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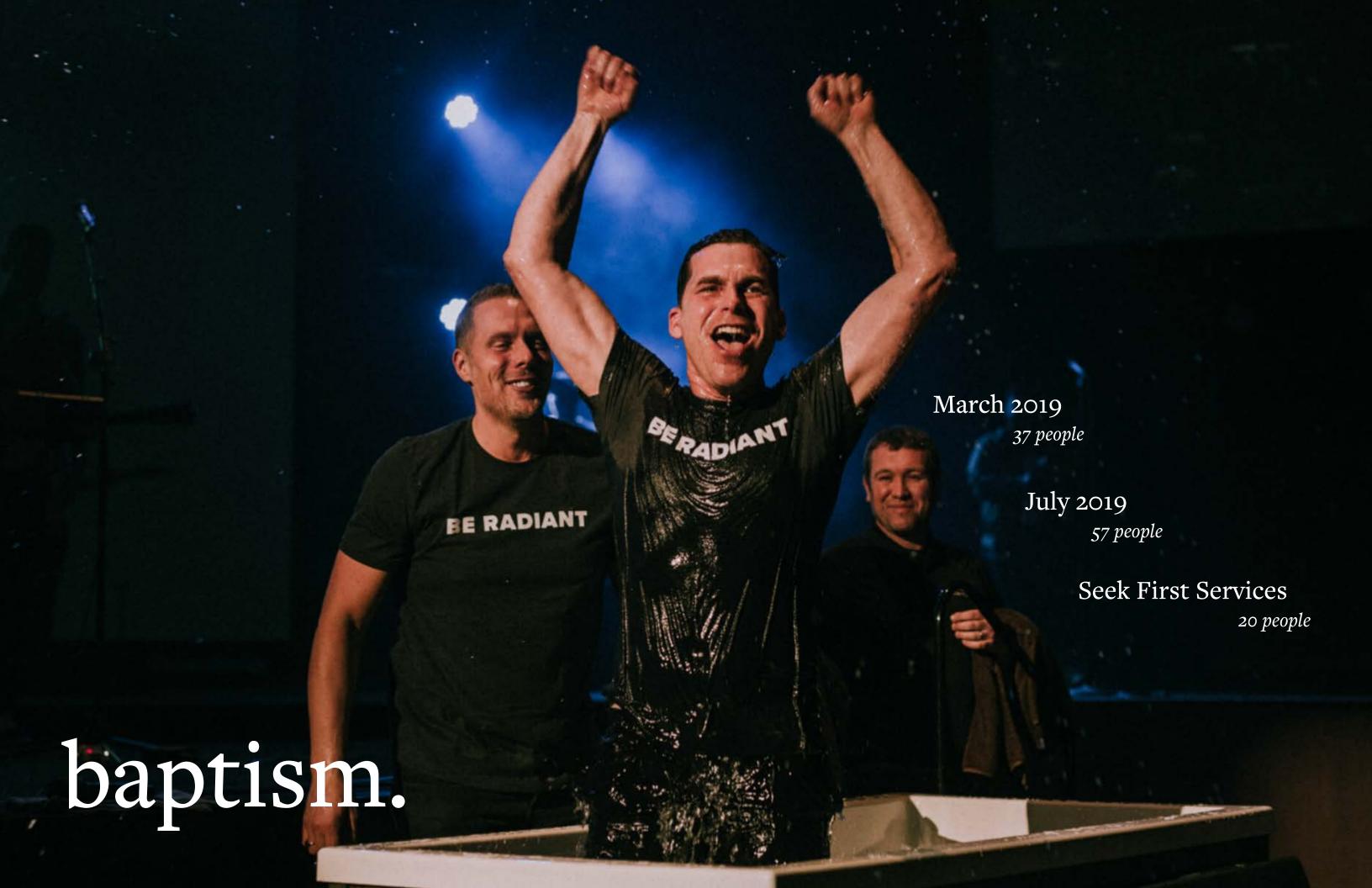


Life change.











Growing up, my family attended a small Quaker church in rural Illinois. I can remember singing and praying to God as I wandered around His beautiful creation that surrounded our country home. When I couldn't sleep at night, I would take a walk down the lane that led to a river and listen to nature praise Him. The crickets chirped with joy, and the corn moved in ways that made beautiful swishing sounds that may as well have been the sound of Jesus' robe. Looking back, I can see all the ways He fought for me and led me through trials at home, at school, and really anywhere I went throughout my childhood. Then, high school came.

