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Dear Kensington Family,

Every person has a story. And one of the greatest privileges of being part of Kensington is witnessing the ways God is working through each one.

Some stories begin with a simple invitation. Others unfold through seasons of uncertainty, loss, or searching for something more. But every story matters to God, and every life has the potential to be transformed by Jesus.

As I reflect on this past year, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for all God is doing in and through Kensington. Across our campuses and beyond, people are discovering faith, finding community, experiencing healing, and stepping into a greater purpose. Behind every ministry, every baptism, and every act of service is a person whose story matters. And your generosity helps make these moments of transformation possible.

As you turn these pages, I hope you'll see more than the programs and ministries your giving supports. I hope you'll see the lives being changed and recognize the part you play in what God is doing.

And here's what excites me most: **THE STORY ISN'T FINISHED.**

As you prayerfully consider your year-end giving, I invite you to be part of what God will do next. There are more lives to reach, more communities to serve, and more stories of hope and transformation waiting to unfold.
Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and the countless ways you make a difference.

EVERY STORY MATTERS,
AND THE BEST IS STILL AHEAD.

With deep gratitude,

Brian Mowrey
Senior Pastor



EVERY Story MATTERS

Every person has a story. Some are filled with joy. Others carry heartbreak, questions, unexpected turns, and moments when hope feels far away.

BUT NO *Story* IS FINISHED.

Every day, across Kensington and beyond, we're seeing what happens when people encounter the love of Jesus. Relationships are restored. Faith takes root. Hope is rediscovered. And ordinary people discover they can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of others.

Behind every number in these pages is a person. Behind every ministry is a story still unfolding. And through your generosity, you're helping make transformation possible.

These are some of the stories we're writing together.



WEEKEND SERVICES

Every detail and creative element of our weekend services—from the message, arts, music, worship, to video, lights, and every carefully curated moment—is all for our mission to reach the [one]. We continue to reach tens of thousands of people with the message of God's love through in-person and online services.

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

ISAIAH 7:14



CAMPUSING

Our seven campuses are transforming communities in metro Detroit and Traverse City. We believe that investing in the local church has a tremendous impact in a region, and your giving is what allows each location to be a vibrant, welcoming, growing community.



KENSINGTON KIDS (birth – grade 5)

Your generosity supports our Kensington Kids (KKids) program where children receive nurturing care and participate in lessons and games in a safe, loving environment. During weekend services and events, adults can focus on the teaching while their kids are having tons of fun learning about Jesus.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (grades 6-8)

Middle school students come together where they hear action-packed messages, experience outrageous games, build meaningful friendships, and discover more about who God is and how He is relevant in their lives.

HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9-12)

Our High School ministry is a place for students to belong and be known as they grow in faith and are transformed by Jesus. It gives them the opportunity to step into Christ-centered relationships and shine the love of Jesus at their schools.





BAPTISMS

At Kensington, we love celebrating baptisms. As people rise out of the water they are resurfacing with new life in Jesus! This past year, we baptized over 350 people during campus baptisms – and each [one] has a personal story of God's love and faithfulness in their lives.



GROUPS

By jumping into a group, thousands of people pursue Christ-centered relationships and learn how to follow Jesus, read the Bible, invest in their marriages and families, and grow in their faith through spiritual practices. This year, Kensington launched Growth Groups, creating intentional spaces where people can belong, grow, and follow Jesus together. Growth Groups are circles where faith becomes personal, practiced, and lived out.

EVENTS

Each year, Kensington holds events to inspire us, challenge us, and transform our hearts. This past year, we hosted retreats for women, fourth and fifth graders, and students in grades 6–12 in partnership with SpringHill Camp. We also held a men's conference at our Troy campus in the spring, offered Vacation Bible School across all our campuses during the summer, and saw many people attend a Kensington discipleship event for the very first time.



BUILDINGS & FACILITIES

The church is more than brick walls and big stages. At Kensington, we invest in spaces that are welcoming to visitors and feel like home to our regular attenders. We also open our doors to school partners and community organizations, creating opportunities for meaningful impact beyond Sunday services. This past year, our campuses hosted a wide range of community events, including graduations, professional development meetings, after-school tutoring, community blood drives, summer shelters for the unhoused, summer camps, yoga classes, moms' groups, youth theater productions, and more. By sharing our spaces, we provide a place where individuals and groups can gather, grow, and experience care and connection.





"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

LUKE 2:13-14



RECOVERY

MARRIAGE COURSES

Kensington's marriage courses offer practical tools to strengthen relationships—whether they are blending families, just starting a lifetime together or have been married for 40 years. Kensington's marriage courses help couples to communicate more effectively, understand each other's needs, develop greater intimacy, and resolve conflict.

