

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As we enter 2023, please take a moment to reflect on Jesus’ parable of the Kingdom of Heaven that is recorded in Matthew 13. Jesus tells us that His Kingdom is like a mustard seed that is planted in good soil – it grows into a tree where the birds of the air take rest. He says that His Kingdom is like yeast that is placed in flour – it rises and permeates all that it touches. He says that His Kingdom is like a good fishing net – when cast into the sea the net catches fish of all kinds. He says that His Kingdom is like a pearl of great price – once the pearl is recognized for its immense value, a person will give all that they have to possess the pearl – His Kingdom!

To demonstrate the expansive nature and great value of His Kingdom, Jesus used everyday examples that we can grasp. His Kingdom may initially start like a small seed, yet it will eventually permeate everything that it comes into contact with. His Kingdom is open to all people, and it is the single greatest value that we can pursue.

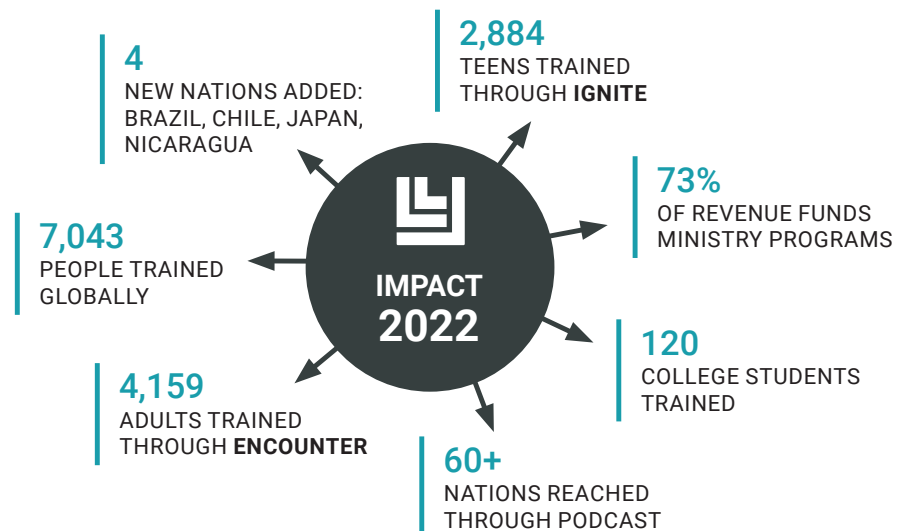
In recognition that the Lead Like Jesus movement exists solely to help build the Kingdom of Heaven, I’ve been honored to be selected by the Board and the Co-Founders to serve as the new President of LLJ. Together, we are planting seeds that HE will grow into mighty trees. Together, we are spreading His word that will permeate all that it touches. Together, we are casting a worthy net that He will use to capture the hearts and minds of all kinds of people. Together, we focus on His Kingdom as the object of greatest value in our time on earth.

I’m praying that you will consider your role in helping expand the Kingdom of Heaven through the worldwide Lead Like Jesus movement. A movement that He is working in and through to draw people to Himself in **30** nations. In the months ahead, we will be sending out regular updates on the many lives that LLJ programs are impacting on behalf of Jesus. Your prayers, time, talent, and financial support are greatly appreciated as we wrap up 2022 and relaunch post-COVID in 2023!

Sincerest Blessings to You,



Rick K. Pickering  
President  
Lead Like Jesus



# STORIES & FACES OF THOSE WHO LEAD LIKE JESUS

## Investing in Young Leaders

*"But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.'"*  
Jeremiah 1:7

Developing the next generation of leaders is the top challenge for 55% of CEOs according to a recent survey. Investing in young leaders is a priority for Lead Like Jesus because it reflects God's heart. In 2022, through the partnership with Palm Beach Atlantic University, 120 students were trained to lead like Jesus through the Lead Program that incorporates the core message of Heart, Head, Hands and Habits as well as Biblical DISC.®



## One Study Guide... One Business Transformed

Mia Rvello-Graham and her husband Robby own Revelations Cafe in a little suburb of Tampa, Florida. As Mia writes, *"We had no clue how to lead a business and were navigating without a blueprint."* One day Mia stumbled onto the Lead Like Jesus website and purchased a study guide. This one, seemingly insignificant step, has transformed how Mia and Robby lead their business. *"I am a HUGE fan,"* Mia writes, *"and I have personally submerged myself into an extensive amount of material since I first came across you guys. My life and my leadership have been greatly impacted and I am forever grateful."*

## Sowing, Watering, and Harvesting for the Kingdom in Venezuela and Vietnam

What started with a few humble, passionate, and committed to leading like Jesus volunteers, has grown into thriving movements in Vietnam and Venezuela. This year our Vietnam team celebrated 10 years of ministry and thousands of lives including teens, college students, and Catholic nuns disciples with the leadership model of Jesus! In Venezuela, despite growing challenges, our volunteers found a creative way to minister to both spiritual and physical needs of their community by partnering with a local food pantry. Feeding the hungry while offering Jesus' model of serving and loving others was a win-win!



**We are grateful for your prayers and generosity. Your investment in the Kingdom is bearing fruit that will last for eternity!**

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