



HIS HOUSE
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



Annual Report
2020-21



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This past year has been hard for all of us, yet God is good! COVID shaped everyone, including our His House team and the work we're doing with college students in Wisconsin. Due to COVID we were unable to meet on campus, forcing us to be creative with the resources and relationships we have. In Oshkosh, we utilized our campus houses in new ways and partnered with a local church to host our large group meetings throughout the winter. At Ripon College, we as a staff were asked to not even step onto campus property for the school year. Because of this, our students stepped up in their leadership and ownership of the ministry. It was exciting to see God work faithfully through these students in these trying times. Again in Ripon, we were grateful for a local church that shares a property line with the college for our staff to be able to meet with students just a step off of campus, as well as host our weekly large group meeting. In Madison, we met with students at our campus house. Even with all of the barriers and challenges of the pandemic, a significant number of students across the state of Wisconsin were impacted for Jesus. At every campus we experienced students' lives changed for Jesus. Looking back at this year, my heart is full with gratitude for: our staff, our students, our campus houses, our church partnerships, our board of directors, our financial partners, and ultimately, the faithfulness of our God!

With you,
Justin Burge
Executive Director

104
Total Students

11
New Followers
of Jesus

65%
Jesus Followers

* as of year end

Over
1 in 3
Seeking Jesus

Administrative Staff:
Justin Burge
Crystal Patt
Trisha Clark

Meeting Students at Welcome Week



Students Meeting at the Campus House

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Weekly Worship at the Campus House



Staff:
Aaron Preston
Michelle Gross
Catie Wollard

Community, tools, and confidence are just three of the many things that His House has provided me in the last three years. My freshman year of college was hard, and His House provided me with a community of believers who wanted to know me. They heard me, they supported me, and they grew with me. My sophomore year of college I was given the tools. Tools to learn how to dive deeper in relationship with the Lord. I learned what it looked like to make disciples who will then go on to make disciples. My junior year of college I found my confidence.

His House taught me what it looked like to share my faith with everyone, and what it looked like to lead small groups or worship groups. Now, I get the opportunity to use all three of these things to help further the kingdom and teach others on campus about Jesus.

- Julia Cleasby

My time in His House has been a wonderful journey! Coming into college, I wanted to be a part of a compassionate and Christ-centered campus ministry, and after a year of following God's plan, He lead me to join His House. He has blessed me with a fun and caring community with a heart to love Jesus and to share His love with others on campus. His House has quickly become my home, quite literally, as I get to live in the His House home as well!

-Andrew Butler

Over the years it has been a privilege to watch students graduate and go on to be a light for Christ in their workplaces, churches and families. Sometimes we get to see their journey as they make this transition into the "real world" and other times we don't. This year we got to watch two of our alumni intern with us. It was amazing to work alongside Megan and Adrian as they dove deeper into discipling others and using the gifts God has given them. It was exciting to see them go from being discipled as students to discipling others. Our interns serve as great reminders that college ministry extends far beyond the time they are on campus and that we get to send students out to change the world!

Last fall David was having a Snapchat conversation with a peer. She asked, "Because I'm bi-sexual, do you hate me? You seem like a person that would." Talk about a loaded statement! David was led by God to say, "No, I don't hate you, but as a Christian, I need to tell you what the Bible says." He went on to explain God's view of sexuality and love. The next time we met, he excitedly shared this story because we had just studied Romans 1& 2 talking about God's design for sex being expressed only within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman. We'd also talked about the difference between judging and condemning. We are called to judge between right and wrong, but it is never our job to condemn other people. We are sinners too, so we must rejoice in the Gospel of Jesus.



Megan & Adrian with Luke & Mandy



Students at the "Ransom House"



Christmas Party on Zoom

RIPON COLLEGE

Staff:
Luke Hatfield
Mandy Kimes

40%
Have thought
about ending their
life at some
point*

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Praying over Phoenix before Baptism



This year I got to see God save a student. Phoenix had been a part of the His House community in Madison for the last two years, and in middle of the last year he struggled deeply with historically crippling OCD, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts. In many ways Phoenix had lost all purpose and value for his own life. He had planned on December 31st being the last day of his life. Yet, God had not stoped pursuing him.

Through meeting weekly with him, having two intense prayer sessions with him, working alongside the Dean of Students Office, and his Korean church community Phoenix accepted Jesus and was baptized on a blistering cold -14 degree morning in February. From that moment on everything changed for Phoenix. Not everything was instantly healed, but now because of Jesus and the Holy Spirit working inside of him he had purpose, value, and hope. Through these dark days Jesus saved Phoenix in this life and the next.

1 in 4
Struggle with
viewing pornography*

Each year many of our students , both guys and girls, struggle with pornography. This year I got to see God begin to break strongholds in one of our students. He had struggled for years with deep shame and guilt over his past and present struggle.

Throughout the year we got to address his deeper identity in Jesus, connect him with a deeper porn recovery community, and see his entire life move from darkness and depression to life, clarity, and greater purpose.

Staff:
Justin Burge

*of all statewide His House Students Surveyed '21

2020-21

Student Stats & Financials

70%
pray regularly

57%
experience anxiety
that caused
significant life
disruption

1 in 4
report being
sexually exploited
or assaulted

50%
read the Bible
independently
weekly

1 in 3
pray with their
friends

50%
named "division"
as the world's
#1 problem



Net Income

-\$21,510.34

\$150,702.93

Total Liabilities

\$488,516.54

Total Equity

\$508,657.63

Retained
Earnings

\$639,219.47

Total Assets
Total Liabilities
& Equity

We are dreaming big to change the world. Our students are facing monumental life challenges that will define their future and their story. It is our job to encounter and love these students with the love of Jesus and invite them into a new story that is found in Jesus.

Over the course of this year we hope to inspire 70% of all of our students to take a deeper step in their discipleship journey. For some this will mean saying yes to Jesus for the first time. For others it will be living into the deeper story of Jesus in their life. For some it will be a growing curiosity of who Jesus is. And for others, it will be taking the first steps of multiplication by asking their peers to know and fall in love with Jesus. We know this is a big dream. We know nothing happens on accident. And we know nothing is impossible with our God. These targets named here are not just numbers, rather they represent lives changed, stories renewed, and the world changed. We cannot do this work on our own. We are asking you to please join us in praying for our students and these targets for this 2021-22 school year, because when we live into them our students lives will change and so will the world around them.



2021-22

Targets

80%

report increased
prayer & bible study
patterns

2 in 5

report reduced
anxiety &
depression

90%

have meaningful
relationships with
3+ His House
students

70%

of students take
a deeper step in their
discipleship journey

Half

of students pray
with non-believing
peers





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