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2017 Annual Ministry Report

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**“AND THIS IS THE TESTIMONY,
THAT GOD GAVE US ETERNAL LIFE,
AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON.”**

-1 JOHN 5:11

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from the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Gospel calls us to keep our focus on two horizons: looking to the people and needs that Christ has placed in our lives today, while always setting our hopes on the eternal promise we have in him. We are to both love the Lord, the everlasting Father, and also our neighbors as our ourselves.

At Reliant, we work at all stages of leadership development and mobilization for mission, from interns who are taking first steps in ministry, to residents being mentored in real-world church settings, to long-term missionaries ready and prepared to thrive while working in the harvest for many years. All are responding to the call of Christ from where they are today to GO, keeping their hearts and minds set on the Eternal.

Thank you for supporting the work of men and women living on mission, transforming lives for the sake of the Gospel. We wanted to share a few of their stories while we also share what God has done through Reliant in 2017.

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TOM MAURIELLO

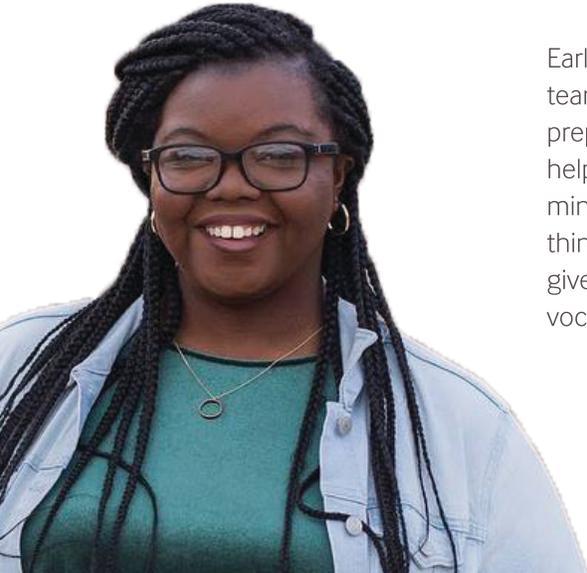




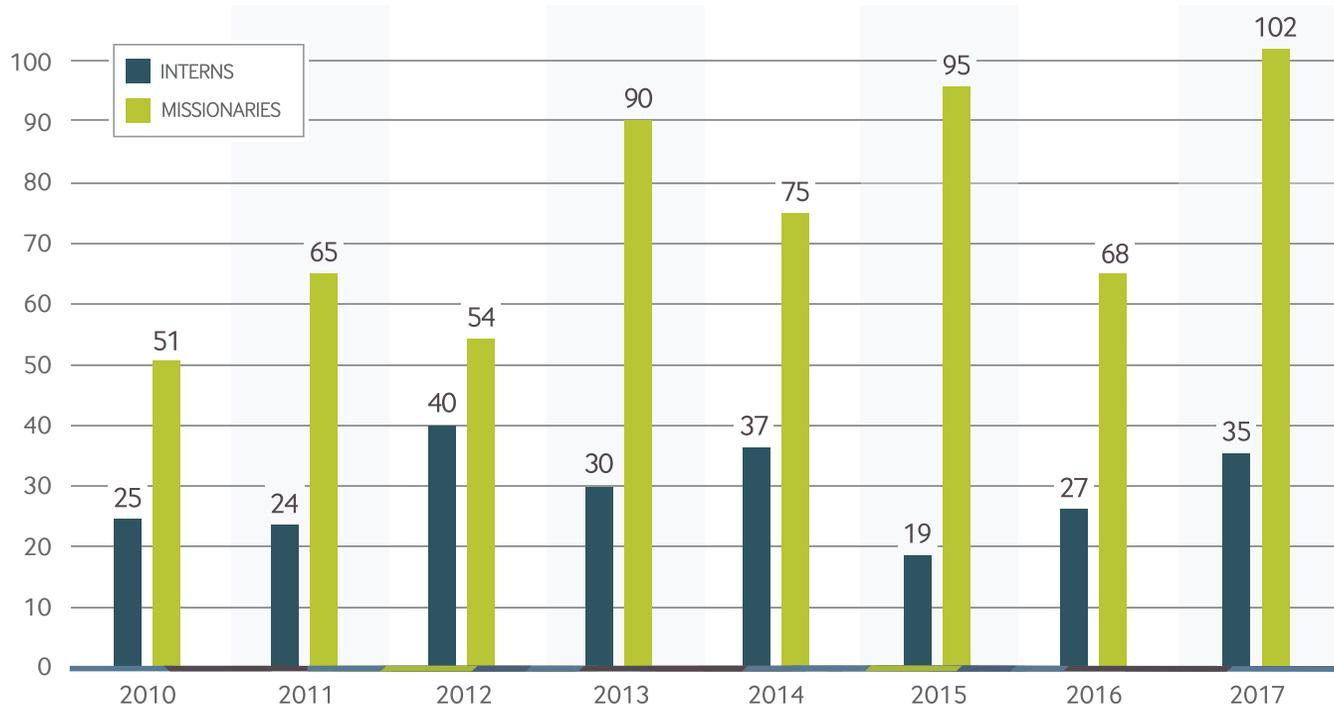
PURSHIA GAMBLES

My name is Purshia, and I'm a short-term missionary for Redeemer Church in Lubbock, Texas. I belong to a residency program that lasts for two years and develops me in my gifts as a teacher, disciple-maker and follower of Jesus. I currently do ministry with women's initiatives, small groups and college ministry.

Early on, Redeemer partnered with Reliant for all residents to develop our ministry teams, which support us financially and through prayer. During my time in preparation for the residency, as well as during my time in it now, Reliant has helped to take out many of the logistical uncertainties of ministry, especially ministry within the local church. I often found myself having questions about things like taxes and health insurance, both of which Reliant has helped with and given huge amounts of perspective on. I'm immensely thankful that my journey of vocational ministry was started with Reliant.

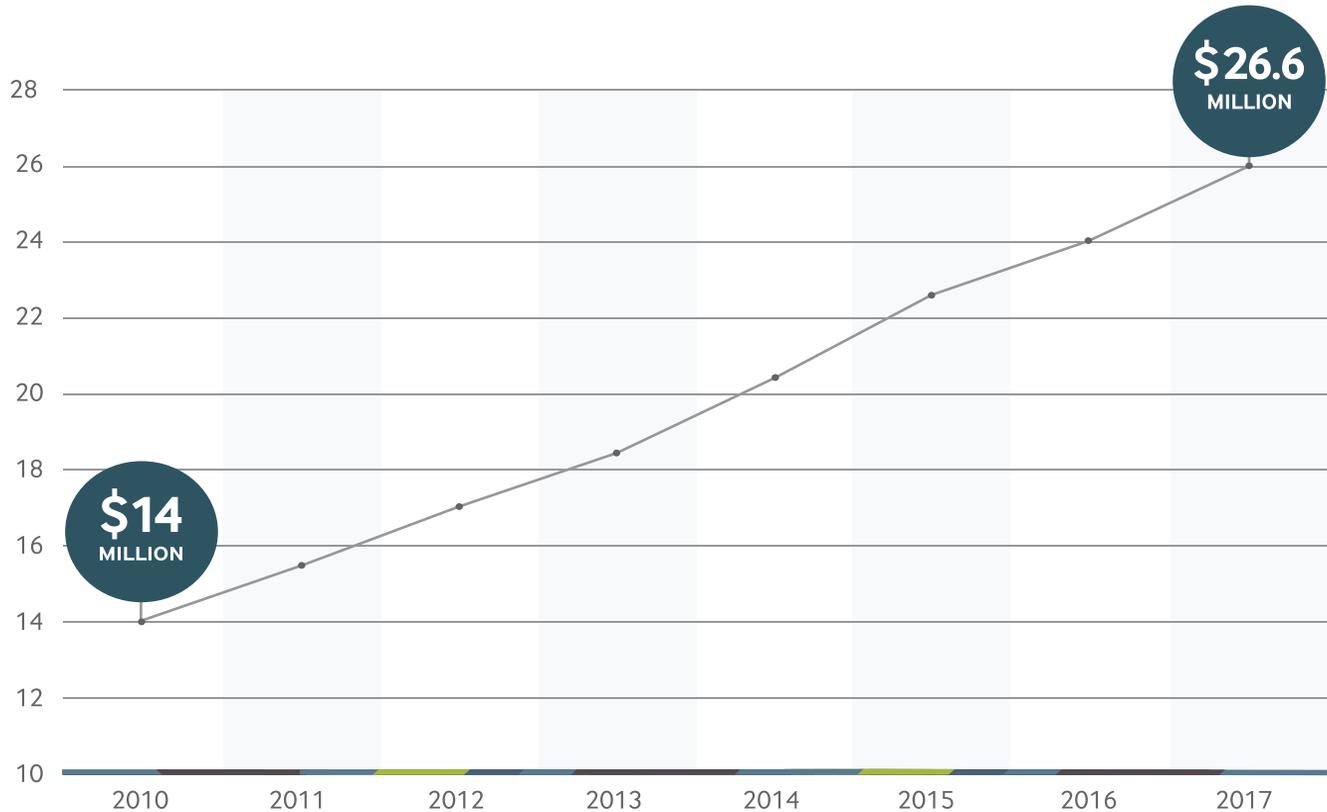


NEW MISSIONARIES & INTERNS TRAINED



Some numbers have been updated from previous Annual Ministry Reports.

