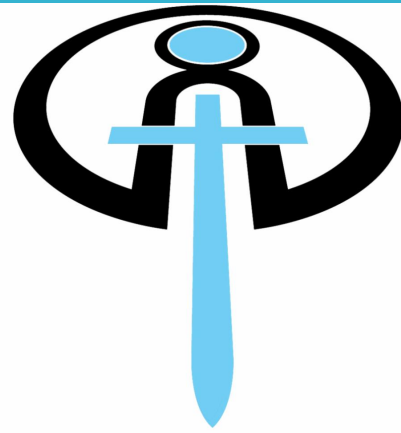


Influencers Global Ministries

2023 Year-End Report



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GLOBAL MINISTRIES

A Year of Expanded Vision

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV

As I write this newsletter, it is Thanksgiving week, and I truly have a thankful heart. It is good, especially at the end of a year, to look back and see God's fingerprints on our lives. If you look with eyes of your heart, you can see how He was working things for good and also that He did things beyond what we could ask or imagine.

This is true for the ministry of Influencers Global Ministries. We are in our 22nd year of helping people find an intimate, abiding relationship with Christ. We continue to see how abiding in Christ transforms lives and enables these lives to impact those around them. I want to give you a few highlights from our Global Office perspective, along with some reports from our leaders in the various Branches in the harvest fields.

We want to thank our Staff, our Global Board, our Regional Boards, our Champions and all of YOU countless Guides who give your lives sacrificially every day to help others find an intimate, abiding relationship with Christ. We pray you feel His pleasure as you go about being obedient to His mission.

PRAISING GOD



Journey Groups are going strong and expanding.

We continue to host Guide Mentoring sessions regularly and are having great attendance of Guides wanting to be equipped. In 2022, we shipped 2160 Journey Packs/Manuals and in 2023 as of 11/21, we have shipped **2391**. We also like to look at the number of Journey to the Inner Chamber books sold as an indicator of seed-planting. In 2022, we shipped 3433 Journey books and this year, as of 11/21, we shipped **4481** books. We always look at every Journey Pack or Journey book we ship out as a potential transformed life for God's Kingdom!

Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the Ends of the Earth! We love seeing orders for Journey materials from cities all over the U.S. This year, we shipped curriculum to 409 cities in the U.S. in 44 States. And we just completed a thorough, professional re-translation of The Journey in Spanish to meet the needs of this growing demographic. Influencers Latin America is exploding and we expect huge growth among Spanish-speakers in the U.S. as well. We are stocking up the U.S. Global Office with Spanish curriculum. We also witnessed the first Journey Group Commencement in Rwanda, Africa. What started out as a few Rwandan men going through a Virtual group has turned into a movement within Rwanda. A Kinyarwanda translation project is underway currently to enable these men to take The Journey all over their country.



We are making a Movie! Yes, many people have commented through the years that *The Journey to the Inner Chamber* would make a great movie. Whereas we have considered this in the past, it never felt right. However, this time, after much prayer and discussion, we believe God is inviting



us to take on this project. We have formed a leadership team and we have formed an LLC called Journey Feature Films to lead this endeavor. We will be hiring a screenwriter and eventually, a Christian movie production partner, to bring this story to theaters. And we are making plans for how we will help the hundreds of thousands of moviegoers who we believe will want to know more about Influencers and The Journey. We are also seeking seed money in the way of donations to Influencers Global Ministries and have already been blessed by over \$1 million in donations so far. For more information on this project, click here [THE JOURNEY FILM PAGE](#).

We love the Local Church! This year, as we have contemplated making a Movie and as we grow into new cities everywhere, we have discovered opportunities to partner with the



Local Church. Because Influencers was founded by a businessman who wanted to make disciples of other businessmen, we perceived ourselves to be a marketplace ministry to men. But God had a bigger vision! We now understand we are a ministry to the Body of Christ and we want to help believers of all ages and all demographics. And because most of the people we serve go to church

somewhere, this has given us access to help churches too. We want to come alongside the Local Church to help pastors in their disciple-making efforts. We offer training and discounts for Churches that want to use The Journey with their congregations. Many pastors have even gone through The Journey themselves and found that it nourished and blessed their personal lives.

