Inviting the lost and broken into our Christ centered journey from empty religion to generational life change.



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Porque yo sé los pensamientos que tengo acerca de vosotros, dice Jehová, pensamientos de paz, y no de mal, para daros el fin que esperáis.

JEREMÍAS 29:11



Dear Investors,

As you make your way through the Cielo Vista Church Impact Report for 2022, remember that each number tells a story. These numbers tell a story of:

- People who left spiritual darkness to come into the eternal light of Christ.
- People who had given up on their life, marriage, family, and purpose but found hope from fellow travelers on life's jagged path.
- Generous givers who believe managing God's financial resources is biblical and wise.
- A multi-generational church adding value to people whom God loves deeply.
- Children who were served by volunteer
   Shepherds who chose to serve on Sundays in order to guide younger hearts to the unconditional love of Jesus' open arms.
- Helping students learn that the biblical worldview for their lives is founded in absolute truth.
- A church community worshipping together, serving others together, and learning God's eternal Word together for life application.

• Life change. For years I have said to our church family, "Come as you are, just don't stay that way." Because of this we never give up on people. *Never*.

Our resolve to love the truths from the Word of God is unchanging in a changing world. While we love, show dignity, and respect for all people our greatest love and legacy is to the distribution of the Word of God near and far.

To every one of you who invested in people through your gracious giving and enthusiastic service, thank you. Jesus said that wherever your treasure (resources) is, there the desires of your heart will also be. *Matthew 6.21* 

I am honored to serve the Master with you for the expansion of His mission.

Onward,

Dr. Larry Lamb





Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
On Friday, September 9th, Cielo
Vista Church hosted a dinner
honoring 416 active volunteers.
The CVC church staff rolled out
the red carpet and served these
honored guests with gratitude
and appreciation.

# COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media – Want to know what's going on at CVC? Follow us on Social Media.

We share photos and stories on Facebook and Instagram and live stream our Sunday Service. You are invited to submit prayer requests, ask questions and join the chats. We want you to stay connected, not just on Sunday, but every day.

Website & Mobile App – In 2022, CVC updated the look of our website. The new layout is creative and we are consistently adding new content to keep you up to date. New this year is the "Meet the Team" page, so now you can put a face to the name of our CVC staff members.

Subscription to this free CVC resource is still available. Log onto cielovista.church for access.

Live Stream & Videos on Demand – In addition to streaming Sunday services via our website and mobile app, you can watch on YouTube. Not only can you watch services live, you can also browse through our video library on our YouTube channels and share with your family and friends. Don't forget to subscribe to our channel and join subscribers from around the world.

Study Gateway – In May, CVC introduced Study Gateway, a streaming video Bible study service that carries amazing video studies for individual and community group watching. Subscription to this free CVC resource is still available. Log onto cielovista.church for access. 1,600 | YouTube Subscribers 290 | CVC Videos on YouTube

#### Spanish Ministry:

83 | YouTube Subscribers 60 | CVC Videos on YouTube











# JOURNEY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2022 was a great year of ministry for the Journey Children's Ministry. Our new **Nursery Room** opened in February in order to minister to all children from birth to 6th grade.

In March the new **Sensory Room** opened in the Journey Big Room giving a beautiful space to our Exceptional Friends where our special needs kids can be ministered to in a way that fits their specific needs.

Our annual **Vacation Bible School** was held the last week of June. CVC opened its doors to 250 children each day of VBS week and we had over 50 kids make Jesus their Lord and Savior.

In July, the first **Parenting Seminar** was held and 200 parents were blessed to hear from Mama Bear Hillary Morgan Ferrer about the importance of integrating apologetics into our children's lives.

In August, the Journey Children's Ministry launched **Deep Roots**, their first ever kids' apologetics program, giving our children the opportunity to dive in deeper into scripture and receive a Biblical worldview training.

# TRIBE STUDENT MINISTRY

What a great year our middle and high school students had in Tribe!

