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A WORD FROM JONATHAN

Beloved,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm thrilled to share Love Reality's 2023 annual report, showcasing the impact of your support. This report offers glimpses into lives transformed by the unwavering message of freedom and redemption.

You'll discover stories of countless individuals touched by Bible studies, