

# Church of Grace

Oct. 2024 - Oct. 2025

## **Thrive in '25!**

We are so thankful for all the generous giving from our members. This was a record breaking year with giving and we are well on our way to having resources available to purchase our own building in the next 4-5 years.

A BIG Thank you for all who participated in giving towards investing in the present and the future! We are building to reach the lost and make a generational impact in Northern Orange County.

This past year we were able to make several important improvements to our current building by updating and refreshing the look and feel. We wanted a minimalist approach that is both modern and comfortable for our guests. The purpose is to help new visitors be comforted so that they can be spiritually confronted with the Gospel.

The vision God has given us is large but with God, all things are possible. We are believing God for a building that would have the capacity for a school (including outdoor space), room for more outreach including a food bank, and a larger sanctuary.

We had a goal of 50 partners who would give towards this vision and we hit that mark! Here is the report for Thrive in '25.

Not only did Church of Grace *Thrive* but also, there have been so many testimonies of people's lives changing for the better and we all say Amen and Thank you Jesus! We pray that your lives will continue to *Thrive* as you follow the Lord and we hope you will enjoy this year-end vision report of all that God has done through you!

Here is an overview of our Thrive in '25 financial report (see below). As you will see, after making several important updates to our current building, we have begun saving for the future.

## Building Fund (Thrive in '25) income and expenditures

Church of Grace

October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	BUILDING FUND	TOTAL
Income	239,543.13	\$239,543.13
Cost of Goods Sold		
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>239,543.13</b>	<b>\$239,543.13</b>
Expenses	88,574.02	\$88,574.02
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>150,969.11</b>	<b>\$150,969.11</b>
Other Income		
Other Expenses		
<b>Net Other Income</b>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>150,969.11</b>	<b>\$150,969.11</b>

### Church of Grace - Numbers “at a glance”

- At least 9 recorded salvations across Church of Grace ministries
- 13 Baptized
- 30 Growth Track participants
- 19 new Team Grace Members
- 150+ on-site and online connections with Church of Grace.
- 170+ follow ups made (phone call check-ins sharing God’s love)
- 378+ prayer requests prayed for.
- In 2026 we will begin tracking “New Visitors”

### Team Grace

*“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”*

*Hebrews 6:10*

Our Sunday service teams continue to grow in number but most importantly, in love. Our teams continue to show love and support to all who come through our doors. We have a saying on Team Grace, “Who is your guest?” with the intention of finding someone visiting

and making it their goal to encourage, acknowledge, and love. Without Team Grace there would be no Church of Grace. They truly are doing the work of the ministry.

Here are our wonderful leaders and the ministries they oversee:

- Pastor Doug Pickard: Team Grace Pastor
- Mark Linen: Host Teams
- Ernie Ramos: Set-up team
- Hector Baca: Media/Technology Team
- Nick Shubin: Worship Team
- Alyssa Tanner: Grace Kids
- Jackie Marzano: Grace Lil' Kids
- Lorna Juarez: Intercessory Pray & Ministry team
- Jessee and Michael McClellan: Small Group Leaders
- Dan and Alice Bowden: Follow-up Ministry Team
- Kim Koniniec and Tommy Lee: Outreach Team
- Jan Kriz: Crisis Care

There are so many others who provide essential support to all these teams listed above that we are thankful for. Church of Grace is in an amazing position for spiritual growth and growth in numbers because of the team that God has assembled, "For such a time as this."

## **Grace Kids**

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."*

*Proverbs 22:6*

*"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."*

*1 Samuel 3:10*

The Grace Kids service team has grown to 23 people in 2025 which has been a big answer to prayer as the ministry continues to grow. Our children's ministry is categorized into two groups: Big Kids and Little Kids based on the age of the child. Our Little Kids ministry is growing to capacity and we are considering opening a third classroom in 2026 to be able to provide more developmental appropriate curriculum. Spiritual growth is so

important to us, these kids are smarter than we think and they have the same Holy Spirit within them that the adults do, here are some reports on their spiritual growth”

- Big Kids: The teaching focus has been on the Fruit of the Spirit, Sin/Fear/Pride, Book of Psalms, Beatitudes, Book of Acts, Tithes/Offerings (weekly). The kids are focused and engaged by asking questions, making connections, and thinking deeply about the Word of God. They are memorizing and sharing Bible verses, learning how to listen to God’s voice, pray deeper, and how to worship.
- Lil’ Kids: They are now participating in communion each month! During this time, the opportunity is taken to discuss what communion is and why we partake. They have been taking the time each week to open up “circle time” and allow kids to share how their week was, and share any prayer requests and praise reports. The 3 and 4 year olds are even laying hands on one another and praying for each other! They are also going through bible stories and lessons that allow them to grasp the concepts of these stories using discussion, art, science, and movement based activities.

We thank God for all of our ministry workers who have answered the call to make a difference in our children’s lives. We believe that 2026 will be a year of overflow – overflow in ministry, attendance, participation, and spiritual growth.

## **Small Groups**

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

*Acts 2:42*

This is the first full year of leadership from Jessee and Michael McClellan and they are doing a fantastic job. We had record breaking Small Group participation, amazing praise reports, and real-life transformation this past year.

Here is a powerful testimony from a long-time member of Church of Grace, David Stetson, who just recently decided to get involved by joining a Small Group.

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*“I have been coming to church of Grace for almost 12 years and, it was pretty much my way, unfortunately, to be under the radar. And when the small groups started, I was still not inclined to participate, but I did. I joined Jim Frejek’s Monday night group, which has been a tremendous blessing and the fellowship, is priceless. I didn’t make an effort for many years to get to know anybody. And that’s a mistake. It’s about fellowship. It’s about the body [of Christ]. And if you’re isolated, you’re not doing yourself any favors.*

*Another small group is the Crisis Care Ministry, which I had a tremendous experience with. I was recently on a heart catheterization table for ten hours, and I lost a lot of blood. The surgeon was dealing with a major issue in my heart. And the crisis care ministry got wind of this and provided me with some food when I returned from the procedure. I could barely make it up the stairs. I had lost so much blood, the thought of leaving the house to get anything to eat was not going to happen. But because of the crisis care ministry, and the Lord taking care of me through that group, I was well provided for as he always takes care of us. You can’t stay under the radar like I was all those years ago.*

*You know, the Lord will speak to us in a way that relates to us. And here he was kind of saying to me, “Hey, dummy, let me help you in getting hooked up with people, that’s how you do it.” And the support here is just tremendous. You wouldn’t know it’s here until you need it or unless you ever talk to anybody. But once you do, it’s just overwhelming. Got me through a really, tough time.”*

*– David Stetson*

## **Local Outreach**

*“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

*Matthew 25:34-37*

I once had a pastor friend express shock that our church would diligently care for the poor and broken in cities other than our own and send those people to churches other than our own. Of course, we recognize that the church belongs to Jesus and we are not in competition with one another. I think this expresses the heart of our church so well – that we are not in it to make Church of Grace famous but to reach as many people as we can and provide all the help we can.

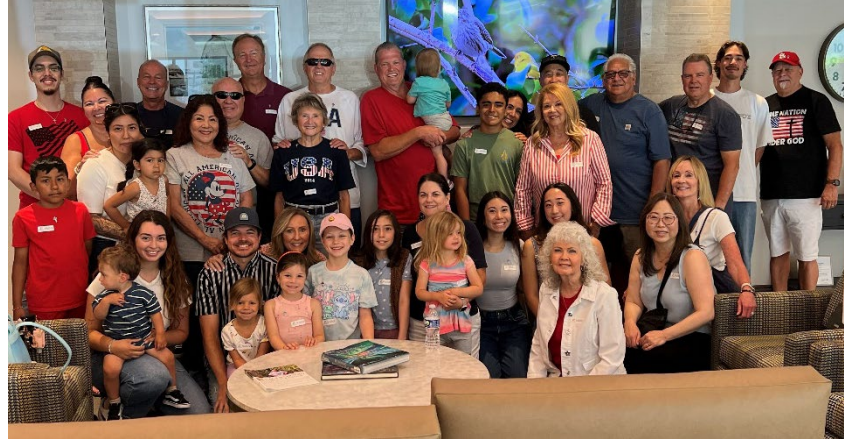


Our local outreach efforts extend throughout Orange County through our partnerships with Motel Church, Voice Your Truth Ministries, and Project Coffee Cup. We have seen those who were cold to our presence turn into warm relationships, we have had the opportunity to pray for so many, introduce them to Jesus, share His love with them and show that we truly do care by consistently being there for them.



We are thankful to Kim Koniniec and new co-leader, Tommy Lee for spearheading our outreach. Their team has contributed approximately 1,500 bags filled with essential items such as: socks, tissues, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, snacks, and more. These bags are given to Motel Church and Project Coffee Cup for distribution to those in need. Your generosity has also provided an abundance of warm clothes and undergarments (full carloads) which are so appreciated by those living on the streets and provide an opportunity for connection to hear a message of hope.

We also had an incredible year with our partnership with **Voice Your Truth Ministries** serving at Town and County Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility. This has been a blessing to all those who have taken the time to serve. We find that when we



serve others, especially those who are lonely and forgotten, we are the ones truly blessed. The outreach has taken place for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines Day, Easter, and The



4<sup>th</sup> of July. Each time, we visited with 160+ people, delivering gift bags to them and receiving countless smiles and conversations. This outreach team has grown to over 40 and continues to grow with people of all ages.

We are looking forward to 2026 and all the wonderful outreach opportunities with Voice Your Truth Ministries.



