



CHAMPION
LIFE CENTRE

2023

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STATE OF THE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Champion Life Family,

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” 1 Chronicles 16:34 NIV

As we reflect on the blessings of the past year, I want to express my gratitude for the incredible work of God within our lives and the entire Champion Life Centre family.

This year Champion Life International Outreach (CLIO) or the Resource Centre submitted a simple report that captured the highlights within our entire ministry. Please view the separate report online.

In my role as Global Pastor, I experienced a year filled with challenges, triumphs, and, above all, the unwavering love of God. Throughout the ups and downs, I have witnessed the transformative power of God's love within our ministry. Personally, I am grateful for the strength, guidance, and countless blessings that have shaped my journey.

As we embark on a new year, I am eager to continue walking alongside our pastors, leaders, and churches, fostering an environment of family and passion for advancing the kingdom of God. Thank you for your commitment to the cause of Christ.

I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to being part of the ongoing journey of gratitude and growth.

Serving with you,

Jerry & Elvie Berenguer

Global Pastors,
Champion Life Centre
Champion Life International Outreach



Warmest greetings to all our Champion Life Family!

2023 was an amazing year for our church family. Looking back on this past year, my heart is filled with thanksgiving to God on all that He has done for us this past year. We undeniably experienced His power, presence, and love in our personal lives and in the life of the church. May this past year give us great hope and faith for what still lies ahead for us and our ministry. There is more that God has in store for us – the best is still yet to come!

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:**Spiritual Formation & Equipping**

This past year we continued to place an importance on spiritual growth and maturity. Teaching sermon series were created to address the spiritual needs of our church family. Sermon series such as Gaining Ground, The Change Series, Beyond Ourselves, Kingdom Life, Always Prepared and Hope For Ordinary People helped our family grow spiritually. For the first time, our family also opened the year with 21 days of prayer and fasting. We rejoice at all the testimonies of breakthrough that occurred as people sought out the Lord in prayer. In addition, we hosted a seminar on God's Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility held by Dr. Roy Verzosa.

In 2023, our church was also given the opportunity to grow in their faith through life groups, lead time leadership equipping, hour of power gatherings, soaking nights and Encounter God retreats. I am proud to witness a real growth in many lives as they commit to following Jesus daily.

We also rejoice over the many decisions to follow Jesus - 43 salvations and 21 baptisms!

In addition, we are proud of Carl Miniano & Michaela Murillo who completed LEAD SCHOOL in July. LEAD SCHOOL trains and equips students to be effective leaders as they follow Jesus and are transformed by Him. Congratulations Carl & Michaela!

Strengthening Relationships

2023 was a year that we grew closer in relationship with one another. We held our first church camp since the pandemic and also participated in CLC's Annual Sportsfest. During the holidays we also had a fun-filled 80's Christmas Dinner Party and ended the year worshipping God at our New Year's Eve Gala. My heart is always filled with joy to see all of us commit to walking through life together. We are also proud to welcome 55 new members this year to our CLC family!

Community Outreach

In 2023, we made an intentional effort to reach out and help our local community. We created new partnerships with local organizations and supported them with volunteerism as well as financial support. In 2023, we gave away over \$6000 to our community, sowing into organizations such as Peel Boy and Girls Club, Regeneration, The Journey, Free for All, the Knights Table, City Serve, Samaritan's Purse, Compassion Canada, IJM and many more. In addition, we hosted many community outreach events such as our SummerFest Fundraiser and Hope-filled Christmas Dinner Show. New to this year, we also participated in our city's First Responder BBQ aimed to feed the first responders in the city. This past December, Sharing the Joy was also a huge success, with all Community Groups intentionally volunteering and serving all over the city.



Internationally, we also supported two missionaries – Micah Murillo and Cheryl Brown - to the Philippines to serve communities by meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

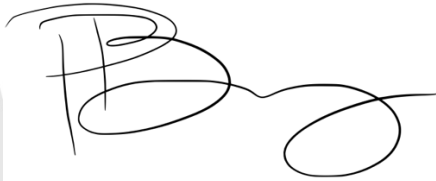
Way to go Champions!

Acknowledgements

My heartfelt thank you to our hard-working and passionate staff, leaders, workers, and members. We truly could not have accomplished all that we have without your continual sacrifice to advance God's Kingdom. May God bless you and reward you for what you have sowed. Thank God for each one of you!

