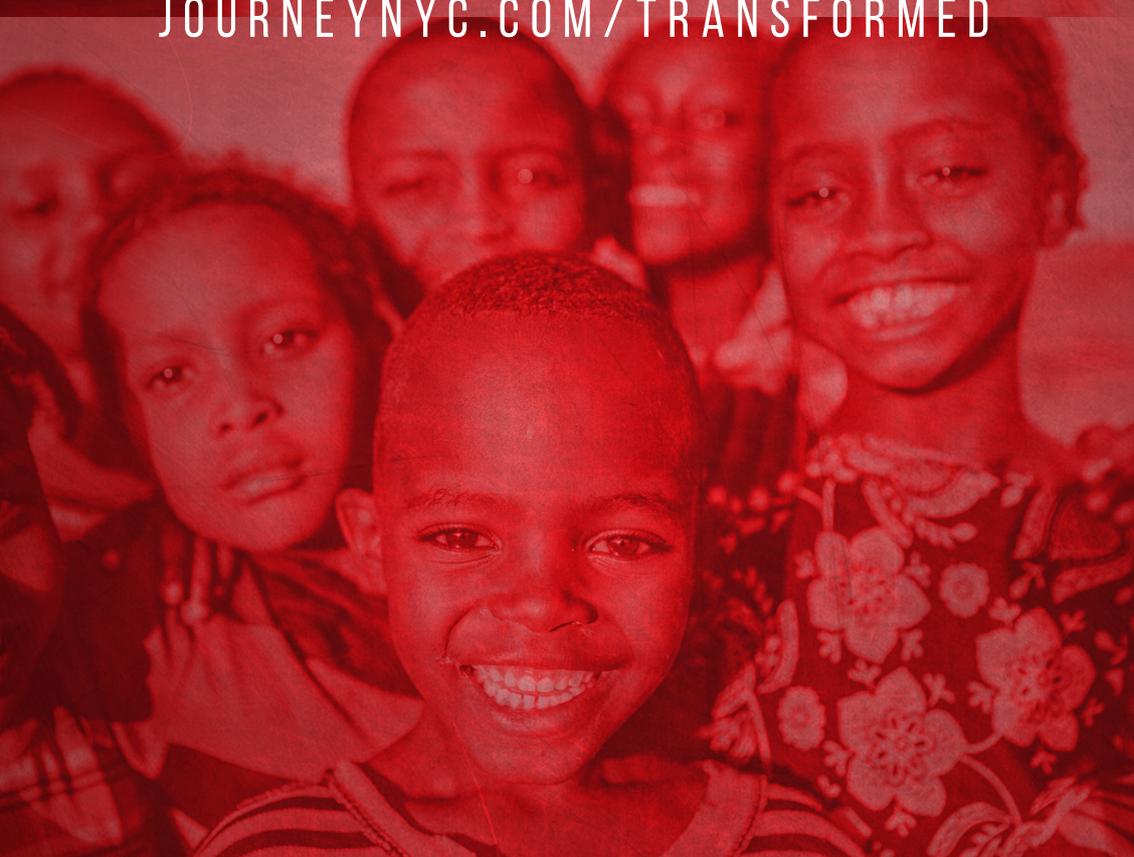




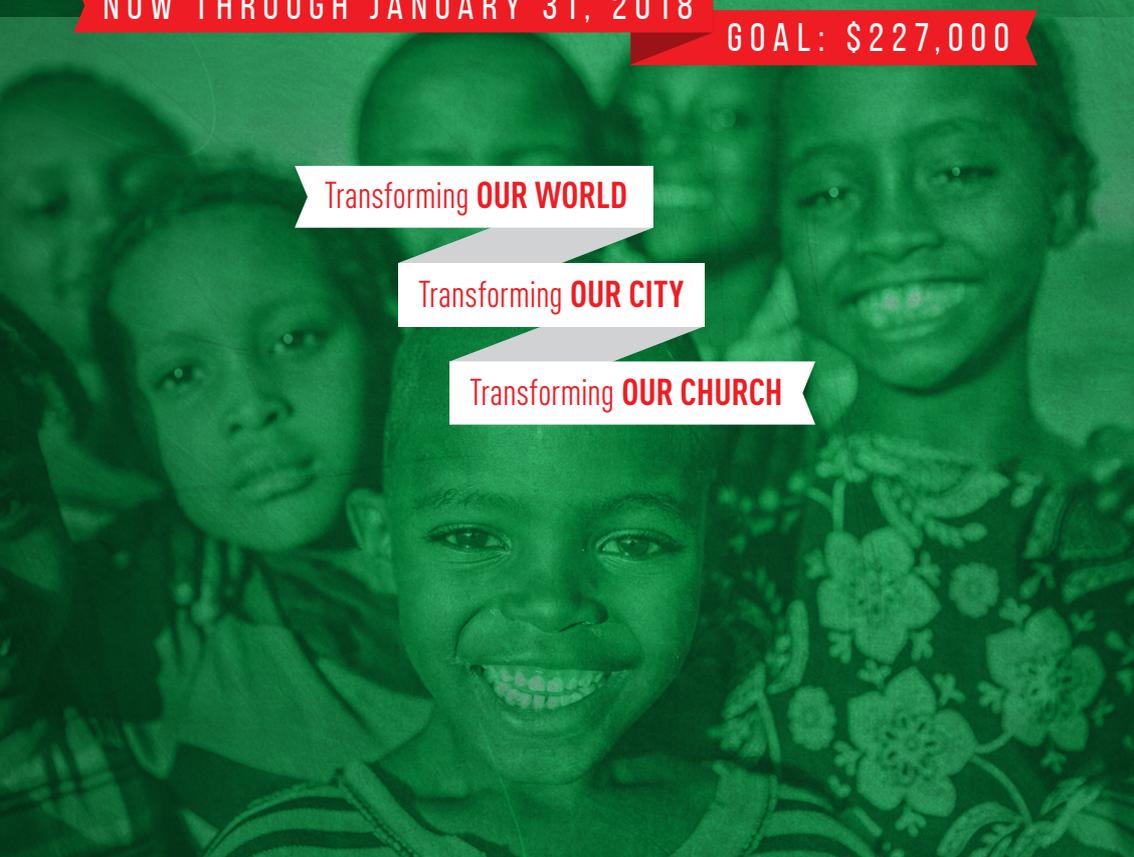
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Dear Journey Family,

Today I am excited to introduce you to The Journey's **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering that begins this month and continues through January 31, 2018.

As we celebrate our 15th birthday as a church family, it's incredible to look back and see how God has used and blessed our church since we began weekly services on Easter 2002. We have expanded to three Journey locations in Manhattan and one in South Florida, we've seen over 2,500 people baptized, and we've done all we can to *give the people of New York City the best opportunity to become fully-developing followers of Jesus.*

2017 has been a year of growth – both spiritually and numerically. Now as we look forward to 2018, I believe this Special Offering will allow us to deepen our impact for Jesus in NYC and around the globe!

Here's how your giving to **TRANSFORMED** will help us do just that:

**TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD**  
Through Missions and Church Planting

**TRANSFORMING OUR CITY**  
Through Evangelism and Inner-City Ministries

**TRANSFORMING OUR CHURCH**  
Through Caring for Those in Need  
and Investing in the Next Generation

Please read through this booklet to learn more about this exciting opportunity for us as a church to give sacrificially and make a great impact for Jesus.

Will you begin praying now about what God would have you give (*over and above your regular giving*) to this Special Offering? Allow God to stretch your faith!

Together, let's see our city and world **TRANSFORMED** for Jesus!