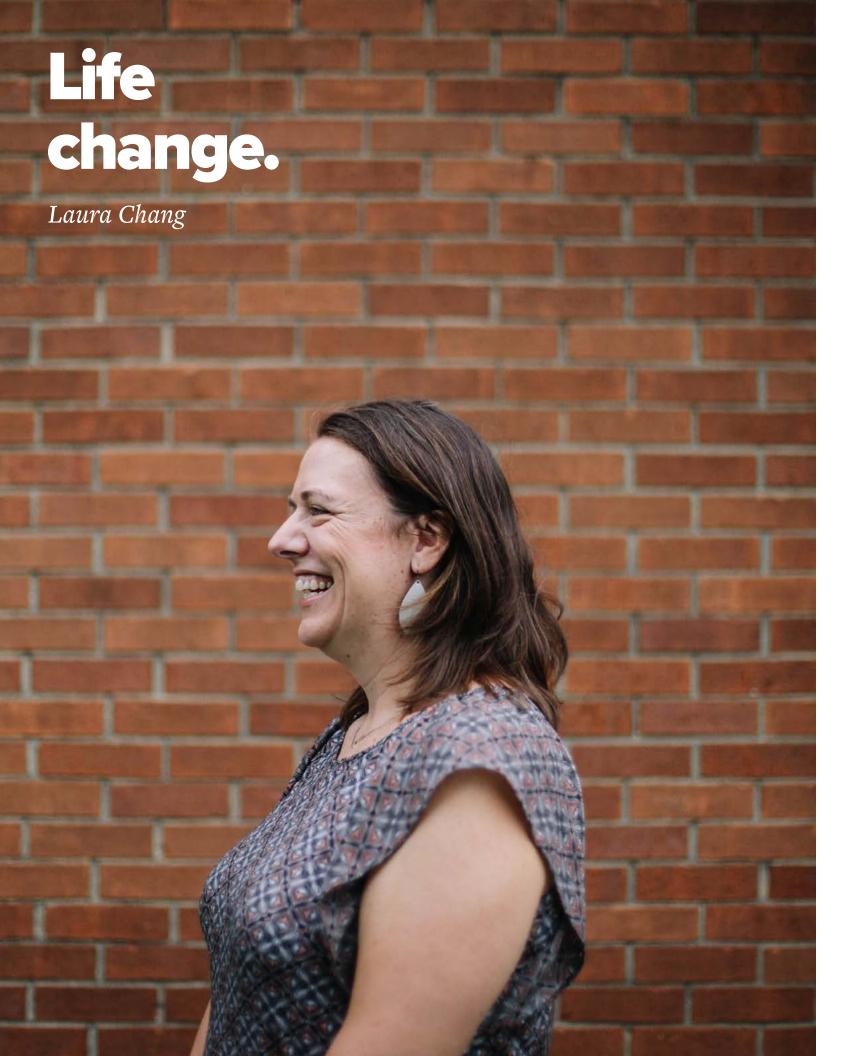
I had always been full of love to give, and that made me a target for some male upperclassmen. As a teenager, I had boyfriends who verbally and physically abused me. By the time I escaped those relationships, I had been corrupted into thinking that I needed to be loved by a man to have any sort of status. I felt that if I didn't have a boyfriend, I was nothing. After a rough breakup in college, I turned all the hate that had built up in me over the years toward myself. I spent a lot of time alone, not wanting to join any clubs or sports for fear of judgment. I had completely forgotten about my faith and the Jesus I knew so well as a child. Anxiety, depression, and self hate took over my life.

By the time I met my husband, I had given up on finding the true love that I had been searching for. But God had other plans! I met Josh in February, and finally began feeling love in a pure way again. Josh knew all of my traumatic experiences and loved me despite all the walls I had built because of them. I was so happy to finally feel safe and loved again. Little did I know, this was just the beginning of God's plan to stitch my heart back together.

Josh and I had been married for four years when we found out we were having our son Charlie. Due to a traumatic birth and postpartum anxiety, I don't remember much of the early months of having our little boy. During that time, our marriage was held together solely by Josh's kindness towards all my anger, fear, and anxiety. While we looked fine on the outside, we desperately needed help if we didn't want our marriage to crumble. Then, a few months before Charlie turned one, I played an old worship song from my childhood on our Alexa, and Josh started singing along! I turned it off and said, "Wait, you know this song?". He told me that he used to listen to a lot of Christian music and had attended church when he was in high school! I had no idea. For months I had secretly wanted to start going to church again, but I felt too embarrassed to ask. I asked what he thought about going to church regularly, and he said he'd been wanting to ask me the same question! For months we had both "liked" each other too much for either of us to make the other feel uncomfortable about going! We had no idea that God had laid the foundation of church in both of our lives- all we had to do was ask!

