## street psalms

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

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I need a faith that my mom would recognize as Scriptural and also matches my experience of God and the realities that I face every day in my city. I want a faith that invites more peace than violence and is more about inclusion than exclusion. Is there a way of being Christian that takes the Bible seriously and centers me in Jesus – one that helps me engage the world without being in rivalry with other ways of engagement?

These are the words of Dhiraj. He is a leader in our network who serves as a hospital chaplain. His desire for a faith that works in the crucible of everyday life is shared by leaders throughout our network. This year's annual report highlights our effort to respond to Dhiraj and others in their desire to be formed incarnationally.

It's been a great year! **We currently have 13 training hubs serving nearly 1,000 leaders.** We expect to grow to 25 hubs in the next three years and double the number of leaders we serve.

The big news of this past year was the Lilly Endowment grant we received to develop the Preaching Peace initiative in at least 10 hubs throughout our network. The initiative equips hubs to gather pastors weekly over a shared meal to reflect on the Gospel text in preparation for their weekly sermons. This simple approach has generated a vibrant community that sustains pastors and equips them for their work.

We also received two grants that allow 7 of our hubs to develop long-term sustainability plans for their training. Most of our hubs exist in scrappy grassroots organizations whose sustainability plan is basically a robust prayer life and the hope for the miraculous. For example, the hub in Nairobi is currently training 103 pastors in informal settlements (slums). They also host dozens of leaders from other countries who come to Nairobi to learn from them. They do this on a meager budget of less than \$10,000 a year dedicated to training. That's the stuff of loaves and fishes!

In light of this, it makes perfect sense that our network of hubs who struggle to make ends meet would take up an offering among themselves this year. They raised nearly \$5,000 for Tim Merrill who is Street Psalms Senior Fellow, from Camden, NJ. Tim landed in the hospital for a month with a life threatening infection and no way to support his family. I can't think of a better demonstration of the sacrificial nature of our network. It was a stunning act of love and generosity.

So, it's been a great year - the best ever, based on numbers alone. However, what counts is not the numbers. It's the deep love, affection, and long-term commitment to walk together for the sake of the communities we are called to serve. That includes you. What a gift! Thanks for your sharing in the journey.

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# Highlights

## **FROM THE YEAR**

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## **Financials**

INCOME*	1,301,091
Corporations	8,400
Church & Organizations	22,970
Individuals	262,098
Foundations	963,271*
Earned Income	44,351

EXPENSES	495,214
Training	318,132
Training Resources	35,380
Operations	141,702

<sup>\*</sup> We received the entirety a 5-year grant during this fiscal year.