



*Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;*

*I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

This past year (July 2022—June 2023) was an adventure that required plenty of divine help and upholding! It started with gathering a board of directors, creating a non-profit, choosing a name, and starting down the path of raising the seemingly impossible annual fundraising budget of \$68,000. As we moved into September it looked like giving commitments would not come in as quickly as hoped for, and there was a chance we wouldn't make our goal of full-time ministry in early 2023. But then, God surprised us in October. Even though I had less time for support conversations (teaching two classes and counseling), commitments started to pick up and continued to steadily increase until we had our full budget for 2023 committed in late February!

This coincided with finding three new church ministry partners (and another six potential churches to work with), launching two new mentoring ministries (at Emmaus Road and Grace Presbyterian), and a helpful season of studying and counseling in some areas I was hoping to get to do more work in (especially trauma). This progress has been a powerful encouragement in a stressful ministry where we're helping people face big challenges every day. Just in the past year we've seen several people break lifelong destructive patterns and draw closer to Christ, leaders gain new confidence in counseling ministry, significant progress made in trauma and losses, substance abuse cycles broken, suicide averted and new hope and strength found. Personally, I didn't expect to see as much happen during a year focused on support raising, but it's a reminder of whose ministry this really is.

As we head into our next fiscal year, please pray for us as we seek to work with new churches, continue helping our partners, raise up new leaders/mentors/lay counselors, counseling in harder situations, and for the ministry of our current mentors and lay counselors (including ten in training this summer), and for God to provide for the remaining 15% of our 2024 fundraising budget.

Your prayers and financial support have been critical! Thank you so much for giving and praying and (for many of you) participating too, to help this become a full-time work this year!



Our late spring How People Change class at our newest location, Appleton Alliance. The group included 30 leaders.

## What God has done since last July:



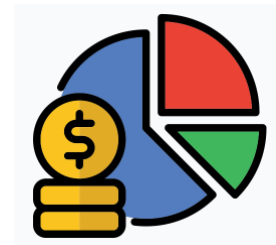
13 mentors trained, over 36 lives impacted (12 in official matches, 24+ by informal mentoring).



6 classes at 5 different locations, 116 participants.



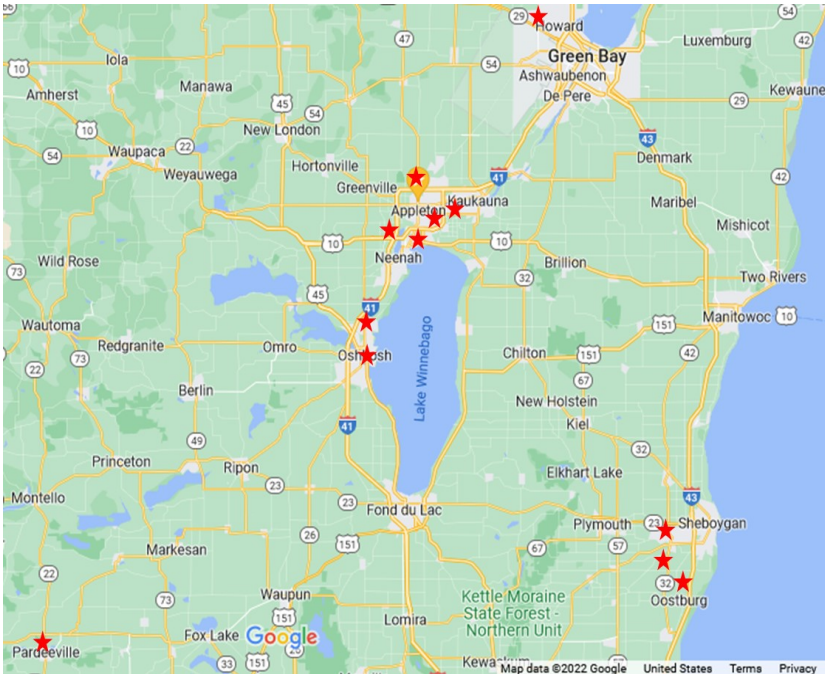
12 churches served since 2022, 11 individuals/families helped through counseling.



\$75.6k Total Revenue  
48.5k Spent  
\$27.1k Surplus (Dedicated to Future Budget Items)

# The Year in Pictures

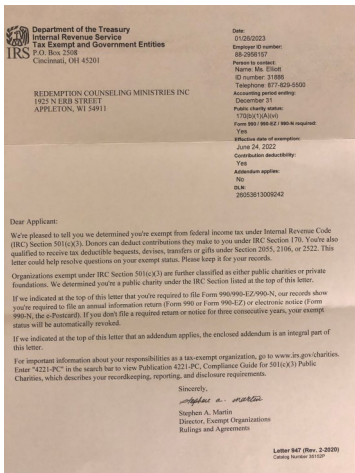
## Churches Served from 2022 to Present



Some of our 11 members at our first class at Gibbsville Church (2 churches participated).



17 people from 3 different churches meeting in the balcony at Emmaus Road! Somehow we fit and had some great experiences in this fall class.



Left: Approved as a non-profit by the IRS on 1/26/23, just in time for tax season — praise God!

Right: Out on our support raising trip to visit old friends in Minneapolis. Grateful for the chance to reconnect with so many friends.



Left: Lunch and workshop with mentors at Grace in Pardeeville — in January before all the snow. :)