We have had an ongoing relationship with Project Coffee Cup for many years now and they have expressed their utter gratitude for our continued support. They are reaching many people who live on the streets throughout Orange County, Riverside, and Los Angeles. Not only do they minister to those people with essential needs such as food, clothing, hair cuts, and showers, but most importantly, they provide hope for those men and women. Because of their consistency of being present and available for these people, they have seen fruitful encounters where men and women have found jobs, housing, and have started a new life.

Every month Church of Grace supplies care packages and clothing for Project Coffee Cup to distribute those in need. Jacob, who leads Project Coffee Cup, is doing a fantastic job of reaching those on the streets who have no hope and need encouragement.

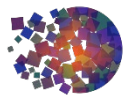


## **International Missions**

*“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

“A church that cares for those in other nations is a church filled with the heart of Jesus.” Your generous giving has equipped us to make a difference in nations all over the world. Though we may not have “boots on the ground,” our giving makes it possible for others to answer the call to the Nations and reach them for Jesus. Our partnerships include: Empower International, ZOE International, ARC (Association of Related Churches), and MFI (Ministers Fellowship International).



**Empower International**

Thailand | Pakistan | Myanmar

Ministry Emphasis: Supporting local pastors to plant strong churches in their communities. Empowering the next generation of leaders with mentoring, resources, and accountability. Empowering children through education and they just started construction on a second school in Pakistan that will accommodate over 700 children. Building children’s homes to rescue orphans and protect young children from exploitation. Building water-wells in poor and desperate communities. Helping future Christian leaders discover their purpose and grow in their knowledge of the Bible through Bible Schools. Finally, providing disaster relief and humanitarian aid to those victims of natural disasters.

We are blessed to partner with this ministry that is making an impact in the “10-40” Window where most of the world’s unreached people are. Your financial giving every month allows us to impact the lives of children in places we have not even heard of. Our church gives to this ministry every month, additionally, we partner with Empower for special projects they have, including Christmas.

Here is a powerful testimony from one of the many young people that have been reached through Empower International (see View's testimony).



**ZOE International**

Thailand | USA | Australia  
Mexico | Japan

Ministry emphasis: Leadership development, world evangelism, discipleship, coordinating missions trips, child trafficking prevention, rescue, and restoration.

ZOE works extensively with children who have been rescued from trafficking with the goal to help restore their lives and bring healing from their past so that they can have the courage to plan for a bright future. They are seeing God's hand in all their work and seeing many come to the knowledge of Jesus. One such example is of a young girl named Mali.

She was one who arrived at ZOE's Thailand campus carrying nothing but a plastic bag filled with HIV medications. It was a painful reminder for her of her past and the disease that threatened her future. But then she learned about Jesus and felt His love heal her heart and she grew in faith. Each week the children gather to pray, play worship music, and pray for each other. This little girl began reading stories about Jesus healing people of all kinds of diseases and illnesses and then, with simple faith, began asking Him to heal her of HIV. Her conclusion, "If Jesus healed them, why can't He heal me? He's the same God today." As Mali persevered in prayer, something beautiful began to happen. She needed less and less medicine. That

## View's Testimony

I've been encouraged to share my life story of coming to know God. Born and raised in a poor and broken family, my life was steered by hardship, moving between families, even finding myself in a brothel at one point. At the age of 10, a trusted male relative tried to assault me. My single mother fought with all her might to protect me and escape those terrible situations. No one believed I was sexually abused, except my mother. Life thereafter was tough; I felt hopeless, isolated, ashamed, and scared. I became depressed in my first year of university, had no friends, poor grades, lost my university scholarship, and planned to commit suicide.

But God entered my life just in time. While eating lunch alone, a student approached me and shared her miraculous experience with God. Initially resistant, I listened until the end as she refused to give up. She then invited me to a small church gathering at the university, especially organized for Christmas. I agreed to go with her. That night, I felt a tight and enduring embrace; every tear seemed to vanish. Since that day, my life has never been the same. I've transformed from a person who never knew joy to someone filled with happiness, laughing and smiling easily at everything like never before. I wanted to forgive everyone who caused me pain and heartbreak. From a life of fear, I now wish to love everyone generously. I have been reborn! I now live a beautiful and joyful life with my family, becoming a good wife and mother. No matter my past, I have now established a new way of life to pass on to my children and grandchildren. They won't live the broken life I did; they will have a better future and life because today, God's love stays with my family and me, now, tomorrow, and forever.

So, no matter your past or what you've been through, I believe God can give you a new life too! If God could heal my broken heart, He can do the same for you.

May God meet you where you are right now. God loves you.

heavy bag of pills got lighter and lighter. Today, tests show she doesn't have HIV anymore. Now, she doesn't need any medicine at all. Mali is completely healed! That miracle happened because we, Church of Grace, chose to help her with our generosity. We aren't just giving to a rescue mission, we are investing in the kind of childlike faith that moves mountains, heals diseases, and transforms lives for eternity.