- 4 Professions of Faith
- 7 Student Baptisms
- Sunday service averaging over 100
- Midweek service averaging 35
- Friday Night Hang 7 Fellowship attended by over 250 students

Introduced 7 Tribe Biblical Principles and Values to center youth studies:

- 1. Authentic Faith God can be trusted; He will do all He has promised to do. *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- 2. Spiritual Disciplines If I can see as God sees, I will do as God says.

  Romans 12:2

- 3. Moral Boundaries Purity paves the way for intimacy. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
- 4. Meaningful Friendships Our friends determine the direction and quality of our lives. *Proverbs* 13:20
- 5. Wise Choices Walk wisely in a fool's world. Ephesians 5:15-17
- 6. Ultimate Authority Maximum freedom is found under God's authority.

  Romans 13:1-2
- 7. Others First Consider others before yourself. *Philippians 2:3-11*

- 2 Inaugural Parent Student Adventure retreats:
- 46 men/students Boys2Men Retreat
- 53 mom/students attended the
- Girls2Women first

#### Apologetics midweek study:

introduced students to develop a forensic faith thought process. As part of the study, students conducted a case trail on the existence of God!

#### Kingdom Unity:

Networked EPYMN (El Paso Youth Ministry Network) to provide students opportunity to a local conference.



# SHIP BUILDERS

Ship Builders Ministry is on a mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus throughout our surrounding community through our schools. In June 2022, CVC held **Ship Builder Sunday**. One of our values is Life Changing Generosity. Our CVC family generously gave \$48,000 that went directly to support the schools within the footprint of the church.

We have created **PartnerSHIPS** with four schools in YISD: REL, Glen Cove, Edgemere, and this year CVC added Hanks Middle School.

At the end of last school year, Ship Builders ministry was able to award three graduating seniors each a \$2,000 **ScholarSHIP**.

Ship Builders Ministry had an amazing year with the kickoff of the new **FriendSHIP Club** (after school Bible study) across the street at REL Elementary. Our club had 84 students sign up to hear the Gospel message given by dedicated volunteers.

Our **MentorSHIP** is now in all 3 elementary schools with 28 mentors and 42 mentees. Our mentors create meaningful relationSHIPS with children who need to feel the Love of Christ.









# UNITED|EP

Our young adults had an impactful year:

- Fundraised \$32,739 for Casas Por Cristo and 11 Young Adults built a home for the Juan Pablo Garcia family of 6.
- Fostering a Culture of CommUNITY through 6 Hangouts and 6 Outreaches with BSM (Baptist Student Ministry) UTEP, EPCC, Reach & Relieve, Algo Mas, VBS, & Casas Por Cristo.
- Launched a weekly EPCC Valle Verde Outreach in partnership with the BSM.
- Provided 2 Conference opportunities for over 42 young adults to further their spiritual development.
- Launched 4 New Young Adult Community Groups.
- Equipped 59 new Volunteers through Serve Team Training.







# CVC ESPAÑOL

Before the Spanish service opened on October 24 of 2021, CVC was providing Spanish translation to an average of 12 people every Sunday. Some families, even though they loved Cielo Vista Church, had left or were considering leaving because of the language barrier. Thanks to God's desire in the hearts of our church leadership and their obedience, many families are being blessed every Sunday and on Wednesdays during Mid-week.

Attendance at our one-year celebration service gathering: 157 adults and 35 children

During our one-year celebration service, 5 people shared testimonies of what God has done in their lives through the Spanish service.

Women's Midweek Spanish groups: 3 groups with a total average of 35 women.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry continues to grow! We have 14 groups with approximately 10 women per group (11 English Groups and 3 Spanish Groups). We anticipate more growth in 2023 as some of our groups have gotten so big that it's time to "birth" a new group! Each week there is an anticipation of the ladies coming together to learn God's Word. Even during breaks, our groups meet off-site to ensure that Sisterhood community continues! The "secret sauce" of our growth is that the women LOVE being together, plus we have 14 amazing leaders who take the time to nurture and truly love the women they lead!

