



BRANCH NETWORK

2022 Year End Ministry Report

Why

The reason we exist as a ministry is found in our vision statement, which is to "See the Great Commission fulfilled in this generation". The Great Commission is found in Matthew 28:18-20 and has been the work of the global church for many generations. Our current role is to serve as a bridge between the region (Lancaster) and global missions (the nations). We consider it a tremendous privilege to have a role in what He is accomplishing both regionally and throughout the nations of the earth; and understand it will require divine guidance, collaborative partnerships, and continued adjustments to play an effective role in this expansive but beautiful work. So much of what we do is relational which can be challenging to equate, however, I want to share a broad overview of 2022 and a glimpse of our vision for 2023 for those of you that have invested time, talent, and treasure to allow relationships to be formed and strengthened.

Matthew 28:18-20 (Great Commission)

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Name Change – 2023

A significant development is the decision to change our name to Alliance Network. When we founded Branch Network in late 2019, it was in conjunction with Branch Community (local church) and the two ministries were closely intertwined. Both ministries have grown the past several years and are now functioning as ministry partners rather than an extension of each other. Therefore, we are changing our name to Alliance Network as of 1/01/23 to bring clarity that we function separately. We continue to believe in the role of the local church and desire continued partnership to see the Great Commission fulfilled.

Alliance Partners

We are stewarding and expanding our network of relationships primarily in two areas, the regional marketplace, and global missions. The heart behind all our partner opportunities is to foster relationships that cultivate inspiration and impact far beyond our individual capabilities!

2022

- Committee: We formed a committee late in Q3 to further develop and catalyze our opportunities and expand our network of partners. It has been a tremendous joy to dream and work together.
- Partners: We expanded to (14) official partners.
- Events: We hosted a few networking events; the 1st one since forming the committee was a tremendous success on many levels and the feedback from participants was very positive.

2023

- Committee: The committee will continue collaborating for growth.
- Partners: Our goal is to add value for each of our partners and we anticipate expanding significantly in 2023; both in numbers and collaborative opportunities.
- Events: We anticipate hosting multiple events to add value for partners and those seeking to take their next step of growth. This will include retreats, networking events, and summits.



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Equipping Initiative

We have a purpose individually, however, it is meant to be lived out collectively. Our goal is to inspire leaders to be Kingdom focused and equip them accordingly.

- Life Coaching: This has been an exciting new development late in 2022. I became a certified coach via Bridges Coaching, and we are in the process of establishing a core of 3-4 coaches that desire to be connected to those seeking life coaches. A life coach is an advocate for growth and can be key to discovering next steps to see our dreams fulfilled, goals accomplished, and decisions made.
- Conquer Series: We hosted this 10-week series in January and again in August and saw (54) men from the Lancaster area participate in a journey toward sexual purity. We plan to run the next Conquer Series in January 2023.
- Wilderness Trips: A team of (7) participated in our hiking trip in partnership with WILD. The goal was to grow leaders "from the inside out". We are working through next steps and whether we will host a trip (or several) in 2023.

Sending Initiative

We believe the principle of stewardship includes taking the transformative message of the Gospel to those that have never heard it, whether in our local communities or to the ends of the earth. Our heart is to be a connection point for organizations, a resource for long-term missionaries, and a catalyst for short-term teams to serve and love people.

- Teams: We sent (5) teams to Uganda, Haiti, and YWAM Orlando in 2022. The Lord is providing incredible connections in new locations such as Mozambique, Turkey, a central Asian nation not to be named, and Alaska; and we are forming teams to advance the gospel in each of them in 2023.
- Funding Initiatives: We raised 75k for several ministry initiatives that impacted people living in Haiti (Roofing, Microfinance), Uganda (2 childrens homes), and Lancaster (catastrophic events). Our heart is to empower many more in 2023 via our partnerships.
- Framework/Development: We continue to serve our partners in global missions with relational support and framework/development as they further develop their initiatives.

In closing, we are committed to staying faithful to what the Lord has called us to as a ministry, while remaining flexible in our methods. A key concept the Lord has been emphasizing seems to speak directly to our development and journey "*we overestimate what we can accomplish short-term, and underestimate what we can accomplish long-term*". It is a tremendous privilege to serve people in our local community, region, and the nations; amid it all, I am incredibly grateful for the Lord's grace and marvel at His faithfulness!

As we engage in 2023, I am inviting you to join us! Either as an Alliance Partner, through our Equipping or Sending Initiatives, or with a financial contribution towards our 2023 budget. Please let us know how we can serve you. Be blessed as you continue your journey!

Until all have heard, Dave Smucker



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2022 Financial Report

2021 Savings	\$51,660.00	16.61%	Savings carried over from 2021. 2021 Income included significant one-time contribution to launch ministry.
General Giving	\$32,308.00	10.39%	General giving and contributions from Alliance Partners
Events Income	\$8,218.00	11%	Includes registration income carried over for 2023 events
Equipping Initiative	\$11,898.00	9%	Income related to ministry within Equipping Initiative
Sending Initiative	\$74,095.00	24%	Income related to ministry within Sending Initiative
Designated Fundraising	\$131,599.00	42%	Funding Initiatives, Designated Fundraisers, Child Sponsorships (raised for other ministries)
Other Income	\$1,150.00	0%	Merch sales, interest, etc.
	\$310,928.00		
Event Expenses	\$1,676.00	0.54%	Expenses related to hosting events
Equipping Initiative	\$15,641.00	5.03%	Expenses related to ministry within Equipping Initiative
Sending Initiative	\$64,438.00	20.72%	Expenses related to ministry within Sending Initiative
Designated Fundraising	\$131,599.00	42.32%	Payouts and Expenses for Funding Initiatives, Designated Fundraisers, Child Sponsorships
Designated Fundraising	\$7,648.00	2.46%	Funding distributed to Haiti Project from 2021 fundraising
Payroll	\$44,751.00	14.39%	Staff salary, wages, and benefits.
Ministry Expenses	\$2,282.00	0.73%	Meetings, Hospitality, Appreciation Gifts
Media and Resources	\$1,239.00	0.40%	Website development and hosting, various marketing resources
Rent/Lease	\$6,460.00	2.08%	Ridgeview Mennonite Church
Contractors	\$538.00	0.17%	Subcontractors for services
Legal and Professional Services	\$3,029.00	0.97%	Tax Filings, Legal Advice, Insurance, Merchant Services, Licenses, Cleaning Services, etc.
Office Supplies and Software	\$2,100.00	0.68%	Software, Supplies, Furniture
Repairs/Maintenance	\$5,000.00	1.61%	Contribution towards Lobby Project
Savings	\$24,527.00	7.89%	Financial capacity for 2023
	\$310,928.00		