




MARS HILL CHURCH

2014

ANNUAL REPORT



“For by grace you have  
been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own  
doing; it is the gift of God, not a  
result of works, so that no one may  
boast. For we are his workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared  
beforehand, that we should walk in  
them.” Ephesians 2:8-10

Jesus is faithful. His grace is sufficient. His Kingdom knows no end. As we reflect on the evidence of God's grace shown to us over the last year, words cannot express the depth of our gratitude for the people of Mars Hill and our Global Family who have served tirelessly, prayed continually, and given sacrificially to support Jesus' mission through Mars Hill Church...making disciples and planting churches.

# MAKING DISCIPLES AND PLANTING CHURCHES

God reveals himself to sinners and saves them for his glory.

God made men and women equally important, but gave them distinct roles in the church and home.

## REFORMED

*What we believe about God.*

## COMPLEMENTARIAN

*What we believe about men and women.*

## SPIRIT-EMPOWERED

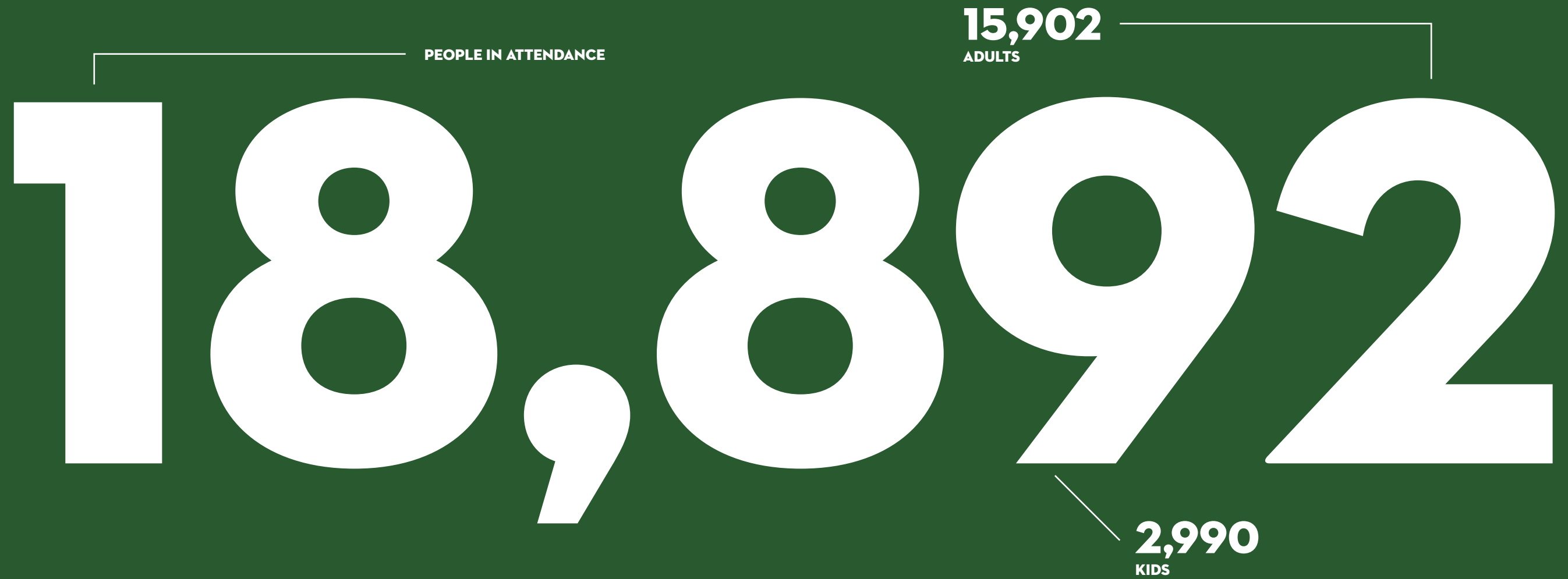
*What we believe about the Holy Spirit.*

## MISSIONAL

*What we believe about mission.*

The Holy Spirit empowers people for mission through gifts such as prophecy, knowledge, tongues, and healing.

Churches are not clubs. They are called to reach more people for Jesus and plant more churches.