In May, we had 230 women attend a special Women's Event, where we featured CVC Counselor Carmen Garza as our guest speaker. The ladies were blessed with a delicious catered brunch, then they

were blessed by Carmen's amazing message of God's redemptive power demonstrated in her life.

Last spring, our ladies studied the book of 1 John. In the fall, they completed the book of Hebrews. The ladies are growing deeper in their faith as they study God's Word together. They are also growing deeper in their relationships with each other as they help each other during times of need, and stay in touch via texts and phone calls. The connections that our CVC women are making are a blessing to behold!

Women's Ministry is looking forward to continued growth and blessings for 2023!



# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups continue to be an important part of our growth strategy.

We are pleased to announce that this year we distributed our very own CVC booklet called How to Live in Community. This booklet perfectly aligns with our CVC growth strategy and has become the prime curriculum used in LINK UP. Our How to Live in Community has six chapters, each chapter a lesson containing scripture references and discussion questions. This booklet provides our new leaders and their groups the foundational tools needed to become a successful Community Group.

Our Community Groups consist of Couples, Men's, Women's, and Co-ed groups. Community Groups remained strong even when it became difficult to meet. They have encouraged and lifted each other up during life's most difficult circumstances, such as illness, loss of job, and relational challenges, just to name a few.

This year we began having Quarterly Leadership Development meetings every three months where our leaders come together to grow in their call to leadership. This growth strategy will continue in 2023.

# COUNSELING

Our Counseling team continues to answer the call to serve people in need of emotional and sometimes financial situations.

140 - People seen in 2022

11 - Salvations/re-dedications

10 - Marriages restored

We have seen some difficult cases this year that have required most of the counseling team to minister to these varied individuals. No matter the challenge, we stay committed just as Christ does not give up on us. We use our combined strength, relying on the help and expertise of the counseling team for support, wisdom, and grace to help these people through their difficult situations and time of season. In some of these cases, marriages have been restored and parents and children have come to an understanding. Throughout all these cases, the counseling team has stepped into the gap as Moses stepped in for the Israelites - by coming together through the strength and grace



#### Soul Care Assistance

A duplex fire displaced a mom and two daughters. Soul Care Donated a \$500 check, groceries from the food pantry, and delivered clothes and furniture.

The Villegas family of six in Socorro, lost their parents. Perla, the eldest, assumed responsibility of the family.

She found a home, but had no furniture, a broken down AC unit. had minimal food, no stove, and no refrigerator. We reached out to the family and the response was overwhelming. Food and household items were donated. AC is now running, and stove, refrigerator, beds and dressers were all donated. A single 22yr. female soldier

delivered her first child in her seventh month of pregnancy. She had to move out of the barracks and into an apartment with zero furniture or household goods. CVC helped get her on her back on her feet by providing groceries from the food pantry, clothes for her baby and furniture for her one-bedroom apartment.

Christmas Blessings \$21,869

Benevolence \$45,000

# MEN'S MOVEMENT



Men's Breakfasts

Over 600 men attended the three Men's Breakfasts held in 2022.

#### Men's Retreat

Held in Bonita Park Camp & Conference Center in the mountains of New Mexico, 131 men attended the 3-day event with 3 Salvations / 2 Re-dedications.

#### Wednesday Midweek

The men worked through 9 different studies with an average attendance of 95 men per session.

Multiple Men got involved in the community, such as CVC Food Distributions and Shipbuilder events at the schools.

# CIELO VISTA DIVINITY SCH

Cielo Vista Church Divinity School opened for enrollment this summer! There are seven ministry tracks including contextual semiotics, Christ formation, the arts, healing teaching or preaching and others. Students choose one track or can study them all. Each educational track and pace is up to the student. CVC chose to invest in its church family and continues to offer a substantially lower tuition. Here's what is being said about this educational opportunity...