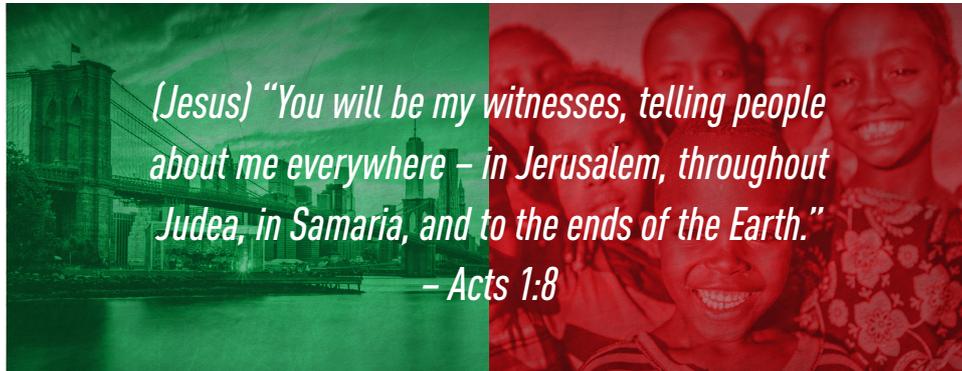
  
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**P.S.** – This booklet will give you an overview of the Special Offering and answer many common questions. However, if you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Journey staff at 212.730.8300 x200 or giving@journeynyc.com.

# TRANSFORMED

SPECIAL OFFERING

OVERVIEW



The **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering is a call to sacrificial giving with a goal of \$227,000 for three important ministry and missions areas:

## Transforming **OUR WORLD**

### Through Missions and Church Planting:

- Supporting missionaries in the U.S. and around the world who are taking the Gospel to those in greatest need (including missionaries sent out by The Journey).
- Continuing our support in South Africa for children who have been impacted by HIV/AIDS, through First City Baptist Church and their school and care center.
- Helping to start a new church in Baltimore in 2018.

## Transforming **OUR CITY**

### Through Evangelism and Inner-City Ministries:

- Meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the less fortunate in NYC through our Inner City and Community Ministries (including Graffiti Community Ministries).
- Reaching the people of NYC in creative ways with the life-changing love of Jesus.
- Partnering with a NYC-based Christian organization to fight human trafficking here in New York City.

## Transforming **OUR CHURCH**

### Through Caring for Those in Need and Investing in the Next Generation:

- Funding the 2018 Benevolence and Counseling Ministry of the church (to help those in the church who face a moment of crisis or emergency and need assistance).
- Investing in the spiritual growth of our children and families through necessary upgrades to equipment and Bible-learning tools in Journey Kidz.
- Enhancing our three Journey Manhattan locations (Village, Upper West and Upper East) and other new ministry initiatives that God provides.

**The TRANSFORMED Special Offering  
will be received through January 31, 2018.**

- Give by using the enclosed offering envelope. Write the amount of your gift on the red line designated TRANSFORMED and mail the envelope postage-paid to The Journey office or drop it in the offering on Sunday.
- Give online at [www.JourneyNYC.com/Transformed](http://www.JourneyNYC.com/Transformed).
- Give by texting "Transformed" and the amount you would like to give to 917-300-1015.

# TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD

## THROUGH MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING



### To support global and U.S. missions (including missionaries sent by The Journey).

We are a church that supports missions. This focus will continue as we assist missionaries around the globe who are reaching out to every identified people group, especially those in highly unchurched countries. Through cooperative efforts with other mission-minded churches, we are designating a portion of the Special Offering to support 3,000+ North American missionaries and 5,000+ international missionaries.

The **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering will also directly support Journey missionaries **JC and Mindy Choi** as they work with an unreached people group in East Asia.

### To continue our impact in South Africa for children impacted by HIV/AIDS.

For the last nine years we have been expanding our work in **South Africa** through First City Baptist Church (East London) and their ministry to children who have been impacted by HIV/AIDS. We assisted them in building a new school for an impoverished community and have helped to fund their care center.



Through the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering, not only will we continue to grow and improve Hope School (now serving students through 8th grade), but we will financially support Journey missionary **Adam Cochran**, who serves on staff at the school. Your giving will have a tangible impact on the lives of those children THIS YEAR!



### To start a new church near Baltimore: Venture Church.

We are a church that starts churches. We've launched or helped to launch churches in Queens, Staten Island, Boca Raton, Tampa, Las Vegas, San Francisco and in Silicon Valley. Through the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering we will help church planter Josh Fields start **Venture Church** just outside of Baltimore in Fallston, MD.