On April 20, 2014, over 25,000 people gathered at Mars Hill Church locations or watched our Easter services online to celebrate the risen Savior, and to proclaim to the whole world that only Jesus saves.

**367**  
PEOPLE BAPTIZED THAT DAY  
(197 SPONTANEOUS)

**2,458**  
VOLUNTEERS SERVED AT  
OUR CHURCH LOCATIONS

**370**  
TOTAL SONGS SUNG  
TO JESUS

**6,359**  
PEOPLE WATCHED ONLINE

**85**  
NATIONS TUNED-IN ONLINE



## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Being the Church is much more than meeting together for Sunday morning worship services. It's about living life together in community with other believers. Each week, thousands of people met together in hundreds of Community Groups to study the Bible, learn about Jesus, eat, fellowship, and love one another. Community Groups are the heart of the church.

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**11**  
AVERAGE COMMUNITY  
GROUP SIZE (8-10 IS A  
HEALTHY GROUP)

**465**  
COMMUNITY GROUPS  
ACROSS ALL OUR CHURCHES

## MARS HILL 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.

We thank Jesus for the blessing of children and the privilege to come alongside parents to teach them about the wonders of God's love and salvation.

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**1,800**  
KIDS GATHERED EACH WEEK  
TO WORSHIP JESUS

## MARS HILL STUDENTS

Jesus is raising up an amazing generation of young people, ages 12-18, who participated in RED Student Ministry. Each week they were challenged to grow in their faith, to love one another, and to boldly declare the gospel to friends and family by the power of the Holy Spirit. We praise God for the nearly 500 young people who attended Summer Camp, and the 29 lives that were saved by Jesus!

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**471**  
STUDENTS ATTENDED ONE  
OF OUR SUMMER CAMPS

**29**  
NUMBER OF SALVATIONS AT  
OUR SUMMER CAMPS

## MARS HILL GLOBAL

The Mars Hill Global Family is made up of the hundreds of thousands of people who follow Mars Hill online, but do not attend a local Mars Hill Church.

We are truly humbled by the number of people around the world whom Jesus has blessed through Mars Hill, and we're forever grateful for the love and faithfulness of our Global Family to support Jesus' mission through Mars Hill over the years.

**638,000**

TIMES THE MARS HILL APP HAS BEEN DOWNLOADED

**7,800,000+**

VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE

**4,300,000+**

NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VISITED MARSHILL.COM

**233**

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE VISITED MARSHILL.COM

## MARS HILL GO

“*And [Jesus] said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”*”  
- Mark 16:15

GO is the ministry of Mars Hill Church that supports churches and church planters around the world. We work with in-country partners to train pastors and plant churches. We distribute Bibles and translate resources so that people from more cultures can have access to solid Bible teaching.

**40**

CHURCH PLANTERS AND EVANGELISTS WE SUPPORTED IN ETHIOPIA

**33**

CHURCH PLANTERS AND EVANGELISTS WE SUPPORTED IN INDIA

**1,425**

ETHIOPIAN CHILDREN SPONSORED BY MARS HILL CHURCH MEMBERS



## ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,707,297
Accounts receivable	\$218,474
Inventory and other current assets	\$546,138
Lease deposits and other assets	\$158,788
Cash held for long term purposes	\$229,930
Restricted cash	\$413,099
Property and equipment, net*	\$30,482,768
Deferred loan costs, net	\$112,671
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$34,869,165</b>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	\$1,513,198
Long-term liabilities	\$12,534,657
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$14,047,855</b>
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$20,325,505
Temporarily restricted	\$60,772
Permanently restricted	\$435,033
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$20,821,310</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$34,869,165</b>

\*Includes property held for sale.

Numbers based on audited financial statements presented in accordance to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). In 2014, Mars Hill Church received an “Unqualified Opinion,” which is the most favorable outcome according to auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

## ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Tithes and offerings	\$27,238,335
Misc. income and other gains and losses	\$1,323,748
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$28,562,083</b>
EXPENSES	
Personnel costs	\$14,036,049
Operations	\$3,532,026
Technology and equipment	\$990,153
Administration	\$3,530,414
Facilities	\$3,515,331
Church planting and partnerships	\$244,925
Interest	\$455,799
Depreciation and amortization	\$2,119,972
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,424,669</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$137,414</b>