In 2024, I believe we will experience God's power and presence like never before. Let us continue to have BIG faith – He will build His church! Let's continue to run the race – *together!*

Serving with you,



Paul Berenguer
Lead Pastor - Brampton



GUEST & MEMBER EXPERIENCE

Annette Perez, Director

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Our Guest and Member Experience team aims to create a warm and welcoming environment for guests and members. The team ensures that guests are valued, comfortable and connected during their visit to our church. We also provide information of our CLC programs and activities.

KEY METRICS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Report for 2023
 Total Members & Attenders: 409
 Members: 304
 Youth: 43
 Children: 76
 Guests: 271
 Salvations: 43
 Water Baptisms: 21
 Life Groups: 30

With the 51 volunteers we have for 2023, our team was able to support and assist all events and activities of CLC Brampton. Team members were cross-trained and able to fill roles as needed during Sunday celebrations. GMEx has had a remarkable year, positively impacting the lives of many. We have witnessed an increase in attendance of first-time visitors. It is such a blessing and humbling experience to be part of their journey with God. Many of these guests have become regular attenders and some have become members of the CLC family. Our team has done training with our other CLC churches – CLC Toronto and Calgary.

GOALS FOR 2024

I would like to welcome all the 64 volunteers for 2024. This year, I would like to strengthen the Connect Team – to add and involve more members, provide and conduct training and equipping to establish a dedicated team to connect with guests.

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**SPECIAL
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I thank God for all the Team Leads and their team members. Their passion for serving God by serving others and love for the church community have truly set an inspiring example for us all.

Worship

Katrina Imson-Victoria, Director

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Worship is an expression of our love and adoration for God. By creating an environment of worship that is accessible, engaging, and spiritually uplifting, the ministry seeks to provide a space where individuals can connect with God in a deeper way.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Soaking Nights (Jan 18, Oct 20)
- Worship and Production New Years Party (Jan 29)
- Pizza and Games Night (Feb 19)
- Fresh Fire Worship (Feb 24)
- Easter (April 14)
- CLC Leadership Summit (Apr 28-29)
- OFMF Worship (May 8)
- Brampton YA Worship (June 22)
- CLC NYE Countdown (Dec 31)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established clear leadership roles with appointed band leaders and worship leaders
- Continued growth in musical proficiency through regular rehearsals and focused training sessions
- Positive feedback and testimonies from the congregation about the impact of the worship ministry on their spiritual journey

GOALS FOR 2024

- Prioritize prayer and intentional preparation before rehearsals and worship sets
- Enhance musical proficiency through consistent practice, workshops, training sessions and development opportunities
- Identify and nurture emerging leaders within the team for future growth
- Help create an environment where individuals feel comfortable expressing their worship in different ways: whether through raised hands, kneeling, or other physical expressions of devotion

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you Worship Team for your unwavering dedication and passion in leading our Church and community in worship. Your commitment to creating a meaningful and spiritually enriching atmosphere has touched the hearts of many. May our continued efforts be a testament to the beauty of worship that exalts our Father. To God be all the glory!!!

CREATIVE ARTS

Paul Berenguer, Interim Director

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

The heart behind the Creative Arts Ministry is to honour and glorify God through creative giftings and talents. The Creative Arts team is passionate about honouring God through dance, drama and song. We believe that we are able to exalt and glorify our Father through the arts as we use the gifts and talents He has given us to offer our worship Him.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Two Good Friday Easter Celebrations
Two Hope-Filled Christmas Dinner Shows

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Created and produced a variety of song, dance and drama specials for both events
- Established a creative arts core leadership team to lead song, dance and drama
- Worked with the production ministry and interior design ministry to produce high quality shows
- Avg. attendance of all shows roughly 300 people

GOALS FOR 2024

- Establish and develop a leadership team to handle the ministry
- Build the volunteer base
- Continue to reach out to the community

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to all the teams that worked hard to practice and perform for each of these productions. Your labour is not in vain! May God multiply your talents and be your reward. Also, thank you to Kristelle Gillis, Rachelle Alcazaren and Eric Jonathan Almojuela for leading this team so passionately!

PRODUCTION

Josh Victoria, Director

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

We see this ministry as the technical covering of our services and events, building an atmosphere that focuses on God and makes room for His presence to move through the use of sound, lighting, and video media.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

We served in the following events throughout 2023:

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- Worship & Production New Years Party (Jan 29)
- Fresh Fire (Feb 24)
- Easter (Apr 13)
- CLC Leadership Summit (Apr 28-29)
- OFMF Event (May 8)
- Brampton YA Worship Night (June 22)
- CLC NYE Countdown

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As a highly technical ministry consisting of ever-changing and always evolving platforms and mediums; the current team has remained teachable and passionate! Continuously growing technical expertise in all our areas within production. As a result, those attending any of our services are able to stay engaged and experience how God is moving throughout each gathering! The excellence that each volunteer brings is inspiring, their commitment to not only fulfill a role but make an intentional effort to serve at their best; is more than we ask as a ministry.