[CHECK OUT THE NEW PASTORS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

Prisoners are being set free. COVID shut down access to prisons and jails for a few years, but the doors have now been re-opened. We continue to see amazing things happen as our Influencers bring The Journey into prisons. The first Journey Group just completed in Parchman (Mississippi State Penitentiary), and once again, the stories of hope, reconciliation, joy and love are endless. We believe this will be a growing part of our ministry, worldwide.

Influencers is generous. We believe a fruit of an abiding relationship with Christ is Generosity. And we like to "practice what we preach." This year, Influencers donated over **\$10,000** in curriculum to support Prison Ministry, Churches, International and other ministry partners. We also poured over **\$35,000** back into our local Regions to support their ministry efforts.

We thank God for His grace, for His gifts, His calling and His provision for this ministry. And we thank God for YOU, for you are bringing His Light into this dark world, and it encourages us every day!



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

To Make a Year-End Donation

Influencers Development Statement

We believe God created Influencers and anointed us to Make Disciples. We believe He wants to take this Ministry and the Journey process to the ends of the earth so that His children will learn to Abide in Him and so that He can set them free to serve Him fully. We believe He will fund the needs of this ministry so that we might fulfill His calling. We believe He will move the hearts of individuals who have the ability to donate passionately and generously to this Vision. We will Abide in Him, we will pray fervently, we will follow His Spirit and we will Trust Him absolutely with the plans of this ministry. We will not limit God by our intellect, our experience or our expectations. We will share the blessings of this ministry by asking our participants to help meet the needs we encounter. We will live by Faith.

REGIONAL DISCIPLESHIP



God continues to use Influencers to make disciples and bless churches and communities all over this country, under the strong servant leadership of our Regional Directors and Champions.

Bakersfield- Josh Sherley and Henry Schaeffer

God is on the move in and around Kern County

- 85 Journey groups are meeting around Kern County
- 10 churches hosting Journey groups on their campus
- They were invited to a Christian high school campus to take the students through The Journey.
- They hosted the largest M6 event where over 1,800 men heard a powerful message and testimony from pastor Roger Spradlin. Over 85 decisions for Christ!
- Hosted a 24 hour men's retreat where over 1,300 men came up the mountain to seek the Lord. We had over 70 decisions for Christ!

Carolinas- Brian Brenner

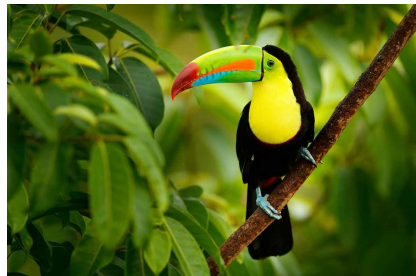
The Carolinas are in their 7th consecutive season of having organized Journey Groups. 2023 and 2024 are rebuilding years as

they expand their reach more broadly into the Carolinas and expand the leadership team. It has been amazing to see God's hand moving within the region as new "influencers" are being called to the ministry and have relocated from Northwest Arkansas and Bakersfield, as well as God raising up others who have a passion for the mission of Influencers. Please be praying for the Carolinas as they consider how to call prior Guides into more significant leadership roles and as they engage in additional virtual groups to expand their reach broadly across the Carolinas. They are grateful for the work that God has done and will be doing in our communities and pray they can be faithful to their call.



Central Coast- Jim Pennington

Influencers Central Coast CA. has recently commenced most men's, women's, and couples Journey groups for the 2023 year. Some new groups started mid year and will continue into next year. It has been another Holy Spirit- led year of reconciliations and transformations. In March 2024 we will launch many new Journey groups. Also, our 8th season of M6 (men at 6) monthly gatherings at Thousand Hills ranch will begin: 300-400 men Worshipping, sharing a meal, and listening to a Christ-transformed regular man's life story. M6 concludes in September with a couples gathering listening to a marriage reconciliation story from a couple God has restored. God is good.