# TRANSFORMING OUR CITY

## THROUGH EVANGELISM AND INNER-CITY MINISTRIES



### To meet the spiritual and physical needs of the less fortunate in our city through Inner-City and Community Ministries.

We are a church that serves the “least of these.” Through the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering we have a unique opportunity to help those in the greatest need in our city, both spiritually and physically. We will partner with local organizations that are making a real difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

That’s why we partner with **Graffiti Community Ministries** on the Lower East Side to support their after-school programs for kids and youth, clothing and food programs for the poor and job training and GED programs.

### To reach the people of NYC in creative ways with the life-changing love of Jesus.

A recent study from the Barna Research Group shows that the Northeast is the most unchurched region of the country, and New York City ranks as one of the most “post-Christian” cities in America. That’s why New York City is still our greatest mission field.

With over 20 million people living in the Metro New York City area, 8.5 million people in the five boroughs and 1.6 million in Manhattan, there are millions of people in our sphere of influence who don’t have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

The **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering will help expand our evangelism efforts here in NYC (including our Servant Evangelism efforts and other creative outreaches) so we can continue to reach our city with the love of Jesus!



### To provide love and support to those impacted by human trafficking in NYC.

In 2018 we will partner with a great New York City-based Christian organization called **RESTORE NYC** to serve and provide hope to women who are survivors of sex trafficking.

Restore NYC provides services, assessments, a safe home and economic empowerment programs for those escaping from or at risk of human trafficking. Through the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering we will be able to support their holistic work.



# TRANSFORMING OUR CHURCH

THROUGH CARING FOR THOSE IN NEED

AND INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION



## To fund The Journey's 2018 Benevolence and Counseling Ministry that supports those in our church at their time of greatest need.

We are a church that comes alongside of those at The Journey who are struggling financially and emotionally. Since 2005, our Benevolence Ministry has allowed us to help hundreds of people who are in distress due to difficult financial times, a loss of a job or apartment, or a death in the family.

In addition, we have been able to provide for those who need professional Christian counseling. Dozens of marriages have been strengthened in the last few years because we were able to help.

Because of your generous giving to the Special Offering, so far in 2017 we have been able to approve all valid requests for benevolence and counseling funding. We look forward to meeting these needs again in 2018!

## To teach the next generation about Jesus in Journey Kidz.

We're a church that loves to invest in children and families. In 2017 we saw our Journey Kidz ministry grow faster than ever before and we made big improvements, including our new automated check-in system. In 2018 we want to continue investing in and expanding our ministry to children and their families.

We've designed a fantastic Sunday experience for children in all three of our locations, and we're planning improvements for next year that will help take this ministry to the next level. When you give to the **TRANSFORMED** Special Offering, you help strengthen our families and assist them in raising their children in a Godly way, and assist our team in teaching kids about Jesus in creative and engaging ways.

## To continue enhancing our three Journey Manhattan locations and other new ministry initiatives that God provides.

The Journey is a church with three vibrant Manhattan locations: Village, Upper West and Upper East. Since moving to our current locations in 2016, we have seen our reach for Jesus Christ across the city expand dramatically, with over 3,200 first-time guests, close to 700 new believers and 250 people who have been baptized.



Now as 2018 approaches, we hope to maximize our Manhattan locations to reach more people with the love of Jesus. We will enhance the Sunday worship experience through improvements to our equipment and signage and other important strategic upgrades, as well as staying on the lookout for potential new meeting locations in our neighborhoods.

In addition, we will continue to offer the best opportunity for the people of New York City to become fully-developing followers of Jesus! To do that, we want to use the best resources, offer the greatest opportunities to grow spiritually, and create unique and creative settings to consider a relationship with God. In 2018 we will need to stay ahead in our equipment, facility setup, transportation and resourcing to see this happen. We want to be prepared to respond to any new ministry opportunities that God presents us in the coming year!



