

# GRAFFITI 2

community ministries

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

BE  
DIRT!

In Luke 8, Jesus is recorded telling a story about a farmer planting seeds. The seed, which He explains represents God's word, falls in all kinds of places, each with different results. Only one place yields an abundance of lasting fruit.

Jesus explained, "But the seed in the good ground—these are the ones who, **having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and by enduring, bear fruit**" (Luke 8:15).

Jesus doesn't tell the farmer to be a better farmer. He tells them to be dirt, and not just any dirt, because there are all kinds. Only one kind of dirt bears lasting fruit.

What are the distinguishing characteristics of this good dirt?

- 1.) It listens and holds on to the word of God with an honest and good heart.
- 2.) It endures.

This annual report provides a brief summary of life on the urban farm of the South Bronx. Like Jesus's parable, through living in, loving and serving the community, the seed of God's word has been spread. Like Jesus's parable, seeds have fallen on the path, in the rocks, among thorns, and on good dirt. Like Jesus's parable, although a farmer can see the results, he or she can't control the quality of the dirt in others' lives. **All the farmers can do is be the dirtiest dirt dirt can be!**

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Graffiti 2 Community Ministries, thank you for supporting this dirt. We pray we will only get dirtier as we listen and hold on to the word of God, endure, and of course, keep on planting.

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM EACH PROGRAM!!!

### G2 KIDS:

Activities: Afterschool Program & Summer Enrichment  
Children Served: 23

This is my son's first year at G2 and I can already see improvement in his school work. **I like that the program is smaller than other programs. he gets more individual help.** Jatniel always asks me when is the next after school day, he loves to go there and learn.

- Isamar Aracena (pictured right w/Jatniel)  
Parent of G2Kids Student





## GSALT:

Activities: Afterschool Program & Summer Enrichment  
Students Served: 17

I like being at Graffiti 2 Afterschool because it is fun! I enjoy learning new and fun things like Bible stories.

~ Adama (pictured left)

● 6th Grade G.S.A.L.T

# LIKE!

## G2INTERNS:

Activities: Afterschool Program & Summer Youth Employment  
Students Served: 45

I enjoy being a G2Intern because it allows me to strengthen my communication skills, witness to my community, and build job experience for my future. I also enjoy mentoring and working with the students within the program.

- Noah Johnson (pictured right)

Sophomore at The Academy for Software Engineering

## SUMMER SPORT CAMPS:

Activities: Baseball, Football, Cheerleading, Tennis, & Soccer  
Students Served: 70+

My experience with G2 Sport Camps 2018 was unforgettable. I never knew those four weeks of investing in the lives of those children could be so rewarding and fun! And all through water games and camp songs!! The faces of Mott Haven will always have a special place place in my heart and a lasting impact on my life. I pray God's "mercy is falling" all over the Bronx!

- Danae Race (pictured left)

G2 Summer Intern & Student at Texas Tech





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## SELF DEFENSE

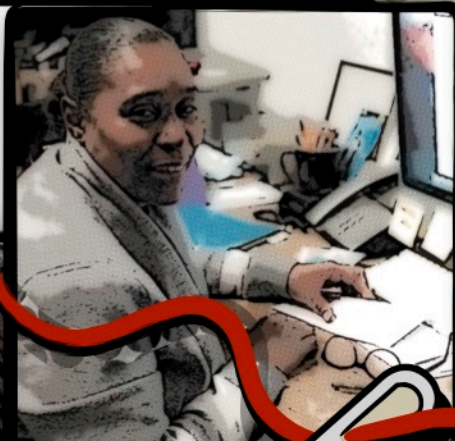
## ADULT LITERACY

### G2WORKS:

Activities: Adult Learning Center & Workforce Development  
Adults Served: 15

I thank Jesus every day for Graffiti 2 Ministries. Graffiti 2 has been my home for 9 plus years and I could personally say that it has been the best years of my life. I could be broken, but when I walk inside those 4 walls everything starts feeling better because I know that I have a family at G2. A family that loves me and prays for me.

- Mildred Marin (pictured right)  
Graffiti 2 Office Manager, G2Works



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Activities: Spring Fling, 3on3 Tournament, School Supply Sale, Thanksgiving Community Meal, Christmas Family Outreach.  
Numbers Served: 250+



I definitely look forward to the tournament every year. It brings the neighborhood together to compete against one another for bragging rights. The most important thing I take away from it is G2 caring about the community and having events like this every year. It encourages people like myself, when I get older, to orchestrate something like this annually for my community. To that I say thank you for Graffiti 2.

-Jonathan Jackson (pictured 2nd from left)  
1st Place Team, 3 on 3 Tournament  
& Student at Morehouse College



### VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERSHIPS:

Church Partners who pray, give, and go: 30+  
Mission Team Volunteers: 250+  
Local Volunteers: 35+



Our missions ministry was once founded on the principles of one-way giving, make-work service projects, poverty tourism, and paternalistic thinking. G2 has helped our church in Abilene repent and discover a better way to fulfill the Great Commission through partnership!!! By offering UpsideDown Training for our mission teams, allowing us to join-in their everyday ministry efforts and consistently and creatively communicating updates of what God's doing in the South Bronx and beyond a true friendship has developed between our 2 churches effectively changing the way we love God and our neighbors.