MARRIAGE MENTORS

Our Marriage Mentors walk alongside engaged couples doing pre-marital preparation, and couples further along in need of guidance or encouragement. Marriage Mentors listen, support, and share their own experience and practical advice.

BLENDED FAMILY WORKSHOP

Kensington's Blended Family Workshop addresses the complicated roles and boundaries involved in blending families and identifies ways to build solidarity and grow together.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Our confidential Bible-based recovery programs are designed to offer support and hope for the hurts, habits, and hang-ups of life.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Our recovery workshops come alongside people who are going through the painful and stressful experience of separation or divorce.

GRIEF RECOVERY

Our 13-week study gives guidance and support to those navigating loss and points them to comfort found in Jesus.

CAMPUS CARE PROVIDERS

This year, our Campus Care Providers (CCPs) walked alongside more than 325 individuals and families facing financial hardship, food insecurity, housing instability, and unexpected crises. Thanks to your generosity, they provided practical support, compassionate care, and vital resources while sharing the hope and love of Christ during difficult seasons.





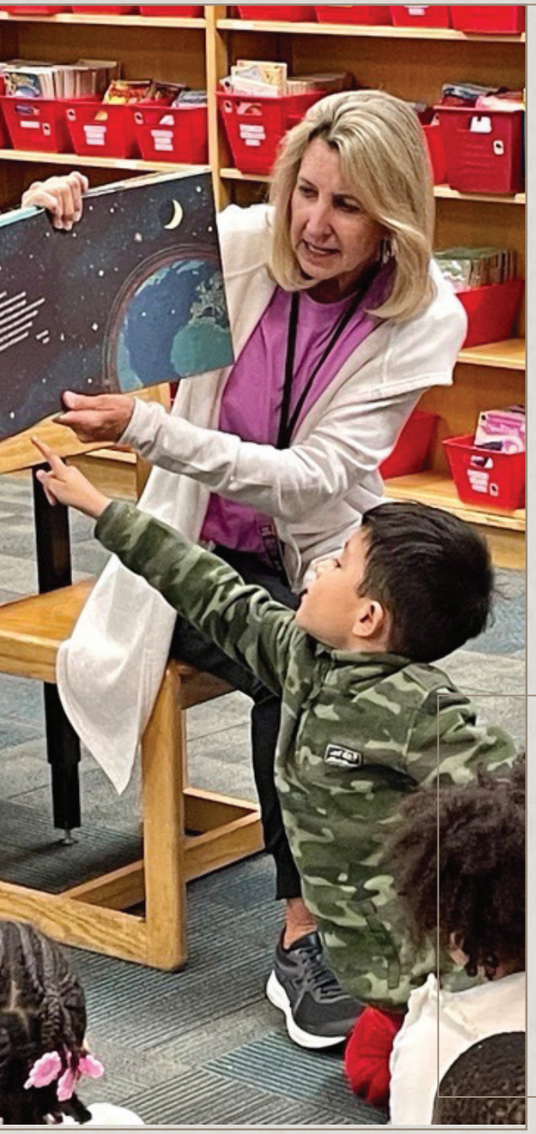
MOVE OUT

MOVE OUT NETWORK

The heart of Move Out is to inspire and empower people to be the church beyond the four walls of Kensington—in their workplace, neighborhood, city, or beyond. Our local outreach is about more than projects and events; it's about building relationships and showing people they are loved and cared for by Jesus.

With more than 40 Move Out Teams serving across Metro Detroit and Traverse City, Kensington volunteers are meeting practical needs and building meaningful connections in their communities. Thanks to your generosity, Move Out Grants have multiplied the reach and impact of these teams, fostering collaboration across ministries and neighborhoods. This year, Kensington people moved out in powerful and inspiring ways—serving in community gardens, supporting our unhoused neighbors, mentoring students, improving home and transportation accessibility, and so much more. Here are just some of the incredible ways our teams are making a difference in the lives of others.

LET'S KEEP MOVING!



PARTNERING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

Move Out Teams supported staff and students in Pontiac, Mt. Clemens, and Traverse City by demonstrating the love of Jesus in tangible ways. Volunteers read to classes, worked with students one-on-one or in small groups, hosted library sessions, encouraged teachers through hospitality events, provided learning materials, and much more.

Through your generosity, over 4,200 students received essential school supplies, literacy resources, and snacks to start the school year strong. Your partnership also helped host a prom for students with special needs, equip parents with literacy resources, assist with a Summer Discovery Camp, host district-wide professional development events, and provide 1,000 students with a daytime performing arts program through collaboration with **Kaleo Arts.**



FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS

Volunteers shared the love of Jesus with individuals experiencing homelessness by preparing meals, offering hospitality, and forming meaningful connections. They served at the Macomb Winter Shelter in partnership with **WAVE Project**, provided meals at the Oakland Winter Shelter, and supported guests at **MCREST**, which helps homeless and displaced individuals transition to independence.