We started going to Radiant in January of 2018 and were baptized together in March of that year. Since then, we have been growing together in our newfound faith, and have rediscovered the love of the Holy Spirit. I have been reintroduced into the abundance that God has always had planned for me. I now have a family that loves Jesus and lives their lives for Him every day. The little girl that used to walk along the river and talk to God is now a woman with the mighty strength of the Holy Spirit behind and within her. Praise God for His faithfulness!





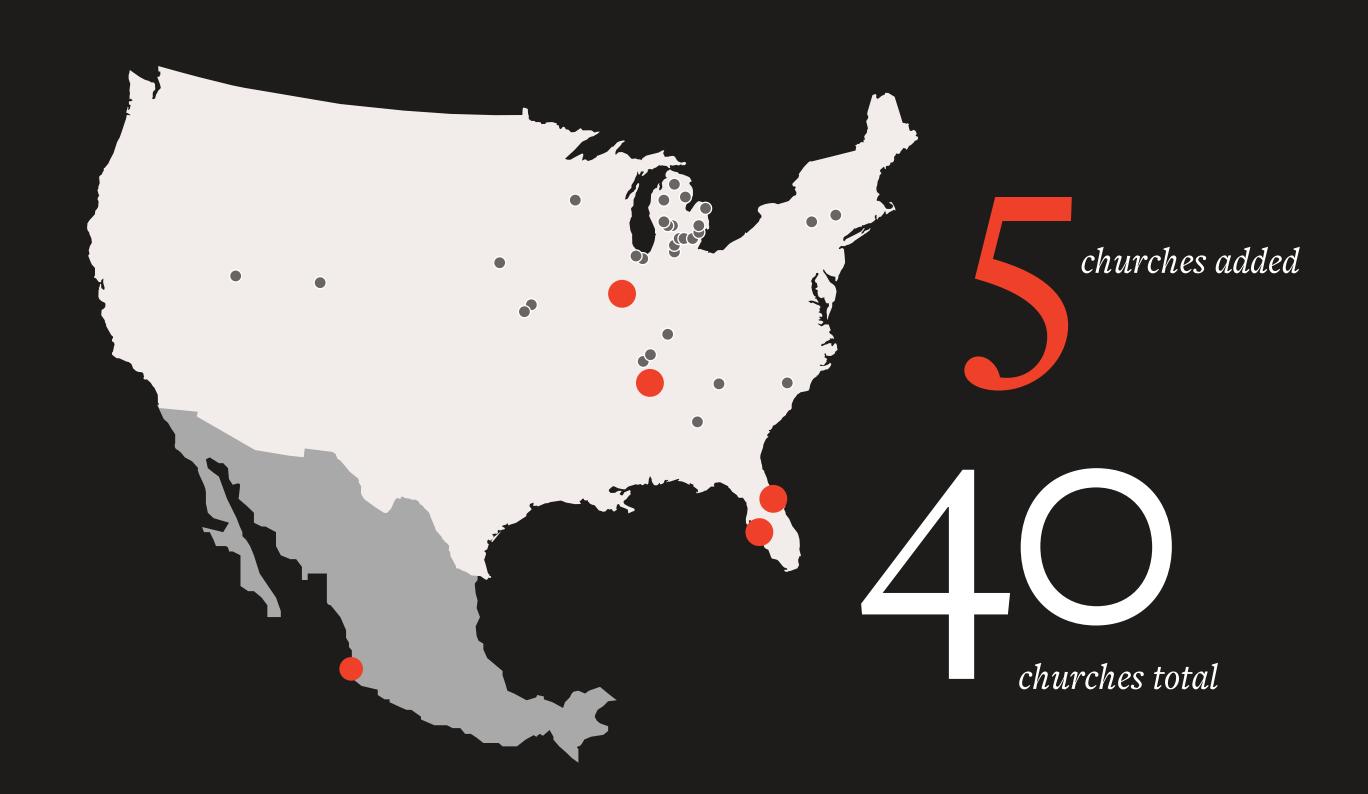
My husband and I have been on quite a journey. Our finances and our faith has been transformed over the past 11 months. We were drowning in debt and decided to step out in faith and join a Financial Freedom community group led by Jake Coon. We jumped in with two feet and have paid off thousands of dollars of debt, which is going to impact our lives and our children's lives immeasurably. We learned all of this from Jake, who shared with us how to manage our money and make baby steps with our finances through the Biblical principles of Dave Ramsey's Financial Freedom program. Even more important, though, our Father has bestowed SO many blessings on our lives. Our faith is deeper, our children's faith is stronger, and we're living with a new freedom that I never could have asked for or even imagined before.