## ZOE's Recent Work

In early April, ZOE collaborated with the Los Angeles Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force on a massive two-week-long undercover initiative called **Operation Spring Cleaning**. According to LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell, **"The goal was to identify and arrest predators who were using the internet to sexually exploit children and to rescue young victims from abuse."**

The results:

- Arrested **265 individuals** across **five Southern California counties**—Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and Ventura
- Rescued **27 children** from horrific situations of online exploitation and abuse.

The operation unfolded in two phases...

**Phase 1:** First, officers posed undercover on social media to identify offenders seeking to exploit children online.

**Phase 2:** Law enforcement executed arrest warrants and residential warrants for those involved in producing, distributing, or possessing child sexual abuse material (CSAM), engaging in online exploitation, and committing other related offenses. ([cbsnews.com](https://www.cbsnews.com))

What's deeply sobering and disturbing is that many of the arrested individuals **held positions of trust within their communities**, such as teachers, coaches, and community leaders. This reminds us why we must remain vigilant, united, and anchored in God's call to protect the vulnerable.

***"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* – John 1:5**

At ZOE, we believe justice is not only a legal concept—it's a *gospel* one. Every rescue, every arrest, every act of protection is a reflection of the Lord's heart: **to defend the defenseless, bring light to dark places, and restore what's been broken.**

But this kind of work doesn't happen in isolation. Behind every child rescued is an army of people—**law enforcement, advocates, families, counselors, donors, and prayer warriors like you.** You are part of this story. When you give, pray, and share our mission, you are sowing into these very outcomes. You are declaring with us that **every child deserves to be safe, seen, and free.**

Additionally, as a part of Operation Spring Cleaning, ICAC also trained over **1,000 parents and children** on internet safety. Equipping families to recognize and respond to online threats is one of the greatest shields we can offer children today.

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## ARC – Association of Related Churches

North America | Global

ARC is a strategic partnership for us because we understand the need for more life-giving churches and healthy pastors. ARC provides world-class in-person and online training from pastors and leaders devoted to equipping pastors to plant strong churches throughout the world. Additionally, they help fund the first years of a church plant which enables the pastor to devote attention fully on the church and reaching people. We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is the hope for the world and we need more strong, Bible-believing churches with well-equipped pastors to fulfill the Great Commission. As of today, ARC has helped plant over 1,200 churches that are reaching their community with the message of Jesus. Globally, ARC has helped plant churches over the last few months in Honduras, Portugal, Latvia, and Spain. We are truly making a difference in the lives of people all around the world.



## MFI – Ministers Fellowship International

USA | Global

MFI is a fellowship of pastors and leaders that work together to build the local church worldwide. Their mission as a network of pastors and leaders is to build relationships, encourage accountability, resource churches, and contend for restoration and revival. This is a new partnership, begun this year, and I am thrilled with the relationships God is forging. This fellowship will be extremely fruitful for Church of Grace in the years to come by: having seasoned, gifted speakers minister at our church, and by providing resources, accountability, ongoing equipping, and refreshing to Lead Pastors.

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## Financial Report:

For greater clarity, our categorization is labeled according to our Mission Statement of: “Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, and Make a Difference.”

- **Knowing God** deals with our expenses primarily from our Sunday morning services and all that it requires to teach the Bible every week. This includes our building expenses.
- **Find Freedom** covers our expenses for Small Groups, Growth Track, and “Freedom” events.

- **Discover Purpose** covers all our Team Grace expenses and our equipment purchases, repairs, and maintenance.
- **Make a Difference** expenses includes all our missions giving, outreach, evangelism, and benevolence.
- **Ministry Support** covers all the expenses for payroll and benefits of our 3 full-time staff and 4 part-time staff. This includes all administrative costs to run the church including taxes, office expenses, and insurance.

For any questions, please contact the office at [info@churchofgrace.com](mailto:info@churchofgrace.com).

October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025

Income	
1000 Income	314,529.86
1001 Sunday Morning Offerings	
1002 Mail Income	112,837.38
1003 Credit Card Income	701,601.77
1004 Rental Income	124,382.00
1050 Special Offerings	22,529.19
1051 Activity Income	570.00
1053 Building Fund	239,443.13
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$1,515,893.33</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$1,515,893.33</b>
Expenses	
2000 Know God	<b>\$491,177.88</b>
3000 Find Freedom	<b>\$819.90</b>
4000 Discover Purpose	<b>\$33,004.89</b>
5000 Make a Difference	<b>\$163,394.75</b>
6000 Ministry Support	<b>\$130,129.55</b>
7001 Church Payroll	<b>\$245,096.04</b>
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,063,623.01</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$452,270.32</b>