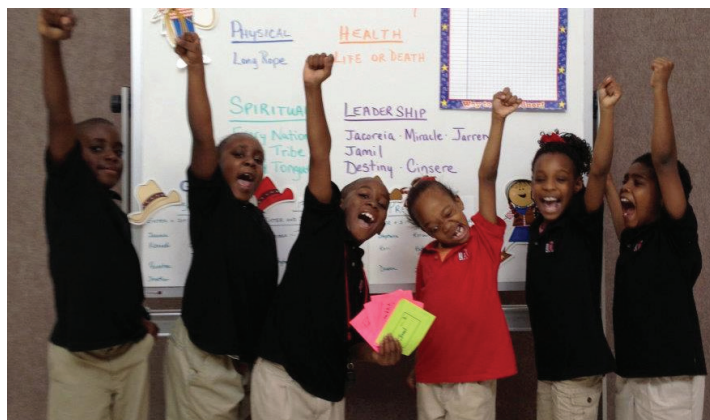


# The Poor, Widows, Orphans, & Prisoners



**WorkFaith Connection**  
 "With funds from Houston's First, WorkFaith Connection will help more than 1,300 individuals with their job search and their journey toward life stability. Many of these men and women have previously been in prison and all are striving to live the life God planned for them!"  
 — Sandy Schultz, President/CEO, WorkFaith Connection



**Generation One**  
 "With funds from Houston's First, we were able to hire additional men from the community to work at the screen printing shop, hire additional ladies to work in our sewing and embroidery businesses, and add much needed staff to our Generation One Academy that allowed us to take in more kids!"  
 — Mike Malkemes, President, Generation One



**C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministries**  
 "Funds from Houston's First helped us get our 2nd and 3rd transitional houses up and running. This is where we disciple recently released men, guiding them to live in freedom."  
 — Dave Trickett, President, C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministries



**As Our Own**  
 As Our Own rescues vulnerable children from certain enslavement and exploitation and cares for them as our own. A contribution from Houston's First provided a lead gift in their Capital Campaign and funding for the launch of their Sparrows Nest campus.

<b>POOR</b> Generation One Houston Habitat for Humanity Living Water International Maasai Tribe Star of Hope WorkFaith Connection Family Legacy Missions International	<b>WIDOWS</b> Mission:Dignity Romanian Christian Enterprises	<b>ORPHANS</b> As Our Own (India) His Cherished Ones (Kenya) Into Abba's Arms (Kenya) Mike Eden Ministries (Kenya) Romanian Christian Enterprises The Harbor (Russia) Village of Hope (Guatemala) Family Legacy Missions International	<b>PRISONERS</b> C.H.A.R.M. Prison Ministries WorkFaith Connection
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## HOW ARE WE DOING?



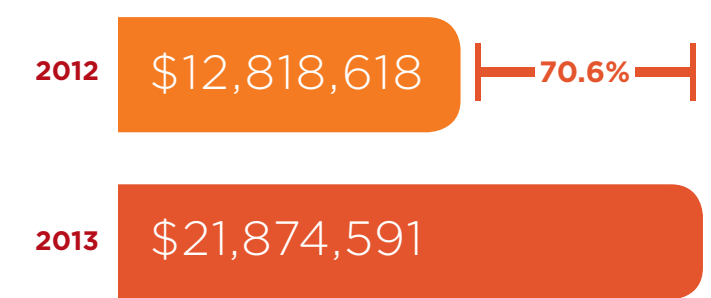
In early 2013, Pastor Gregg Matte delivered a series of messages that unfolded the vision of MISSION 1:8 and provided discipleship on the spiritual discipline of giving. At the end of the series, the Houston's First family was asked to submit their commitment cards indicating their intended giving to the MISSION 1:8 Budget from March 2013 through February 2015.

Over 2,500 cards were turned in. In addition to the amount they pledged to give, members were asked to indicate where their pledge placed them on the generosity ladder. Not everybody circled a step, but the tally of those who did revealed significant spiritual growth among the Houston's First family.

The goal of MISSION 1:8 was to secure \$60,000,000 over two years (Mar 2013-Feb 2015), providing \$45,000,000 for current ministry and operating expenses and \$15,000,000 for additional missional endeavors. Once the pledges and expected gifts were tallied, the MISSION 1:8 total far surpassed that initial goal.

Since the receipt of funds under the MISSION 1:8 Budget began in March 2013, we have seen a 70.6% increase in giving as compared to the same time period in 2012.

**Total Receipts March 1-October 31**



Each year's total reflects undesignated contributions to the church's budget.

**TOTAL GIVING TO PWOP \$1,534,015**  
 (March 1-October 31, 2013)

**PLEDGES & EXPECTED GIFTS \$72,000,000+**

# ACTS 1:8

**BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME ON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.**

## MISSION 1:8 DECEMBER 2013 UPDATE

MISSION 1:8 will expand the financial generosity of Houston's First to support our current ministry and multiply our missional endeavors to the poor, widows, orphans, and prisoners, and to our city, our nation, and our world.