# TRANSFORMED

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### *Why a Special Offering?*

As part of God's plan to grow the faith of the people in His church, He calls us to sacrificial giving from time to time. This Special Offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and prepare for what God wants to do through our church in 2018. This is not because we are behind on budget, but to position us to make a greater impact in our community, in our church and around the world.

### *What's the difference between the regular offering and this Special Offering?*

The regular Journey offering is the proportional amount (the full tithe of 10%) that we set apart on a systematic basis and give throughout the year. From time to time there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way. This Special Offering is one of those sacrificial occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith, and should be over and above what you regularly give.

### *How much should I give?*

Since the goal is \$227,000, this Special Offering will involve everyone. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Many in our church can give a \$5,000, \$50,000 or even a \$100,000 gift. Others will be able to give between \$100 and \$500. The issue is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith?

### *When should I give?*

The best time to give will be the first Sunday after you receive this packet. Please pray about making your best gift on that day. However, you can continue to give until January 31, 2018. Please use the "TRANSFORMED" area on the offering envelopes or include a note designating that your gift is for the Special Offering. Remember, consistent gifts over time add up: a person giving \$50 per week over a ten-week period will give \$500 to the Special Offering.

### Why is the goal so large?

Since the beginning of The Journey in 2002, we have been a church that has dared to dream big dreams for God. The ministries supported by this offering are BIG: supporting global and U.S. missions, starting new churches, supporting local organizations that assist the poor and needy, funding the 2018 Benevolence and Counseling Ministries, and enhancing Journey Kidz and other new ministry initiatives. Big dreams require big faith and big funding. The accomplishment of these big dreams will be determined by your gifts to this Special Offering.

### Can I give online via bank check, through auto-debit, or by text giving?

Yes to all. When you give at JourneyNYC.com via **online giving**, simply select “TRANSFORMED Special Offering” under the “Fund” drop-down menu. Likewise, you can use your bank’s online payment option to send a check directly to the church office. Just mark in the memo area that your gift is for the TRANSFORMED Special Offering.

You can also give to the Special Offering via a simple **text message**. If you’ve never given to The Journey this way, text the word “GIVE” to 917-300-1015. You will receive an immediate response with instructions on setting up this option (it takes less than 60 seconds). Then you can text the word “TRANSFORMED” and the amount of your gift (i.e. TRANSFORMED 500 or TRANSFORMED 1000).

If you would like to make a special, one-time **auto-debit** over and above your regular giving, call 212.730.8300 x200 and speak with Shelley or e-mail Shelley@JourneyNYC.com – it’s quick and easy.

### Can I make in-kind gifts of stocks or bonds?

Of course! Since The Journey is a 501c3 organization, there can be tremendous tax benefits for you by giving in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving, call 212.730.8300 x200 and speak with Shelley or e-mail Shelley@JourneyNYC.com.

### How did we arrive at the \$227,000 goal?

The \$227,000 goal for our NYC locations was prayerfully set by The Journey Pastoral Team, and is approximately six times our regular weekly giving. It is a God-sized goal that can only be reached through 100% participation and sacrificial giving by our Journey attenders and members. Since we are expecting God to bless this Special Offering, it has been determined that any amount over and above our goal will be divided equally between Missions and Ministry Advancement.

### Are my gifts tax-deductible?

All gifts to The Journey, whether via the regular offering or this Special Offering, are completely tax-deductible. Your gift will be deductible in the tax year given (i.e., gifts given in 2017 will be deductible on your 2017 taxes). Please be sure to include your name and address when you give so that a receipt can be sent to you for your tax preparations. You are not required to utilize a tax deduction for your gift, but it is available for all gifts.

### How will I know if we reach our goal?

Please pray for God’s guidance as we all give sacrificially. You will be updated on our giving progress through the *This Sunday @ The Journey* weekly email updates and during the Sunday services. Reaching this goal will be a celebration of what we can do together as we stretch our faith under God’s leadership.

### Have additional questions?

Please contact The Journey’s Financial Administrator, Shelley Stone, at Shelley@JourneyNYC.com, or call 212.730.8300 x200.