

Reality Church of Los Angeles

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Dear church,

Thank you for donating to the work of ministry that happened through Reality Church of Los Angeles in 2020.

2020 was full of unforeseen challenges for our world, nation, city, and church—a global pandemic, millions of lives and jobs lost, racial tension, devastating fires, political uncertainty, and all the resulting personal challenges caused by these events.

Yet we know God is working despite these challenges! As I reflect on the past year, the financial generosity you have shown is incredibly inspiring. Your contributions have allowed us to do incredible work in our city.

Here are a few ways God worked this past year:

- We supported over 200 individuals in our church and city struggling to meet needs. We spent over \$200,000 to provide shelter, food, gas cards, counseling, and other practical needs for individuals impacted by COVID-19.
- We provided funding to five different church plants, including Collective Church, The Commons LA, Reality Honolulu, and Reality London. Church plants have been significantly impacted financially during the COVID-19 crisis.
- We raised over \$100,000 to fund the Hope Center chapel renovation. This project was the first step in ensuring that the ninety-year legacy of preaching the gospel at Fountain and Edgemont continues unbroken.
- We launched the #Jesuschangedmylife movement on social media platforms during the Easter season and provided this content to sixty churches. The hashtag went global, sharing the gospel with nonbelievers in thirteen countries, including Australia, Ethiopia, Kenya,

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New Guinea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Romania, South Africa, and Ukraine.

- Royal Family KIDS Camp went virtual in 2020. We had seventy faithful volunteers who served to put on a life-changing camp for twenty-five kids in the foster care system. Many RFKC attendees have continued to be involved in Royal Family KIDS Mentorship, a one-on-one mentorship program with twenty-four paired kids and mentors.
- 160 people went through RLA Involve and were placed in community groups. We added a community group in the Valley and one on the Westside and continued supporting 167 community group leaders of fifty-one community groups spread throughout our city.
- We financially supported Claris Health, Covenant House, and Foster Families, all of which continue to serve vulnerable groups impacted by COVID-19 in the Los Angeles area.
- We funded the Hope Center's operations, investing \$390,000, which provided over 50,000 meals to the poor in East Hollywood and housing for eight men in our drug recovery program. This ministry also received over \$2.3 million dollars worth of food from our grocery store partners, the majority of which was distributed to partner organizations across Los Angeles working to feed those most impacted by COVID-19.

We trust that God will continue to do mighty work in 2021 through our church despite the ongoing challenges impacting our city. We want to be clear that this work happens through you, the church. Thank you for continually praying, supporting, and giving financially in a challenging year. I am encouraged to see how our church has stepped up in a time of crisis.

Thank you,

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