# Our CITY

Through MISSION 1:8, Houston's First will invest \$9,000,000 toward reaching the greater Houston area with the Gospel — primarily through campuses based upon our Multisite Signature.



## CYPRESS CAMPUS

Campus Pastor Jason Swiggart

"It is a great feeling walking down the hall at Smith Middle School knowing that we are about to be a part of something big. God is definitely moving at Houston's First in Cypress!"

— Gary & Blair Hayes, new members

Since the campus launched on March 31, 2013:

29 BAPTISMS



116 NEW CHURCH MEMBERS



## DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Campus Pastor Lee Hsia

"The Downtown Campus is casual in dress, but serious about Jesus. It offers a home to the spiritual explorer looking for faith, to the new believer, to the returning, and to the veteran lovers of Jesus. It's small in size, but big in love!"

— Tyler Jenkins, senior at Rice University

Since the campus launched on OCTOBER 2, 2011:

28 BAPTISMS



100 NEW CHURCH MEMBERS



## SIENNA CAMPUS

Campus Pastor Jeff Rees

"It has deepened our prayer life to start something new and reach people who are not familiar with the importance of Christ in their lives and the relevance of a church community. In a very real sense, it has been like serving on the mission field."

— Mike & Brandi Cabiro, Sienna Campus leaders

Since the campus launched on March 31, 2013:

5 BAPTISMS



155 NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

TOTAL GIVING TO OUR CITY (March 1-October 31, 2013) **\$3,092,797**

# Our NATION

Through MISSION 1:8, Houston's First will invest \$2,250,000 through partnerships with other churches and ministries to extend God's kingdom in three strategic regions across the United States.

A recent study by George Barna identified the most and least Bible-minded cities in America. The cities MISSION 1:8 targets ranked at the bottom of the list of 96 cities, indicating a low percentage of survey respondents who had read the Bible within the last 7 days and who agree strongly in the accuracy of the Bible. (Houston was number 39.)

**"Houston's First has played an integral part in our ability to start this church. As a partner, Houston's First has not only offered financial support but they have provided prayer, great relationships, a mission team to serve and great friendships."**

— Nick Mustakas, Pastor of Journey Church — Staten Island

### 2013 MISSION TRIPS

- Boston • Aug 31-Sep 7
- New York City • Sep 12-15
- New York City • Oct 13-19

### 2014 MISSION TRIPS

- San Francisco/Oakland • Mar 15-22
- Providence • Jul 12-19
- New York City • Early August
- Boston • Aug 30-Sep 4
- New York City • Oct 11-18



### NEW YORK CITY

**\$282,500**

- Metropolitan New York Baptist Association\*
- Journey Church — Staten Island\*
- First Baptist Church of the City of New York\*
- Crossroads Church of Long Island\*



### SAN FRANCISCO

**\$60,000**

- Crossroad Church — The Movement, Oakland\*
- Epic Church, San Francisco\*



### NEW ENGLAND

**\$446,827**

- Redeemer Fellowship Church, Watertown, MA\*
- City on a Hill Church, Brookline, MA\*
- Embark Church, Worcester, MA
- Christ The King Church, Providence, RI
- The NETS Institute for Church Planting

TOTAL GIVING TO OUR NATION (March 1-October 31, 2013) **\$789,327**

\* Designated gifts to North American Mission Board (NAMB)

# Our WORLD

Through MISSION 1:8, Houston's First will invest \$2,250,000 through partnerships with other churches and ministries to extend God's kingdom in three strategic regions across the globe.

Sociologists note that the world's population is becoming more and more urban. In 1800, there were only 3 cities on the planet with more than 1,000,000 people — London, Beijing and Tokyo. Today, there are nearly 500 such cities. In their December 2011 edition, National Geographic stated that cities "are the best cure for our planet's growing pains." Ironically, the cover of that issue featured what we believe to be the best solution — the Bible.

**"Ipanema is a wealthy area where many people, maybe because of their status, don't think they need God or do not have interest in knowing God."**

— Rafael Cordeiro, church planter, Rio de Janeiro

### 2013 MISSION TRIPS

- Rio de Janeiro • Mar 6-13
- East Asia (J-People) • Jun 6-16
- Rio de Janeiro • Jul 19-30
- East Asia (J-People) • Oct 11-20

### 2014 MISSION TRIPS

- Madrid • Mar 15-22
- East Asia (major city) • Mar 21-30
- East Asia (J-People) • Jun 5-15
- Rio de Janeiro • Jun 12-18
- Madrid • Jun 21-Jul 5
- East Asia (J-People) • Oct 12-19



### RIO DE JANEIRO

**\$36,000**

Church plant in Ipanema in partnership with Comunidade Batista Oceanica (Niteroi)



### MADRID

Church plant in Madrid in partnership with Immanuel Baptist Church  
*Projected contribution of \$100,000 in last quarter of 2013*



### EAST ASIA

**\$218,557**

- Eagles Nest
- Bible Translation for TN people group
- Missionary to unreached people group (undisclosed)
- The Seed Company

TOTAL GIVING TO OUR WORLD (March 1-October 31, 2013) **\$254,557**