



2023 ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

Dear Blue Ridge Community Church

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."
2 Peter 1:3

Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of a new year, offering us an opportunity to reflect on the previous year. As we look back on 2023, there is no denying the challenges we faced while navigating through the second full year of a major shift in how we fulfill the mission of "helping people follow Jesus." The overall lower attendance in 2023 resulted in a decrease in overall giving throughout the year. To address this, we implemented changes in staffing and spending, which we believe reflect a healthy stewardship of the resources God has entrusted us with.

Despite the challenges, we see encouraging signs in this season of change. We are encouraged because, although giving is down overall, per-person generosity has increased. The shopping center we purchased back in 2019 to house our Bedford campus not only covers the expenses to maintain the entire facility but exceeds them. What we are most excited about is that our financial support of organizations and individuals locally and abroad has increased in 2023. Through the combination of our youth camp scholarships, missions, Be Rich, and benevolence funds we gave more to outside organizations and individuals as a church in 2023 than in 2022. Highlighted below are some stories and snapshots of how these gifts (to people and organizations) have helped build the kingdom of God outside the walls of Blue Ridge, both in our area and around the world.

With love and affection,
The Elders of BRCC

WHAT YOU GAVE

\$2,062,221

WHERE IT WENT | OVERVIEW

ADMIN	\$823,988
BR KIDS	\$283,276
MISSIONS	\$262,896
ARTS	\$215,525
CARE	\$156,425
BR YOUTH	\$154,632
NEXT STEPS	\$97,430
PASTORAL	\$92,901
GUEST SERVICES	\$54,219
COMS	\$39,066

TOTAL SPENT: \$2,180,358

Some of God's work in 2023

Giving

Your tithes & offerings make it possible to give to the communities around us. Here are a few highlights from 2023:

BENEVOLENCE

BRCC spent \$27,259 to help 19 individuals and families in need (rent, mortgage, utility bills, car repairs, etc.).



MISSIONS

BRCC spent \$262,896 toward missions locally and around the world. Here are some highlights from 2023:

- Haiti christian evacuation - \$500
- Nepal village pastor support - \$10,042
- Nepal ACTS graduate support - \$2,000
- Nepal ACTS conference support - \$12,000
- Nicaragua New Image support - \$6,000
- Sierra Leone children's clothing - \$4,000
- Sierra Leone village pastor support - \$7,200
- Aleksey Shunyaev support - \$3,600
- Masha Bannikov support - \$2,000
- Bannikovs support - \$1,200
- BRPC baby shower - \$1,470
- Irene Lange* - \$5,000
- David & Naomi Coward* - \$18,000
- Stephanie & Felix Vaghese* - \$10,800
- Jack Nelson* - \$20,000
- Josh Etheridge* - \$17,500
- Jail ministry - \$77,625

*Missionaries

NICARAGUA CONFERENCE

"Come to me" Conference was a highlight this year! We could see the covering of God, when almost 100 women came and accepted the invitation to worship together and listen to the Word of God. Half of the audience were women who are out of prostitution and now live lives full of faith and thanksgiving for all God has done! And they were happy to see the other half, who even though were still in prostitution, decided to skip the bars and alleys and show up to worship, pour out their hearts, and cry out to God. We definitely had a powerful atmosphere of faith and hope for those who need to be saved and liberated.

To have all these women together was a reflection and reward of the relationships we have built with them and the trust we have developed during the last few years. For the hours the conference took place, the dark places were empty. We believe that the day of salvation is near for many of these women!



Be Rich

You gave \$118,957 to Be Rich in 2023!

Here are some stories!

1 Timothy 6:18-19: "Be rich in good deeds" Be Rich is intended to fund needs outside of Blue Ridge.

ISAIAH HOUSE OPEN!