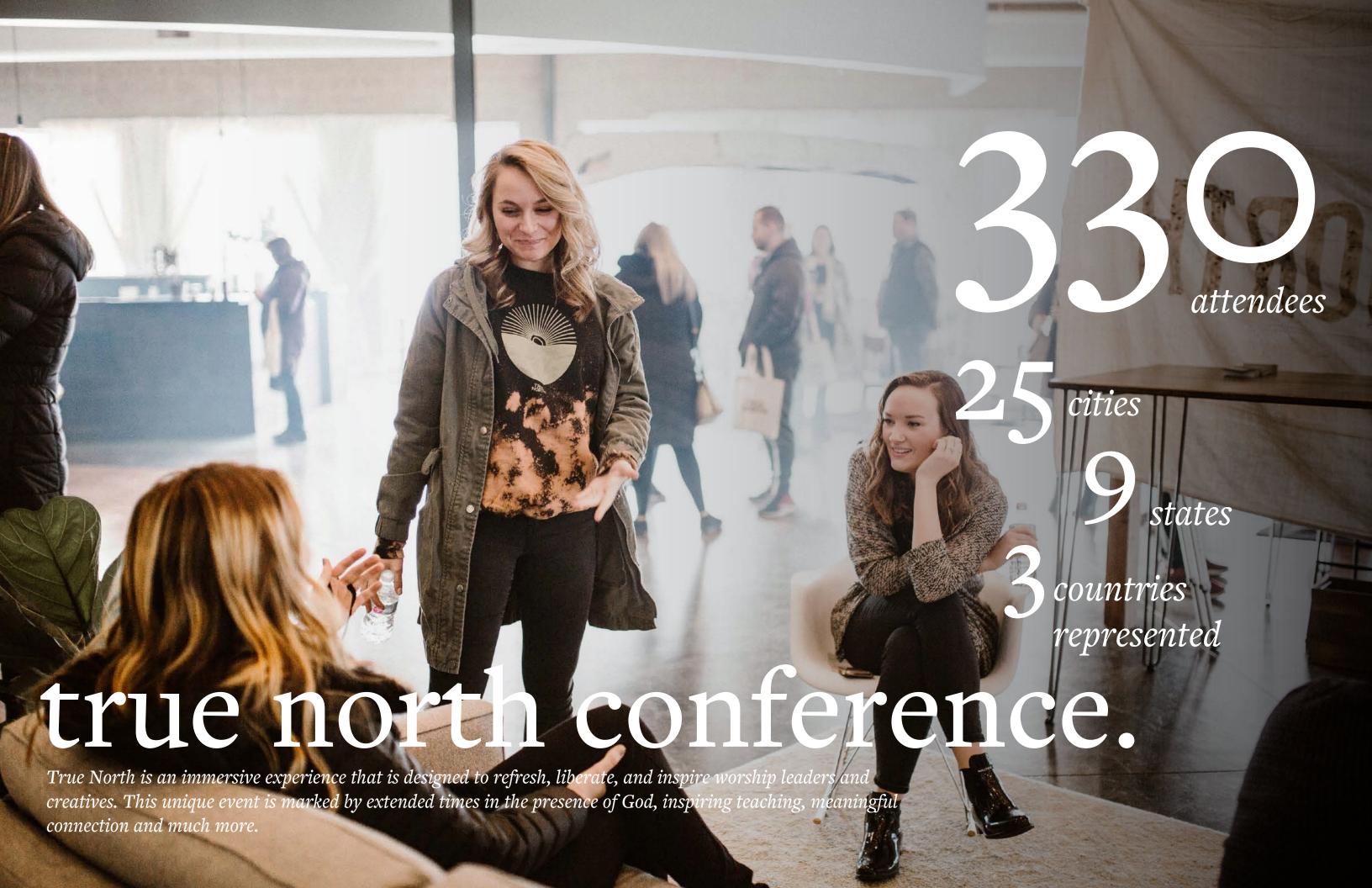
I was hesitant to share at first There's a lot of shame for me associated with our story. After discussing it with my husband and praying about this, though, I realize now that the shame that I felt is just the enemy talking. Steve and I are feeling so moved to share our journey so that we can potentially impact the lives of others in the way that God has impacted our lives.