Costa Rica- Henry Gutierrez

They have around 182 people currently doing The Journey in Costa Rica and in Nicaragua. And at least two new ones are coming soon, one from the men who participated in The last Souly Business Retreat and a new men's group just formed last weekend in our trip to the Caribbean side. They continue to have a heart for Pastors and their wives. They are providing provision, mentoring and training in discipleship for many pastors around Costa Rica. They are seeing a major improvement in the pastors' marriages and in their ministries.

DFW- Michael Daoust

Influencers Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) continues to move towards establishing itself in Texas. This fall there are eleven groups in the DFW Metroplex using several Influencers curriculum including The Journey. They intend to launch a new website and other media presentations at the first of the year. Sadly, the Board of Directors share that Dick Casper passed away on November 3, 2023. Dick went through the Journey in 2019 and became a powerful force for Influencers and his Lord. Dick shared that he was finally free of his "Orphan Spirit" and



took dozens of men and women through The Journey. He is loved, missed and we look forward to reconnecting with him one day... To God be the glory for a life well lived.

International- Tom Seay

In 2022 Scott Lawson, Eric Neuyou and Tom Seay had five men from Rwanda complete the Journey. Four of those five men started the first Journey Group in Rwanda! At least 8 of the Rwandan Influencers plan to attend the Influencers International Summit next Spring.



Also this year Roberta Hoppe and two other ladies are guiding a group of Rwandan ladies through the Journey. We also had a Journey group in Saudi Arabia composed of primarily American expats. And we have a Journey group started in Portugal of English-speaking Expats from UK, Us, South Africa and Canada by Rick and Lori Roach.

We are continuing to have success in Latin America and Colombia, South America, taking men and women through the Journey. With the help of Ken Lander, Henry Gutierrez and Jahider Garzon, we completed a significant upgrade to our Spanish translation and are in the process of printing the Spanish curriculum in the U.S. and in Latin America. We are also adding a Spanish page to our website and have engaged Jahider's son to help us translate all of our Bible App Reading Plans into Spanish. There are also to provide Rocky's book, Journey to the Inner Chamber, into Spanish audiobook. We will have about 19 men from Costa Rica and Colombia attending the Summit.



Maine- Andy Collar

The Journey has made a tremendous impact and has transformed the culture at Centerpoint Church, with all the men, women and couples who have completed the Journey. The Journey has directly impacted over 150 of a 250 member church. Maine has a small population, with small churches. I am told we are the least evangelized state in the country. Even though the process

has been slow and arduous here, we are growing, one individual at a time. The power of abiding in Christ has transformed our men into leaders in their home, workplace, and community. I am so blessed to be involved in such an awesome Ministry and to have such great men & women around me leading the charge as we continue to go deeper, grow closer and reach out to share with others.

Highlights:

- Influencers Women thriving- over 60 women have completed The Journey in the past two years.
- Maine is reaching people in other states through use of Virtual Groups!
- The first Couples Journey Group in Maine is wrapping up and a great success.
- Gatherings- like in other Regions, Maine sees the value of gathering their men on a monthly basis and they just had their first overnight retreat which was a huge blessing.

- They are Living it Out by joining other ministries in the area like Armor Bearers and Teens Growing in Faith and Teen Challenge. This has provided opportunities to help lead more people into an intimate, abiding relationship with Christ.



Memphis- Jay and Nicole Thompson

The Memphis Region has a renewed excitement with the addition of some new Board members and the formation of some Cabinets to carry out the ministry in Memphis and into Northern Mississippi. They continue to have favor with many local churches and have been mobilized to bring The Journey into prisons, as well. They have also been very successful in breaking down racial barriers in forming diverse Journey groups. Influencers Women is strong in Memphis, under the direction of Nicole Thompson and Roberta Hoppe. Just as Jay and Nicole are so focused on leading their family in Abiding, they are seeing The Journey transforming families in the Memphis area.