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” - James 1:17



## EVIDENCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*"Without Mars Hill and the people I met there, I'm not sure I would be alive or in a place of peace and joy as I am now. This church has empowered and encouraged my love for God and others and cultivated my desire to learn and grow in biblical knowledge. I have never been loved as well as I have by the people in our church, espe-*

*cially during the many moments when I have been an utter mess. This church has been my family for four years. I am eternally grateful for this church."*

**- DANA FROM WEST SEATTLE**

*"God has used Pastor Mark and my Mars Hill Family to thaw an ice-cold heart and an inability to truly love others at all, let alone a love that Jesus calls us too. To be able to*

*tear down walls and find such freedom and rest in Christ, I can never express to my savior how grateful I am. I am so thankful for this church and how the gospel is taught without a lollipop and rainbow theology and let's us know that serv-*

*ing Jesus is hard, but he is faithful. I love this church and its people."*

**- AARON FROM OLYMPIA**

*"It wasn't till I went to Mars Hill that things clicked and chunks of the Bible started going together and making sense. I started seeing Jesus in my Bible, instead of individual*

*books. I started looking for Jesus in my Bible instead of ways to make myself better. For that, I will forever be grateful."*

**- SARAH FROM BELLEVUE**

*"Being a young single mother with no family in Washington, Mars Hill has been wonderful for me. With no judgment as I walk through the doors, to the best Community Group that has become my family and walked beside me through many hard times.*

*Mars Hill Tacoma feels like home. I wouldn't be half the mother or person I am today without the people of Mars Hill pointing me and guiding me towards a daily relationship with Christ that is on fire."*

**- KENDRA FROM TACOMA**

*"Since coming to Mars Hill, my wife and I have grown closer, our marriage has been healed, and we are walking close to Jesus."*

**- KYLE FROM PORTLAND**

*"Since coming to Mars Hill, my life has changed dramatically with the teachings of Mark Driscoll and the family at Mars Hill Portland. My relationship with the Lord has grown so much. My Community Group family has been there with me through some pretty tough times and I'm blessed to be a part of this group."*

**- KARINA FROM PORTLAND**

*"I'm so grateful for the part [Mars Hill Church] played in my journey. Now I live confidently in Christ and*

*I teach my children to do the same. Before 2013 I knew nothing about anything. Now I know two things—there is a God and he saves."*

**- ERIN FROM AUSTRALIA**

*"So thankful to Jesus for how he has used the people of Mars Hill Church to change lives for eternity. And especially thankful for how he used Mars Hill to teach my daughter who her Lord and Savior is. That right there is what it's all about."*

**- TRIPP FROM BELLEVUE**

“Go therefore and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the  
name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit,”  
- Matthew 28:19

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BAPTISMS

# It's all about Jesus

*The story of Mars Hill Church is ultimately about one man - Jesus. It is the story of a people on mission with Jesus to boldly proclaim the good news that Jesus saves sinners. It is the story of thousands of disciples of Jesus who faithfully and sacrificially gave of their time, talents and treasure to grow and support the church, making disciples and planting churches in Seattle, WA, the United States and around the world.*

*While the year began with much joy, 2014 was a year marked by trials, tribulations, and ultimately - transitions. Facing mounting criticism as the church investigated formal charges against him, Pastor Mark Driscoll submitted his resignation as vision and preaching pastor on October 14, 2014.*

*In a message to the Mars Hill Church family on October 31, 2014, following Pastor Mark's resignation, Pastor Dave Bruskas shared that "Following much prayer and lengthy discussion with Mars Hill's leadership, the board of Mars Hill has concluded that rather than remaining a centralized multi-site church with video-led teaching distributed to multiple locations, the best future for each of our*

*existing local churches is for them to become autonomous self-governed entities. This means that each of our locations has an opportunity to become a new church, rooted in the best of what Mars Hill has been in the past, and independently led and run by its own local elder teams.*

*Mars Hill Church has never been about a building or even an organization. Mars Hill is a people on mission with Jesus, and that singular focus continues as these newly independent churches are launched. It's still all about Jesus!"*

*While we mourn the end of an era, we rejoice because Jesus is faithful. He loves his church. His kingdom knows no end. By God's grace, the gospel will continue to be preached, his name will be glorified, and thousands will be saved by Jesus in the many churches born out of Mars Hill.*

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