



2019
ANNUAL
REPORT

VISION LANES AND LIFE CHANGE: THE STORIES OF 2019

CAMPUSES IN THE CITY
VULNERABLE CHILDREN
NEW CHURCHES
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



God is already at work in four key areas here at Traders Point that we are calling our “vision lanes.” He’s leading the way in these areas, and we are following Him, focusing our resources, and your generosity, in the direction of these four areas.

**OUR GENEROSITY DETERMINES THE PACE AT WHICH
WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THE VISION GOD HAS PUT BEFORE US.**

Within our city, 1.7 million people are disconnected from a local church. We’re under the conviction that discipleship happens best when we can worship where we live—because it enables us to serve, grow in groups and invite friends. So, we aspire to place campuses near where people work and live.

DOWNTOWN

Average weekly attendance: 1,627
People in groups: 856
Baptisms: 120

NORTHWEST

Average weekly attendance: 4,952
People in groups: 1,796
Baptisms: 331

MIDTOWN

Launched January 2020
People in groups: 109

NORTHEAST

Launching February 23, 2020
People in groups: 81

NORTH

Average weekly attendance: 1,662
People in groups: 607
Baptisms: 90

WEST

Average weekly attendance: 951
People in groups: 508
Baptisms: 62



NICK AND JENNA'S STORY

Jenna and Nick have participated in three campus launches: North, Downtown, and now Midtown. The Phillips credit their launch team experience with growth in their personal faith and deeper connections with other believers.

"Launching campuses and going multisite is an amazing way to bring Jesus into your very own neighborhood. Being a part of the launch team gave us a chance to see and be a part of life change happening right in front of us."



EVAN AND CARISSA'S STORY

"Initially when the Midtown campus was announced, we weren't sure we wanted to move to a new campus. Then, one Sunday morning, when they announced Kyle Riley as the Midtown campus pastor, the Holy Spirit moved both of us to tears. We have lived in Midtown for 12 years, our kids go to school here, and our friends live nearby. We felt God making it clear to us that we need to worship and minister to the people we live, work, and do life with."

- Evan and Carissa

9,193

**AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE AT
TRADERS POINT
CAMPUSES**

19,896

**ATTENDED EASTER
SERVICES**

18,768

**ATTENDED
CHRISTMAS
SERVICES**

3,390

**AVERAGE WEEKLY
LIVESTREAM
IMPRESSIONS**



VULNERABLE CHILDREN

INDIANA

Indiana ranks fifth in the nation for the number of children in foster care. There are more than 13,000 children in Indiana in foster care. The “fatherless” are in danger of not knowing their heavenly father without Christ following parents. We want to make an impact for foster children here in our city and around the world, creating relationships where Jesus can be made known.

Traders Point purchased the Care Portal technology for Hands of Hope in Indiana. This tool identifies vulnerable children’s needs such as adequate and clean bedding, and communicates those requests to the church community in Indiana. With that information, churches seek to provide the available resources. This is a key tool for preventing children from entering foster care.

We also helped Hands of Hope equip 41 new churches for care communities.

65

**FOSTER FAMILIES
SERVED**

36

**ACTIVE CARE
COMMUNITIES**

900

**JOURNEY BAGS
ASSEMBLED FOR
CHILDREN ENTERING
FOSTER CARE**



DANELLE'S STORY

"On one occasion, a teenager had arrived late at night to a foster home and was given one of the bags. She cried and hugged the worker who gave it to her. After months of being homeless and neglected, she was able to have something of her own. She told the worker that it was the first time in a long time that she had received a gift. We were not even thinking of these bags as gifts, but simply giving children what they need. It was a strong reminder that these wounds run deep and simple gestures can mean everything to some people." - Danelle

Danelle is the Regional Manager of National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. which is a foster and adoption agency. Her agency has seen the impact that journey bags and other essential items can have on vulnerable children.



"We hope there are more foster families waiting for foster kids than kids waiting for families. Every child belongs in a family that provides stability and consistency. Family is so important."

- Laura Mobley

Foster and Adoption Ministry Director

AROUND THE WORLD

We supported International Justice Mission in Guatemala to rescue children.

We helped Back2Back Ministries build a Special Needs Resource Center at Rancho de Los Niños Children's Home in Mazatlán, Mexico.

We helped build a new school in Bondeni, Nairobi, Kenya, for Missions of Hope International.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Churches grow and reach more people for Jesus with humble, hungry, and healthy leaders. We want to develop and multiply healthy leaders.

Traders Point hired its first Leadership Development Director and created a Resident Program.

