



Dear John and Dawn,

Thank you so much for your continued support of my ministry at H2O Church. As I reflect on this past year, I am so thankful to have you as a partner in this ministry. I am really enjoying doing ministry at H2O and could not do so without you and your incredible generosity. The Lord has used your generosity to not only bless our family, but to bless others through this ministry. It has been awesome to see the Lord work during this season and I wouldn't be able to be a part of what He's doing in Bowling Green without you. I truly can't thank you enough for your continued support through finances and prayer.

Because of your support, I've been able to see God do a lot in H2O BG this year! There were some ups and downs, but overall I'm encouraged by 2022. Some of the highlights for me include:

- *Seeing God answer prayer and provide overlap between youth and college ministry: 8 teenagers served on campus during Blitz and we now have 4 college students serving in our youth ministry.*
- *Our Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddles at BGMS & BGHS averaging around 25 students.*
- *Taking 15 teenagers on our first ever youth mission trip!*
- *55 college students graduating from The Well, our informal membership class.*
- *August & Rivers entering the world on April 6th and making us a family of 4 ☺ ☺.*

As I reflect on this year and look forward to this upcoming Christmas season and the hope that the birth of Christ brings, I think of Psalm 127, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." As I think back to days of meeting with students, preparing for events, and planning messages, I am so thankful to see the Lord work through it all. It's so easy to try to do things on our own - I'm plenty guilty of it - but at the end of the day, unless the Lord is working, all of our effort and labor is in vain. I've been reminded this year that I can plan great events and prepare solid messages, but unless the Lord moves in people's hearts, none of it will matter. So as you look towards this Christmas season and the birth of our savior, I'd encourage you to let Him guide each day so that at the end of it, you have a house that is standing firm (Matthew 7:24-29).

Marin and I are grateful for all of the exciting things that God has done in our church and in our family in 2022 and we look forward to what 2023 has in store. **As I prepare for another year of ministry in Bowling Green, would you consider a special year-end gift, or an increase to your ongoing support?** As I head into 2023, I am currently about \$800 short of my monthly support goal. This amounts to \$9600 over the course of the year. I humbly ask you to consider providing a special gift to help offset this need for the year, or to consider an increase to your ongoing support to help offset this need for both this year and the years to come. Whether you can or cannot help in this way, I still really appreciate you and your support of my ministry at H2O. Thank you so much! 📺

PS: If you haven't been receiving regular updates from me, but would like to be, please let me know! I regularly send updates about my ministry, mostly via email, but sometimes they don't go through. I'd love to keep you in the loop if you currently are not! You can always reach me via text/call at 330-573-0863 or via email at tom.gerberich@reliant.org.

Merry Christmas!
- Tom Gerberich