~ Nathan Adams (pictured left)  
Missions Pastor, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas





## GRAFFITI 2 BAPTIST CHURCH:

Church Members: 17

Baptisms: 2

Average Attendance: 25



I started as a volunteer with Graffiti 2 and now I am a church member...Pastor Andrew has helped me so much, and I thank God for every one there.

- Dawn Kemp (pictured in the middle)  
G2BC Church Member, Volunteer,  
& Bronx Resident

# AWESOME!

## UPSIDE DOWN REPORT:

Poverty Lab Trainings provided: 11

Number of Leaders trained in Poverty Labs: 1080

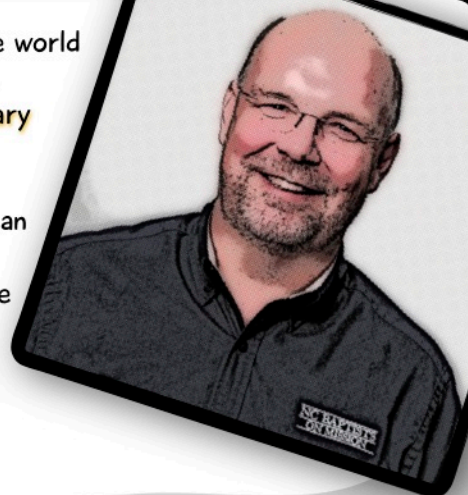
Launched New Website: [www.upsidedownlife.org](http://www.upsidedownlife.org)

For years the desire has burned within me to turn the world upside down like the early believers did in Thessalonica.

Upside Down Training captured the heart of the revolutionary change in ministry focus I needed and that I can share with others. Since participating in Upside Down Training, I share four words in nearly every conversation I have with people who want their life and their church to make an eternal impact on their community: "Meet the Need First." Upside Down gives a refreshing jump start to ministry in any setting. Now when I share the Upside Down principles of Serving the Unserved, Seeing the Unseen, and Small is Big I can see and hear the new life that begins to fill discouraged hearts. Thank you for lighting the way with Upside Down Training.

- Paul Langston (pictured right)

Mission Mobilization Consultant Baptists on Mission/NCBM

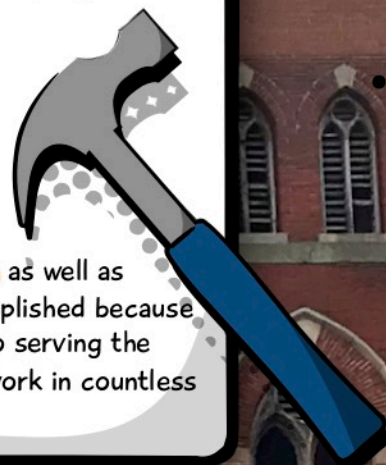


## BUILDING REPORT:

Because of the generous financial gifts of donors and the dirty work of volunteers, a lot of progress has been made around the building. Below are the key projects completed this past year:

- Renovation of kitchen
- Construction of storage building, fence and garbage bins in back yard
- Installation of sump pump in basement to mitigate flooding issues
- Installation of laminate floor in worship area
- Repair and replacement of damaged floor joists
- Demolition and construction of new stairway access to the basement

In the year ahead we are hopeful we will be able to install the long-awaited new bathroom as well as continue making improvements around the building. So much of this work has been accomplished because of the sacrificial, volunteer service of Ted Menster. He has faithfully dedicated himself to serving the Lord and Graffiti 2 by overseeing all volunteer work as well as putting his own hands to work in countless projects that didn't make the list above.



"Overwhelmed" is the word I would use to describe my experience at Graffiti 2 the last year and a half. Overwhelmed that God has given me this opportunity to be a part of His kingdom work, how He has provided all that is needed to make those trips from North Carolina to the Bronx and back. Overwhelmed by the G2 staff, their love for God and their commitment to sharing His love with the people in the community. Overwhelmed at how God has met all our needs both financially and by sending volunteers to help with the many projects to improve and update the building that we moved into last year. I am looking forward with excitement to what God is going to do in the days ahead.

- Ted Menster (pictured right)

Volunteer Building & Site Manager from North Carolina





# 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

**Staff Networks: \$140,194.22**—Funds raised by individual staff members from their personal networks of individuals and churches. The goal is for each staff member to find support to meet 100% of the cost of his or her employment.

**Designated Program Gifts: \$29,266.10**—Grants, fundraisers, designated donations, parental investment, special events.