GIVING TOWARD THE MINISTRIES OF MISSIONARIES





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WES ARDIS

I'm Wes, the Studio and Albums Resident at Austin Stone Community Church. My mission in this two-year residency is to be grown as an equipper of the Church with songs that unmistakably lift up and worship the name of Jesus above all else.

I raised support through Reliant for my two-year residency. God made the support-raising experience one of the most profoundly influencing parts of my journey thus far. I'd never before felt more dependent on, and loved by, God than in those few months.

MISSIONARIES IN...

17 COUNTRIES



29 US STATES



155 CHURCHES & MINISTRIES



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25

50

75

100

125

150

175

CHARITABLE GIVING

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Recurring Gifts	\$22,430,507	\$20,478,693	\$19,392,322	\$17,894,362
Special Gifts	\$4,196,498	\$3,818,701	\$3,702,301	\$3,266,273
Total	\$26,627,005	\$24,297,394	\$23,094,623	\$21,160,635

85%

ONLINE GIVING
(RECURRING GIFTS)

11,743

SPECIAL GIFTS

250,963

TOTAL GIFTS

\$106

AVERAGE GIFT



Brentwood Baptist

BEN CAIRNS

My name is Ben, and I am a ministry resident at Brentwood Baptist Church. Since I graduated from Bryan College in 2008, I had been actively pursuing full-time ministry with junior high students. Due to His perfect timing, I worked in a completely different vocation for nine years while still serving in ministry voluntarily. The desire and His calling were still there, I just didn't have a place to start.

This is where the ministry residency comes in. This one-year program with Brentwood Baptist Church combines seminars/academic learning with hands-on experience you simply cannot get anywhere else. This program has been stretching but immensely rewarding. I have the freedom to learn what being a staff member of a church looks like on a daily basis, while getting vital hands-on experience. This program will help me so much as I prepare to work in full-time student ministry. Before I could start this journey, I needed to raise the support for my family and I to move to Nashville. This is where Reliant came into the picture. Through their training, resources and coaching, I was equipped to know how to share my journey with potential donors and let them know how they can be a part of what God is doing. I was so incredibly grateful for the time Reliant spent praying and supporting me during this journey!



INTERNAL REVENUES & EXPENSES

Revenues

	2017	2016	CHANGE
Contributions	\$26,627,005	\$24,297,394	10%
Conference & Program Fees	\$355,313	\$330,393	8%
Investment Income (Loss)	\$105,849	\$90,850	17%
Other Revenues	\$20,100	\$14,427	39%
Total Revenues	\$27,108,267	\$24,733,064	10%

Expenses

	2017	2016	CHANGE
U.S. Staff & Ministries	\$20,102,439	\$18,399,522	9%
International Staff & Ministries	\$3,267,113	\$2,993,643	9%
Conferences & Events	\$387,914	\$271,966	43%
Total Ministries & Programs	\$23,757,466	\$21,665,131	10%
Management & General	\$2,728,021	\$2,567,808	6%
Total Expenses	\$26,485,487	\$24,232,939	9%
Excess over Expenses	\$622,780	\$500,125	



Of each dollar, **89.3%** goes toward missionary accounts and **10.7%** goes toward the running the mobilization support system.

from the

DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS & TREASURER

Thank you for your faithful partnership with Reliant Mission. We truly value each and every gift that makes our ministry possible. The ministry of Reliant continues to grow and expand because of our loyal ministry partners.

As you know, Reliant is committed to the highest standards of integrity, both financially and in our governance.

Our Christian board of directors, along with our Audit Review Committee, provide strong leadership and accountability for Reliant management. Since 1992, we have been a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, which represents and reflects our commitments to transparency, careful oversight and honoring of charitable expectations.

As always, our 2017 financial records were audited by Capin Crouse, LLP, a national leader in nonprofit accounting. Their 2017 audit report is always available upon request.



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DAVID MELDRUM-GREEN, CPA



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