GOALS FOR 2024

Based on the signups in the recent months, it's possible for our team to grow double in size! Prayerfully, and diligently we hope to retain these interests and have them be part of the team to better serve the people coming to join our services.

This year, we hope to grow our knowledge base with online training resources and in-house workshops.

Our main goals for this year are to improve our livestream and all listening experiences also in-person inside our auditorium.

**SPECIAL
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

To our current, and ever faithful team, Derek, Jeremie, Jonathan, Karl, Kat and Reycious, THANK YOU for your continued support in all things production, it's not always easy, but as we see more and more lives impacted by your service is the greatest accomplishment we could imagine. We couldn't have accomplished much without you!

MEDIA

Andrew Chen, Director

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

The Media team supports the mission of Champion Life through visual communication. From sermon graphics and video to website and brand, we live at the intersection of creativity, technology and ministry.

KEY METRICS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continue to support and manage championlife.ca websites
- 50+ Sermon Graphics
- 24 Special Events Graphics
- Launched weekly photography rotation and monthly video capture.
- Thousands of live photos and videos archived
- Launched v1 of Champion life Brand Guidelines

GOALS FOR 2024

Increase the scale of video and photography coverage for additional services.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A huge thank you to: Cheryl Paquin for organizing and scheduling our live photography and video. Jeremie Mugar for his continued support on pro-presenter assets. Micah for her continued leadership on in-house content & graphics.

CHAMPION KIDS

Rachel Berenguer, Director

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

We believe every kid's greatest adventure is discovering they are loved by God. Through fun activities, Bible lessons, songs and prayer, our Children's Ministry encourages kids to explore God's big heart and be everyday champions! Where laughter is loud, friendships are formed, and every day is a new discovery in God's amazing world.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Wild Life VBS
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Back to School BBQ
- Light up the Night

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Transitioned from Kirsten Victoria to Rachel Berenguer as Champion Kids Ministry Director
- Opened and furnished the Nursery and Pre-School Room
- Created new events to minister to families (Easter Egg Hunt and Back to School BBQ)
- Brought back in-person VBS
- Onboarded six new volunteers

GOALS FOR 2024

- Implement proper check-in using Planning Centre
- Introduce a new curriculum
- Rebrand Champion Kids
- Create new class structure

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A huge thank you to all our volunteers at Champion Kids who help make every Sunday fun, engaging and always about Jesus. Your love for God and for His children are changing the world!

LIVING PROOF

Kat Victoria, Youth Coordinator

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Living Proof is a movement of passionate youth that has experienced the unconditional love of God, and is empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring the good news to everyone. We are truly living proof of God's grace and truth, by being genuine in our love for others and authentic in our love for God.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Youth Encounter Retreat
- LP Games and Open Mic/ Karaoke Nights
- Pizza Making night
- Girls/Guys Night
- Back to School Bash
- LP Amazing Race
- Pumpkin Painting night
- Change Conference 2023
- LP Winter Ball
- LP goes skating
- Cafe/Board games night

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We fundraised enough money to bring our youth to Encounter
- Our youth was able to go on a 3 day retreat to experience and encounter God
- Bought, donated and put together care packages for refugee families in our community
- Had at least 50+ youth come out to our Winter Ball Party

GOALS FOR 2024

- For youth to know biblical truth and how to apply it in their lives
- For youth to practice reading and understanding the bible
- Encouraging our youth on how to live a prayerful life
- For youth to show that we are living proof of God's love to their friends, family and classmates
- To represent and reflect Christ in every areas of our lives



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We want to thank all our volunteers and leaders for all their hard work, sacrifice and all the love they poured into serving our young people. We also want to thank those who have helped us fundraise money for the youth encounter; Cocopuffs catering, Cheryl Brown, Cristina Romero, Erica Pacag, Brother Aries, because of your heart for this youth group, this generation has experienced the love of God they will never forget! And thank you to our church family who continuously support this ministry. Without your guidance, prayer and support we wouldn't be the youth group we are today. We love and appreciate you all!

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