In Traverse City, volunteers served alongside **5Loaves2Fish** and **Safe Harbor**, organizations that provide emergency shelter, food, and practical and spiritual support. These acts of service helped guests and community members feel seen, valued, and deeply loved.





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FEEDING FAMILIES IN NEED

Move Out teams served families facing food insecurity by growing, packing and delivering food through various partnerships. Volunteers “dug in” at the Oakland Hills Farm and Garden, Clinton Township Community Garden (located at our Clinton Township Campus), and Sow Community Garden (located at our Traverse City Campus) to grow fresh and nutritious produce for families in need.

Volunteers packed and delivered food boxes with the DRE Project, which provides non-perishable dry goods and home-cooked meals for individuals experiencing hardship. They also operated a Forgotten Harvest mobile pantry at our Clinton Township Campus and packed food boxes at their distribution warehouse, providing families with fresh, nutritious food at no cost. Every bushel, box, and interaction reminds community members they are loved and not alone.

HOME AND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Faith Works volunteers provided essential home repairs and accessibility ramps, making homes safer and more functional for neighbors in need. Move Out partners Full Throttle and True North to Freedom teamed up to provide someone with reliable transportation to get to work, offering greater independence and stability. In Traverse City, volunteers partnered with Freedom Builders of America to provide critical housing assistance. Through these efforts, volunteers not only met practical needs but also built relationships and reminded neighbors they are loved and valued.



CHURCH IN ACTION

The people of Kensington consistently respond with open hands and hearts when they hear of the needs of others. This is faith in action—the love and compassion of Christ compels us to intervene, whether the hardship is thousands of miles away or right in our own community.







DISASTER RELIEF

Thanks to your generosity, Kensington supported our trusted partner, **DRAW** (Disaster Relief at Work), in responding to a hurricane in Jamaica, tornadoes in Mississippi, and flooding in northern Michigan. Volunteers also helped pack supply buckets and repurpose billboard signs as tarps, providing critical supplies and hope to communities in need.



MAKE AN IMPACT

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

ISAIAH 9:6



SHORT-TERM TRIPS

In 2026, Kensington sent 15 teams on trips to introduce people to the amazing work God is doing around the world. These trips provided opportunity to deepen relationships with our current global partners in Kenya, India, Nepal, Brazil, and Arizona; and with ministries our church has a passion for supporting.





CHILD SPONSORSHIP

The goal of Kensington's child sponsorship program, NoChild, is to break the chain of poverty and change the future of children under the care of Kensington's Global Partners. We provide the Kensington family and the community at large the chance to sponsor a child with a monthly financial commitment, prayer support and encouragement.

The program is designed to benefit children physically, mentally, and spiritually. It addresses the underlying causes of material poverty, while allowing children to fully utilize their God-given abilities and to hear about the love of Jesus Christ. Since this program started 16 years ago, more than 5,800 children have been sponsored. Currently, there are more than 900 sponsors for 1,450 children and education programs in India, Kenya, Nepal, and Brazil.

OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS



HOUSE OF JOY Black Mesa, Arizona

Pastor JR and his son Al lead House of Joy, serving the physical and spiritual needs of the Diné people. With Kensington's support, construction is underway on a new warehouse that will provide vital supplies to families across the Navajo Nation, where resources are scarce.



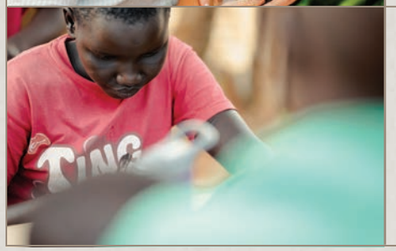
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Kensington's partnership with GO Ministries focuses on church-planting, medical care, and sports programs. Each year, approximately 100 teenagers participate in prayer retreats designed to help them navigate the transition into adulthood, deepen their relationship with God, and establish intentional rhythms of prayer and spiritual growth in their everyday lives.



BRAZIL

For two decades, Kensington has partnered with Ricardo Agreste and CTPI to equip pastors to plant new churches across Brazil. Our support helps launch new churches each year and funds seminars and trainings for church planters across the world.



THE TIMOTHY INITIATIVE*

This global movement focuses on multiplying disciples and disciple-making churches by sharing the good news in local languages and equipping believers to reach others. Kensington partners with TTI through a group of eight churches, working toward their next goal of $4 million to plant 10,000 churches in East Africa.