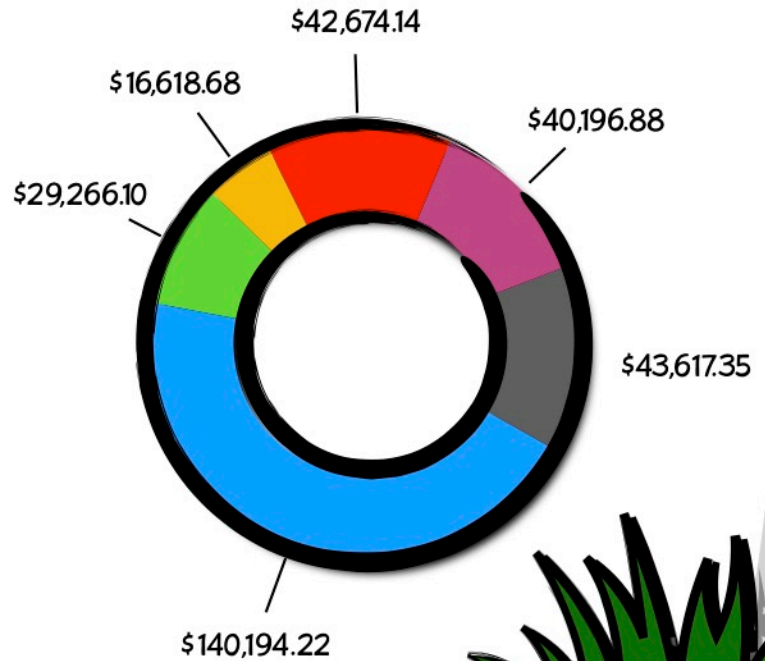
**Service and Sales: \$16,618.68**—Graffiti 2 Works, books, shirts, hats, Upside Down Training.

**Church Partner Giving: \$42,674.14**—Churches committed to partnering with Graffiti 2 by praying, giving, and going.

**Undesignated Individual Donors: \$40,196.88**—Individual donors who give one-time or monthly gifts.

**Vision Fund and Building Projects: \$43,617.35**—money raised towards ongoing renovation projects and the long-term sustainability of Graffiti 2.

## TOTAL REVENUE: \$312,567.37



**Facility: \$14,173.30**—Includes rent of facility, maintenance, materials, insurance, and utilities.

**Building Renovations: \$42,915.11**—Investment made into building through renovations that offset rent

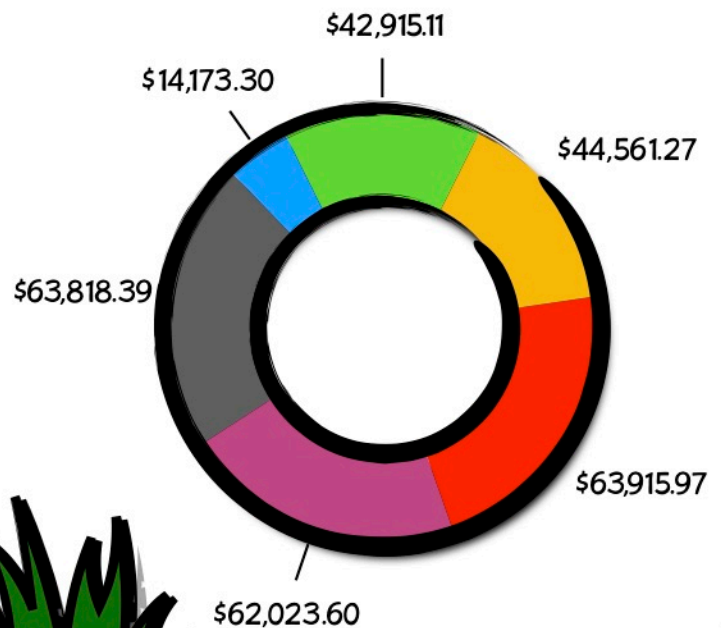
**Ministry-Wide Objectives: 44,561.27**—Includes applicable personnel costs, administrative, office, Upside Down, community outreach, special events, G2 Store, and fundraising.

**G2Kids Operating Expense: \$63,915.97**—Includes applicable personnel costs, school year programs, summer programs, food, and travel.

**GSALT and G2 Interns: \$62,023.60**—Includes applicable personnel costs, school year programs, summer programs, stipends, food, and travel.

**Graffiti 2 Works: \$63,818.39**—Includes applicable personnel costs, Adult Learning Center materials, Artisan materials, Artisan labor, equipment, and training.

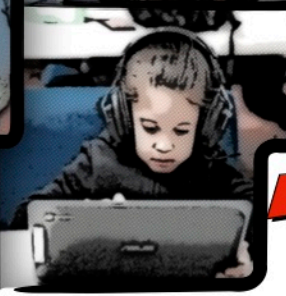
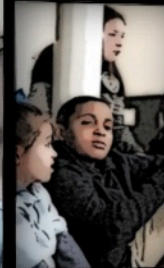
## TOTAL EXPENSES: \$291,407.64



# THE DIRT IS CHANGING HERE IN THE BRONX!



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## "2018"

a year of learning, growing, and  
fellowshipping together as friends at  
Graffiti 2 Community Ministries.



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## PRAY WITH US AS THE STORY CONTINUES...