In June, eight new residents joined Traders Point for the 2019-2020 calendar year. They joined departments like Worship, Project Management, Students, Care and more, learning how to do ministry, and learning how to lead.

In April, Jordan Jones became the first Leadership Development Director. Previously, Jordan launched a leadership development program at Faith Church in Lansing, Michigan. At Traders Point, Jordan trains residents on discipleship and leadership, while helping them process their experience, and discern their vocational calling.



NATALIE'S STORY

"My biggest takeaway from the residency was learning how to invest in my God-given strengths. In college, I felt a lot of pressure to identify my calling and plan out my career as quickly as possible. The training and mentorship through the residency program has shown me that the most effective way to fulfill my calling is to see how my strengths can be used to meet a kingdom need right where I am." - Natalie





NEW CHURCHES

The local church is God's plan A to reach people who don't know Jesus and we want to be a part of what God is doing all around the world through supporting new churches.

Studies show the need for launching more churches. With global population growth and increasing rates of church closures, a demand exists for new churches to reach more people for Christ. At Traders Point, we want to come alongside domestic and global churches spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

GERMANY

In one of the most atheistic parts of the world, ICF Leipzig—a multisite church—continues to reach people for Christ in former East Germany. Over 600 people attend weekly services at ICF Leipzig. This summer, Aaron visited ICF Leipzig and preached to the congregation. He witnessed the church's vitality and celebrated 28 baptisms at the weekend's service.

HARLEM

As a new church, the Gathering Harlem continues to increase in attendance. During Easter weekend, 600 people attended services. Pastor Kenneth Hart says, "I couldn't have dreamed that was possible this early in the life of the body of believers." The Gathering Harlem has big visions for serving and blessing their community.

HOLLYWOOD

Joseph Barkley is the Lead Pastor at Radius Church in North Hollywood, CA—a place where four churches have shut down in the last two years. Radius has seen great growth in a short time, despite early financial barriers.

"By God's grace, we're reaching hundreds of people every weekend," says Barkley. "But it put us in a position where we needed more space. We were aware that more space would include the need for more funding, but we knew that God would provide."

Radius soon acquired triple the space to hold their weekend services, growing from a capacity of 650 seats to nearly 2,000.

"We were able to put down the deposit required and seize this miracle," he says. "It was possible because Traders Point decided to partner with us financially."



SANTA BARBARA

In a part of the country where many are not connected to a local church, Mission City Church in Santa Barbara, California continues to spread the hope of Jesus Christ to their community. Attendance numbers and baptisms are on the rise. Pastor Jake Barker celebrates the stories of many lives changed through the church. "We met Jessica two weeks before launch. She is a single mom and at the time was recently let go from her job at a local bank," says Barker. "She was also searching for a living place for her and her two kids. She found a community that was willing to accept and love them even in the middle of their trials. She now serves coffee every other week and her daughter is a kids volunteer. They have found community and support at Mission City."

GROWTH TRACK

START. CONNECT. GROW. GO.

Growth Track is designed to help people start following Jesus, connect to a group, grow in their faith, and go serve on a team.

We don't want attendance to be the stopping point for anyone who calls Traders Point home. All of us want to make a difference, to know why we're here, and where we're going. Growth Track is for anyone who wants to learn more about who they are and is ready to take their next step at Traders Point.

START

Baptism is a starting line—not a finish line—for spiritual growth and the beginning of a life-changing relationship with Jesus. In 2019, more than 600 people decided to publicly express their commitment to Him through baptism at Traders Point.



603

**PEOPLE WERE
BAPTIZED IN 2019**

**2,267 PEOPLE
ATTENDED
GROWTH TRACK
IN 2019**

"I knew I was ready to be baptized after hearing one message from Aaron where he said, 'Baptism was meant to be a starting line, not a finishing line of your faith, and that God would meet me there. If I had faith the size of a mustard seed and walked to that line, that God would take over from there.' I had that mustard seed sized faith. I still had questions and things I was ashamed of, but I knew I was ready for God to begin working in me."

- Drew



THE McARDLE'S STORY

"We started researching baptism on the Traders Point website, and found there was a class for elementary age students who were curious about baptism. After reading about the class, we knew that it would be unlikely that Brady would be able to sit through it. We then reached out to Wendy, Special Needs Minister, to seek out answers about what would it look like for Brady to express his faith in Jesus as his Savior and what we could do to have him baptized. After speaking with Wendy, we started asking Brady questions, just to see where he was. He was able to answer "Who loves you the most?" (God) "Who is God's son?" (Jesus) "Who is your Savior?" (Jesus). Brady understands that breaking the rules is sin, and that he sometimes breaks the rules. We felt that this showed Brady's understanding and love for God, and wanted him to be able to publicly show that he calls Jesus his Savior."