Kensington has 10 ongoing partnerships with indigenous churches and organizations. We support our partners through relationships and resources as they meet the spiritual and physical needs in their own communities. As part of Every[one], Everywhere, this year we focused on deepening our commitment to these Global Partners and inviting everyone at Kensington to play a part through prayer, generosity, and personal engagement.



Ministry Highlight

In September, a team from Kensington traveled to support the CTPI annual Pastor's Conference in ***Campinas, Brazil*** which hosted over 1200 church planters for a three-day event.

*For reasons of safety, this partner's location must remain unidentified.



KENYA

For 20 years, Kensington has partnered with Pokot Outreach Ministries (POM) and witnessed how the gospel of Jesus Christ has transformed western Kenya. By installing wells, providing education and a home for vulnerable youth, and planting churches, we are continuing to see the fruit of the vision of POM Founder, Julius Murgor, and Kensington founder, Steve Andrews.

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Continued

ISRAEL-PALESTINE

Immanuel Evangelical Church, Kensington's partner in the Holy Land, continues to adapt to meet the spiritual and practical needs of the community. Through Kensington's support, Immanuel Evangelical provides ministries for youth and women, offering a safe space to grow spiritually and focus on the Lord.



AFGHANISTAN

Biglife, Kensington's partner in Afghanistan, is training indigenous believers to make disciples of Jesus, sparking a growing disciple-making movement. In a region that is 99% Muslim, this work requires boldness and discretion. Underground churches are being established, Bibles are being distributed, and thousands of evacuees relocated abroad are reaching new territories, multiplying disciples across nations.



NEPAL

Kensington partners with Our Daughters International (ODI) to combat human trafficking. Founder Ramesh Sapkota's program equips young women to advocate for change in their communities, and partners with leaders to provide sustainable jobs and platforms to educate and empower these survivors.



INDIA

Christ's Evangelical Mission (CEM), Kensington's first Global Partner, provides holistic care for the elderly and orphaned while also offering medical services, education, and Bible training. Our long-standing partnership supports CEM's Missionary Training School, where attenders receive intensive training to be witnesses for Christ to unreached communities throughout India.



SOUTH SUDAN

Amid years of civil unrest, Pokot Outreach Ministries (POM) works to unite regional tribes and bring people together in Christ. Kensington's support has helped POM establish new schools and provide educational assistance to students in existing schools, fostering lasting change in this fractured community.



EVERY Story MATTERS

Every day, across Kensington and beyond, we're seeing what happens when people say yes to the call of Jesus on their lives. Here are the stories of two such people, navigating what it looks like to walk in the way of our Savior.

THE JOURNEY OF "YES"

Karen Zech, a faithful Troy Campus attender, was encouraged to explore our School Partners ministry. Karen said yes—and that one yes has led to a ripple effect of transformation. From leading a Herrington Library team and building relationships with students, to stepping out of her comfort zone on a short-term mission trip to New York to show love to unhoused and under-resourced neighbors, to starting a women's small group that creates space for deeper community and spiritual growth, Karen is a beautiful example of **what it looks like to say "yes" to Jesus, again and again.**









A PLACE FOR EVERY CHILD

When Christina first came to Kensington, she sat in the back row, anxiously wondering if her nonverbal autistic daughter was safe. Then she discovered K-Friends, Kensington's ministry for families with special needs. With dedicated, one-on-one support, her daughter began thriving, making friends, and even dancing on stage. Today, Christina sits in the front row, free to worship, knowing her daughter isn't just cared for. She's seen, included, and loved.

YOUR GIVING

IS IMPACTING LIVES AND SPREADING THE LOVE OF JESUS

Kids, students, and adults in our communities and around the world are meeting Jesus because of your generosity. Through every weekend service, small group, course, event, retreat, and interaction, you're empowering Kensington to live out our mission *to see every[one] transformed and mobilized by Jesus.* **THANK YOU!**

















THANK YOU



Your year-end generosity to Kensington will allow us to continue reaching more people with the hope, love, and transformative power of Jesus.

You can make a gift that impacts people in our communities and all over the world by:

1. Scanning this QR code.
2. Making a quick and secure gift online at kensingtonchurch.org/gift
3. Writing a check to drop off at a service or send through the mail using this postage-paid reply envelope.
4. Giving stocks, bonds, or mutual funds. This “double tax advantage” allows you to avoid capital gains tax by transferring appreciated securities instead of liquidating or selling before you give.
5. Texting the words ‘Kensington Christmas’ to 77977 and following the link to complete your gift.

QUESTIONS? WE’RE HAPPY TO HELP!

Contact our Development Office at giving@kensingtonchurch.org or call 248.786.0637.