

HTC - MISSION

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Dear HTC Friends,

2023 is over, and I'm looking back with an immensely grateful heart, considering all God has done and how our church has stepped up to build his kingdom locally and globally. It was a fantastic year! We were blessed to have many events and outreaches, thanks to our incredible volunteers who made all this possible. While all of them would be worth sharing about, I would like to highlight just some of them here.



“From The Neighborhood To The Nations”



GLOBAL

Mission Trips 2023

In 2023, HTC celebrated its first global mission trip to Peru, followed by a young adult trip to Mallorca and Germany in the winter. From caring for the poor in Peru to preaching the Gospel to partying young people on an island and to strengthening the church in Germany - Jesus was glorified. We saw people getting saved, healed, delivered, and baptized in the power of God. Team members stepped out of their comfort zone and shared their testimonies or the Gospel message for the first time in their lives. I'm thinking of the time when our Peru team ministered to an entire congregation of over 80 people, laying hands on them and praying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. So many of us were out of our comfort zone, yet God confirmed his word with power right then and there, and many people were touched. God moved in many amazing ways, glorifying the name of Jesus through our Global Mission Trips in 2023.

Missions, after all, is simply this: Every heart with Christ is a missionary, every heart without Christ is a mission field.

Count Zinzendorf

LOCAL

Afghan Ministry



After walking alongside 12 Afghan families for one year, the Afghan refugee ministry ended in March 2023. While 11 families were able to sustain themselves from here on out, we continued our support with one specific young couple until the end of December. Looking back, my heart is deeply moved by how our church stepped up in a time of crisis and great need. HTC's financial generosity, the countless volunteer hours, and because of all the prayers, we were able to make a lasting impact not only in the lives of our Afghan friends we took care of but also their families and friends in Afghanistan itself.

I will never forget the words of Azim: "Darius, we are telling all our friends and family in Afghanistan what your church and the Christians are doing for us! In Afghanistan, we only hear about how bad Christians are, but this is not true; the Christians are the ones who are helping us! To the right, you see Mustafa, whom HTC helped reunite with his wife and two daughters after being separated for over 2 years. His life in Afghanistan was in imminent danger.

HTC, you and I made an impact for God's kingdom in one of the most dangerous and closed countries for Christian Missionaries simply by loving their people here in DC! We will probably never set foot into Afghanistan, but our testimony of Jesus has already gone ahead of us.

Whatever your involvement looked like, thank you for all that you did! We experienced highs and lows, but all of our Afghan friends expressed their deepest gratitude to HTC.





OUTREACH TENT

ALEXANDRIA

The Outreach Tent is a new ministry that we started last summer. While the purpose and strategy of the outreach tent are straightforward, the impact and response of the people on the street were overwhelmingly positive. Once a month, we set up our HTC prayer tent at the Alexandria waterfront and offered prayer to the people passing by. The first time, we prayed for over 100 people (!), and two accepted Jesus. We saw similar results in the following months, and we felt confirmed in our endeavor to continue this ministry.

We experienced a tangible spiritual hunger and an unexpected openness, which makes us excited to return to the streets in 2024 once the weather allows for it.

I encourage you to come and join us! You don't have to be outgoing or an extrovert. If you've never shared the gospel, no problem! Our heart is to help you gain more confidence by teaching and modeling how to pray for people and how to share your faith in simple ways on the street. This is no rocket science; it only takes some practice!

ALPHA

Alpha experienced its first season being held in homes. It was a great experience, and we received very positive feedback. As always, our Alpha volunteers created a warm and welcoming atmosphere that made people feel safe sharing their thoughts. Many stories could be told about the people who came. My personal highlights were the Alpha Spirit Days. During both of them, God met us in such powerful ways, touching people and encountering them with his love through the Holy Spirit. It is those moments when you feel the atmosphere change, and God's presence fills the room. I'm incredibly thankful for what God did through Alpha over the last year, and I'm full of expectations for this 2024 Alpha season.



LEC & IF



Our partnerships with the Life Enrichment Center and International Friends kicked off during the fall. Around two dozen people from HTC are actively engaged with those ministries, teaching literacy to first and second-graders or hosting international students monthly. This is awesome!!! During the HTC Christmas Party, an international student told me in such a heartfelt way, "Thank you so much, Darius, for what you and HTC are doing; this really feels like home for me!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024



ALPHA TRAINING

March 10th



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MONTH

*All of April
(Small Groups)*



POST EASTER ALPHA

Beginning of April



LOCAL MISSION SUNDAY

May 5th



FALL ALPHA

September



OUTREACH TENT

*Every second Saturday of the
month
(March/April–November)*



HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

*December
(Christmas Toy Drive)*

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2024



MISSION PRAYER MEETING

*Every Thursday 12.30-1pm
(link online)*



SPECIAL PRAYER EVENT FOR MUSLIM WORLD

*April 4th
(Ramadan - Night of Power)*



PERU MISSION TRIP

June 14-22th



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST

July 19th



GLOBAL MISSION WEEKEND

October 4-6th



TURKEY MISSION TRIP

November 7-16th

There is so much good happening at HTC! If you have a heart for local or global mission and would like to be hands-on involved in any outreach opportunities throughout the year, please get in touch with me.

If you have any creative outreach ideas or want to start a new ministry, I would love to hear what God has put on your heart.

Pastor Darius