I know that He heals broken situations so that He can receive all of the glory. I want what we have now, this financial freedom with God at the center, for others to experience too.



Radiant Network Reach





















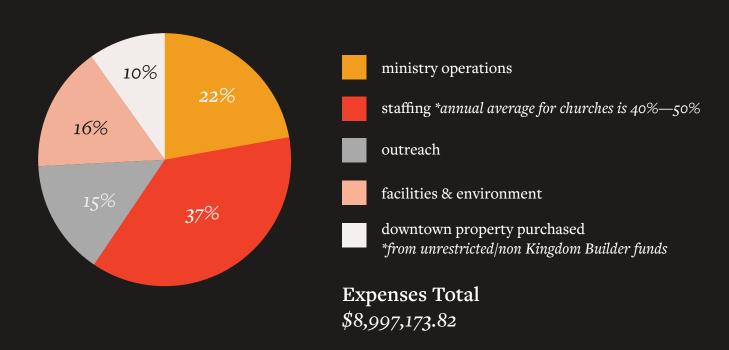








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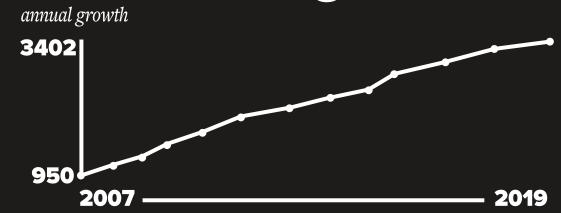
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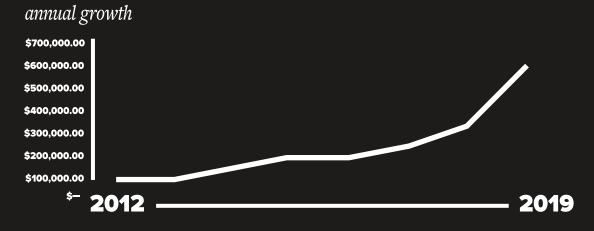
Total revenue breakdown.



Attendance growth.



Big Give.





Kingdom Builders Reach



\$320,000

projects with local schools.

dedicated to completing the Downtown Prayer Center and the balance towards future

Global Outreach Strategy



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Unreached people groups within the 10/40 window

Named after its location between 10 degrees and 40 degrees north of the equator, the 10/40 Window contains the most unreached people groups and the most governments hostile to Christianity. Home to 3 billion unreached people and characterized by deep poverty, low quality of life, and little-to-no access to Christian resources, the 10/40 Window includes the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia, and Southeast Asia. Currently only 3% of all missionaries are serving in the 10/40 window and less than 1% of Missions Funds globally go to efforts in the 10/40 window.

In 2019 we established 4 new strategic partnerships working in the 10/40 window!

- People groups previously reached
- **Mercy Ministry**





Impact Teams are relevant at Radiant Church because we are bringing people from our church to support our missionaries. We can see first hand how Radiant's missionaries are growing the Kingdom in the place God has called them. After going on an Impact Trip, I know how to pray for these missionaries specifically. I can encourage them from my home, and I can explain to others at our church what the missionaries are doing and share the heart of their mission.

I have gained knowledge about other cultures, met and prayed for amazing people. I have seen God work in many areas since going out of my comfort zone and traveling on Impact Trips. Even though we live in different areas, God's Kingdom is working in all places, and we are working together to further His Kingdom.





Over the last twenty three years, we have seen God move miraculously in response to the faith and commitment of His people to this call. There isn't enough space or time to recount all of the divine interventions that have brought us to the place that we find ourselves today — He has made a way where there hasn't been a way in the natural and opened ridiculous doors of oppurtunity that have been beyond our wildest dreams. Thousands have found relationship with God, experienced healing in body, soul and spirit, and the name of the Lord has been amplified greatly.

As we move forward, let us not forget the year of blessing and abundance that we leave behind. May everything be ever for His glory and let's continue to build this Radiant City.