"Going at your own pace with the cyber aspect component makes it perfect and doable for individuals. Whether you are a stay-at-home mom or doing this while holding a job, the cyberspace ability relieves the pressure of traditional schooling."

"... the price and quality of the content, is phenomenal!"

If this sounds interesting to you, log onto cielovista.church to find out more.



# WORSHIP

29 new volunteers that came out of the **Worship Training Classes** in February, May and October and have begun serving in the Worship Ministry.

- 12 are new production crew volunteers that help with audio, lights, projection and cameras.
- 2 are new Tribe worship team members

"I have faith that God uses my heartfelt efforts on the **Production Crew** to point others to Christ. We strive to give the church body a positive experience and I am so blessed to be a part of that." – *Ruth, Projection Operator* 

**Songwriting** has been going well. This year we have written 5 songs. We will start sharing them with our church family in the new year and our goal is to record our first EP in Spring of 2024.

# \$209,125 spent supporting 28 different missionaries and missions agencies.





### MISSIONS

CVC continues to make an impact around the world.

- Supported 4 new church plants in India.
- Sent \$25,000 to build a strategic pastoral training center in Nepal, one of the least reached areas in the world.
- Brought on Algo Mas as a new global partner.
- Enabled partners in closed nations to share the gospel and even start a Christian school.
- Supporting partners on 5 different continents.
- Helping to reach Mormon college students in Utah.
- Over 500 families received food from food drives on the CVC campus.
- $\bullet$  100+ pregnant women were counseled and supported locally through Pregnancy and Fatherhood Help Solutions.





### **BUILDING & RENOVATION PROJECTS**

Worship Center – We completed a long-awaited renovation of our live production spaces at the back of the worship center. The new production suite offers better visibility and acoustics for our sound and lighting operators, an elevated camera deck, a sound-proof translation booth, and a newly furnished control room for our video crew.

Morgan Theater – Our Sunday video venue underwent some alterations and a technical upgrade to improve Sunday's service experience. More is being planned for 2023.

Reception Lobby – Some cosmetic changes were made to our reception lobby to freshen up and modernize the space used to welcome visitors and guests during the week. A new copier was also installed and the older model taken to the Journey Children's Ministry in order to meet their growing needs.

Nursery Area – Babies 12 months and under now enjoy a larger, renovated space with new highchairs, automated motion baby rockers, age appropriate toys and more.



# THE NET

For Pastor Lamb, the pandemic brought on a vision to develop a solid plan to keep the church united, so that in the event we would be asked to suspend services again, for whatever reason, we would still remain connected outside the church building. So, in February, CVC launched the NET. The NET is CVC's plan to ensure that our entire CVC congregation is contacted quickly and effectively should our CVC building close due to a pandemic, natural emergency, or government restriction. A stucture was developed where our CVC partners can meet with other CVC partners who live in close proximity to gather and keep the church going in a smaller setting, while providing a great time of community and friendship. Meetings were held twice in 2023 so partners would already begin to get to know each other.

# **GUEST SPEAKERS**

On March 26, CVC hosted a Brunch & Learn with **Dr. Rich Freeman** of Chosen People Ministries. He shared his
passion and knowledge of God's Word and answered questions
from attenders.

On May 29, **Dr. Elmer Towns and Dr. Gene Getz**, two teaching legends, came together for one powerful weekend we called Walking with Giants. This seminar gave us a unique opportunity to hear from these great men of faith.

On July 9, author and speaker **Hillary Morgan Ferrer** lead the CVC Journey Parenting Seminar and shared her heart and wisdom as she showed us the value in teaching our children apologetics.

On August 6, CVC welcomed back **Dr. James Davis** for a Leadership Seminar. From corporate leaders to family leaders, all gained valuable, biblical insight into God's Word about leading others and ourselves during this seminar.

On October 5, internationally renowned speaker, professor, author, and radio and television participant, **Dr. Emir Caner** was our main presenter during the First Annual Go Beyond Missions Conference.













Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you

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