Northwest Arkansas- Kyle Neely

There is a new sense of excitement and connection among Influencers in NWA. There is a newly formed Men's Cabinet of leaders who are praying and following God's vision for NWA. They instituted a new quarterly Men's BBQ, emulating a model which has worked well out West, and it has proven to work in NWA as well. Food, Connection, Worship, Testimony...all pointing men to what they are really seeking: an intimate, abiding relationship with Christ. There is also a newly forming Women's Cabinet, praying about how to connect and grow the women's ministry.



Orange County- Pete McKenzie

The Influencers in OC are excited about Discipleship as they have formed many new Journey groups in Fullerton, Irvine and the surrounding area and a new one in Chino prison. They also have connections which are forming Journey groups in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and the Philippines. One of the Filipino connections is a local pastor who leads four Filipino churches in L.A. county. They also just had a retreat under the teaching of Jerry Leachman which they said was the best men's retreat they have had in 30 years.

Tulsa- Frank Khalil

In February of last year, we launched Owasso Anchor on Thursday mornings, and it has set men's hearts on fire! We've had countless new

Journey groups launch from it and it continues to grow. God is certainly on the move in Owasso, OK! We launched a monthly luncheon at our office to bless and continue to equip our Journey leaders. It's a great opportunity to get to encourage and better know our guides, for guides to fellowship with and pray for each other, and to ensure Journey leaders are ready for battle as they guide groups throughout the greater Tulsa area.



Another exciting thing God has done recently is lead local Veterans to form Journey groups across the Tulsa Metro area. We have an amazing community of United States Veterans who have bravely served our country and they're growing their faith, becoming Influencers on God's battlefield. It's been incredible to see them come together with fellow vets and experience hope and joy.

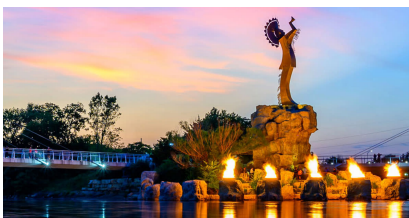
God uses Influencers every single day and it's incredibly humbling and empowering to have the resources to be able to invite men into an abiding relationship wherever we're at whether it be the gun range or a coffee shop. Support leads to relationships, relationships lead to abiding, and abiding leads to eternal life. There's no price you can put on that! We hope our community and world will continue to pray and give in practical ways of time and connection within their own circles of influence to build the Kingdom of God!

Virtual Groups- Scott Lawson

Virtual Journey groups are becoming more popular, suiting the needs of many who would not or could not attend in-person Journey groups. Some of these people live in cities without a significant Journey presence, but others are shift workers, shut-ins, caretakers, those prioritizing staying home with family, or just homebodies. Influencers now has a [Virtual Journey Group Registration](#) on the web site.



Guides can also register their virtual and hybrid Journey groups on the web site if they have room for more members and the means to offer virtual. We make personal contacts and then coordinate the lists of candidates and groups to make the right connections. Over the last year we have placed 66 people in 44 Journey groups, beyond the direct contacts guides had with their own acquaintances. We currently have 39 registrants on the waiting list, still needing the right Journey group to join. As the ministry grows, we need more guides to offer the virtual option so that we have a Journey group for every person led by The Spirit to register for one.



Wichita, KS- Mike Hearne and Boone Baker
-Moved vision and name from Influencers-Wichita to Influencers-Kansas

-Expanded into other cities in Kansas, such as Newton, Hutchinson.

-6 weeks of studies, The Journey to the Inner Chamber and An Orphan No More have been guided in Hutchinson Correctional facility with the possibility of the 9 Month Journey to be started first of the year.

-Multiple Men's Journey groups have commenced during the year and the first Women's Journey will commence in Dec.

-Fan the Flame tour with Rocky and Bryan came to Kansas with over ninety people in attendance for an event with Rocky/Bryan sharing.

-Podcasts of the Fan the Flame event, of Mike Hearne, Co-Champion and Boone Baker, Co-Champion were created and shared on the Influencers website.

-After much prayer for Influencers-Kansas leadership direction, Mike and Boone have agreed to be Co-Champions of Influencers-Kansas

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