate the burden of the cross and the victory of the crown in our pursuit of Jesus over the past decade. It was an incredible evening in the presence of the Lord worshiping and testifying to all the things that He has done in and through you all and Lovesick Ministries over the years. We raised approximately 20% of our annual operating budget for the upcoming year through that event. What an incredible testimony you all continue to be a part of!



We recently updated our sound system which is now housed in a cool old truck ! We had our 1st monthly Night of Worship to begin praying over the vision of the STOP SPOT for at-risk youth. It was a peaceful and joyful evening in the presence of the Lord as He was enthroned in the praises of His people. Different parts of the body of Christ from all over our community came together to lift up His name. It was really cool! We want to have these times of worship and prayer more often, so we have decided to do it at least once a month in 2025! Please follow us on Facebook for exact dates and times.

The STOP SPOT is an acronym for Stop Teen Oppressive Practices - Start Proactive Overcoming Tactics. This is an at-risk youth based initiative and area of ministry we believe we are being called into. Some of those at-risk kids in our congregation were provided an incredible Christmas to remember this year because of your support. We have not officially kicked anything off other than the nights of worship and prayer over it, but we believe the Lord is going to begin connecting the dots this year.



Please like and follow us on Facebook or go to our website for more information on the various outreach services we are providing to the community and other things that you can be a part of throughout the year. We literally could not do any of this without you. We do not have a traditional congregation like most churches that regularly tithe and give, so our support almost entirely comes from outside of our walls. You all have been a part of that, and we are incredibly grateful for the support you have provided over the years that has enabled us to do the things God has called us to do. We will continue to carry on and share the Love of the Lord with those who are in desperate need of it. Thank you all for what you do. We love you!

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