- McArdle family

CONNECT

We learn in rows, but grow in circles. While attending church and listening to the message on Sunday is a great way to learn, growth happens when we invest in life-giving relationships and join together in groups. In 2019, we connected thousands of people to groups that provide hope and encouragement.

"When I attended Growth Track, I was super convicted that I was waiting for community to come to me instead of taking steps of faith to cultivate that in my life. So, I joined a group, and the friends I made in that group encouraged me to start serving in Catalyst with them! It has been amazing how much my mindset has changed since taking that step of faith to seek community in my life. I am so thankful I did it, even though at first it was scary!"

- Monica



3,957

PEOPLE IN GROUPS
IN 2019

438

NUMBER OF
GROUPS

634

GROUP LEADERS

1,071

JOINED GROUPS
IN 2019

GROW

Growing people are generous people. Generosity should be one of the defining characteristics of a resident of the Kingdom of God, as a response to what God has done for us. At Traders Point, we want to be a church that leads the way with the kind of generosity that only makes sense in light of God's grace.

\$19,725,218

2019 YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVEN

GO

Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. He went first with loving us, so we can put other people first. In 2019, hundreds discovered the gifts, abilities, and talents God has given them to use for His glory and serving others.

3,347 PEOPLE SERVING ON TEAMS IN 2019



JAY'S STORY

"The experience that I have had serving has brought me more and deeper connections than I could have imagined. Serving in Special Needs Ministry has given me the opportunity to work one on one with my buddy. I have been working with him for almost 2 years now. He has some behavioral traits which require some one-on-one time during worship. What he probably doesn't realize is that I look forward to seeing him every week more than he does me. In the time that we have been connected, we have built a strong bond." - Jay



TRE'S STORY

"I serve with Students because I wanted to give others something I didn't have growing up. As a teenager, I didn't have Catalyst like our students at Traders Point do. I never knew what it was like to have someone speaking into my life other than my parents. Serving in Students is just a constant reminder that we need other people to grow closer to God, but also that life is much better when we are living with and for each other." - Tre



OUTREACH STORIES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

STADIA CHURCH IN SANOS CHAUPI, PERU

"I never expected that a foreign church would be able to build a church and support the children in my community, but now I can see it. I believe that it is a blessing to have a church in my community because my neighbors will be able to hear the Word of God and many children in my community will learn the Word of God." – Juvenal Arroyo Salas, father of a sponsored child

STADIA CHURCH IN TALLANES, PERU

"The construction of the church gives us a great opportunity to reach children and mothers of the community and its' surroundings. This gave us the chance to share with them the love of God. We have had the opportunity to teach foundational skills through workshops and deliver Bibles to families so they can start reading the Word of God for themselves and their children. Now that the construction is finished, we can fully focus on the spiritual growth of the families and their relationship with Christ."

MISSION TRIPS

"Mission trips are full of crazy experiences and they tend to push you beyond your comfort zone, but I've found that's where God is able to work. When we leave our comfortable reality behind and step into a new culture and experience, we open up the door for God to do amazing things in and through us. You'll get to serve and share Jesus in ways you've never experienced before, and you'll be changed as a result. Sometimes, it takes traveling across the world and outside of our everyday lives to hear from God." - Betsy

Betsy went on Back2Back Ministries mission trips to Nicaragua and Mexico.





“TRADERS POINT SAVED MY LIFE.”

Over the past year, we heard those words over and over again. At first, it feels a bit dramatic, but when they explain more, we get it. They mean their faith was saved, their marriage was saved, or the trajectory of their life was changed.

We give God all the glory, and we also want to acknowledge—God always uses people to impact other people. In 2019, that’s exactly what you did. You made an impact!

IN 2019:

- On average, 9,193 people attended services at a campus each weekend and thousands watched on our weekly livestream to hear the message of Jesus
- 603 people were baptized at Traders Point
- 1,071 joined a group—for a total 3,957 people in groups
- 3,347 people were on serving teams
- Our giving totaled \$19,725,218, enabling us to not just cover our operating expenses, but to make a significant impact in our vision lanes

In 2020, we believe God is going to do even more in and through our church. Between campus launches in Midtown and Northeast Indy, and what God is calling us to do through our vision lanes, we can’t wait to see all He has planned for us this year.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Let’s continue to follow Jesus and seek Him in everything we do.

Aaron Brockett
Lead Pastor



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