

# Serving So Others May Go

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**“THE BEST ONE YET”**

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Another January is in the books. Last year I talked about the phrase “third time’s a charm” where I hoped that my third time doing the W-2 and annual receipt process would be a charm. It didn’t really turn out that way. But I am so happy to say that I think we should change the phrase to “fourth time’s a charm” because this January really was the best one yet since doing finances for the office. And it is a huge relief to be able to say that after the challenging year last year that was very discouraging. I am very thankful to God for this hopeful time. All total we prepared and sent out 176 W-2s and 2 1099s and at least 2,316 annual donation receipts. That’s almost double the amount of donation receipts from last year.

Looking back, there were several things that I think helped make this year so nice. One was that my computer worked fine all month. Last year my computer died twice in January which caused a lot of stress. But I got a new one in October so I would avoid that potential problem coming up again, and it worked. No computer problems. That was the same for the forwarding agents too this year. I did still have some late reports this year, but overall there were fewer major issues with the reports and questions from the forwarding agents.

Another major improvement from last year was that I learned from my mistake, which is always good. Instead of trying to manually merge the records of workers that had transitioned during the year in January when everything else is going on, I decided that throughout this past year we would just take the time to enter in the worker’s past record into our record right when they transitioned so everything would already be in and ready for the end-of-the-year reports. That was a major help this year and kept things a lot cleaner.

Then it also helped immensely to have more help this year. Brittany doing online giving, Jon helping with transitioning new workers, Ross helping with the annual receipts, and Cody doing checks and Expensify. It really let me spend my time focusing on W-2s instead of having to do all of the normal tasks and then take extra time to do W-2s. And then finally, I also majorly reduced my stress level by being more flexible with time. I work better in the evenings, so I let myself do that this year instead of forcing myself to follow the “normal” clock. I know not everyone may agree with that, but I think it made a huge difference for me this year.

Overall, it has been a good start to the year, and I have even already started on the org-wide annual report which is great. Thank you, God.



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## Financial Report

Checking Account

**Starting Balance** \$16,571.28

### Receipts

Individuals	\$2,400.00
Central CofC	\$400.00
Elliott CofC	\$100.00
Hikes Point CC	\$150.00
Lewis CofC	\$50.00

### Expenses

#### Benefits

100 – Salary	\$1,300.00
110 – Medical Insurance	\$85.00
115 – HSA Contribution	\$115.00
130 – Social Security	\$580.00
135 – Disability Insurance	\$786.18
141 – Roth IRA	\$200.00
150 – Housing Allow.	\$891.00
160 – Utilities	\$96.68

#### Office

661 – Internet	\$49.99
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#### Promotion/Rep.

740 – Home Office	\$100.00
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**Ending Balance** \$15,467.43

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Note: In order for your gift to be tax deductible, my name should not appear on the check.

Thank you so much!

## From our President

### The Thing that Matters Most

What's the thing that matters most to you? Is it your car? ... your house? ... your job? ... your family? Jesus often talked about things that matter. In fact, in Matthew 10:37 and following, Jesus told us that we needed "to lose our life for his sake," because, only by losing our lives for him, would we actually FIND life." This is tough medicine. It's challenging for a world that has taught us to seek self-fulfillment and self-reliance above all else. I guess that's why, in vs. 38, Jesus describes this kind of life as "taking up a cross" (like being crucified). Your favorite Team Expansion missionary put life behind him/her and, in doing so, discovered the thing that mattered most: true life for Christ. And when you help him/her, you multiply Christ's impact worldwide. Thank you for your partnership and shared vision!

- Doug Lucas - President, Team Expansion

### Lots of mail every week...



means lots of annual  
donation receipts...



which means lots of people are coming  
together to make this work happen.  
Thank you so much!

## Prayer Requests / Praises:

- Praise for getting all of the W-2s and receipts done on time
- For more office help in IT, applications, creative arts, admin, etc.
- For the annual report to come together quickly and accurately
- For this to be the best year yet for baptisms and church growth

\*Please let me know how I can pray for you as well