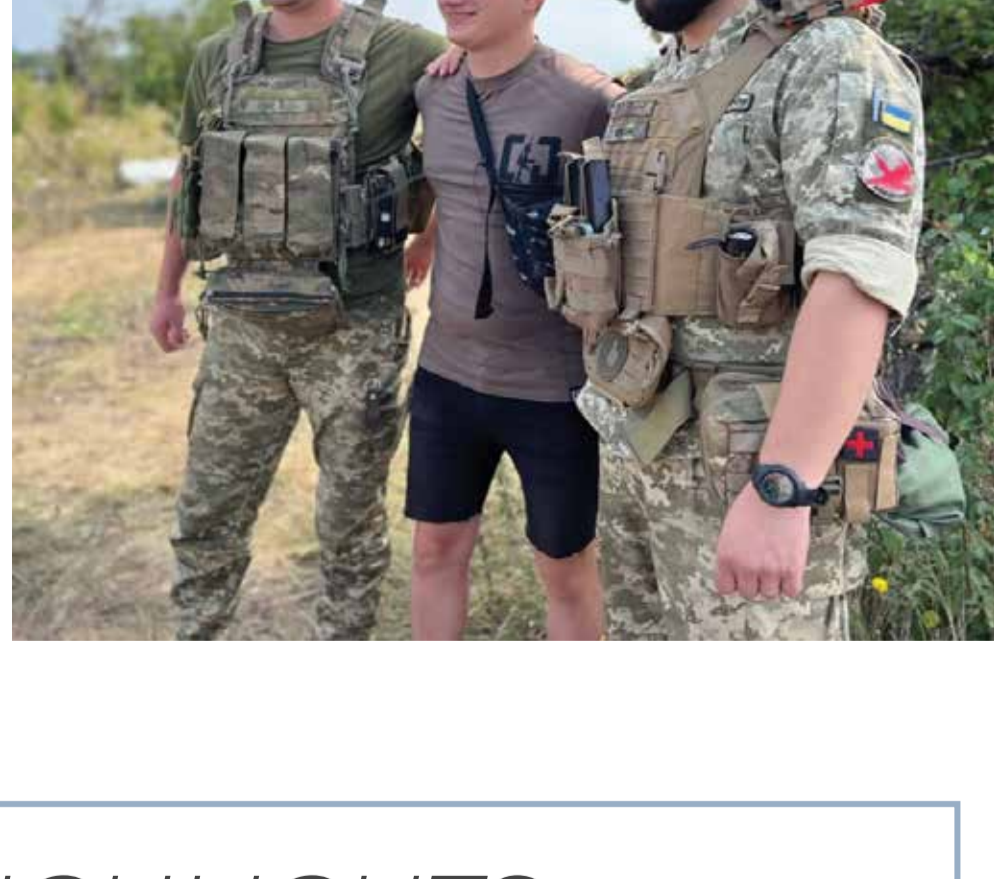
ISAIAH HOUSE OPEN!

This year Isaiah 117 House opened its doors in Lynchburg! Here is a story from an open house! On his 4th birthday, he and his siblings were removed from their home. We received the call to expect our guests within the hour. As volunteers were preparing at the house, another volunteer was purchasing birthday supplies, gifts, and a cake. The sibling group arrived scared and uncertain of their new environment. But, within 30 minutes, we heard giggles, toys being played with, and cars zooming from these precious children. Our guests took baths, ate lots of food, received all new clothes and basic necessities, and LEFT TOGETHER for placement! This is just an example of how lavish love at the Isaiah 117 House changes the way foster care begins!



UKRAINE RELIEF CENTER

This year our partner in Ukraine opened a second relief center! We sent a team over with 400 medical kits for the soldiers on the front line. The relief centers in Kharkiv also recently had their first baptism. Four people followed the Lord in baptism and we are excited and praying for them as they continue their journey of discipleship.



BE RICH HIGHLIGHTS

- Isaiah House Fence - \$9,200
- Ukraine Refugee / Church Support - \$50,928
- Arjun & Dolma House in Nepal - \$8,000
- Mar Azul Partner Church Retreat - \$10,500
- Timothy Initiative (support for 10 churches) - \$4,000
- Bedford Christmas Station (300 Hygiene Kits) - \$2250

What might God do in 2024?

2024 | BUDGET OVERVIEW

ADMIN	\$858,296
BR KIDS	\$232,519
MISSIONS	\$190,511
CARE	\$148,650
ARTS	\$141,302
BR YOUTH	\$122,310
NEXT STEPS	\$112,670
PASTORAL	\$89,672
GUEST SERVICES	\$58,655
COMS	\$37,315

TOTAL BUDGETED: \$1,991,900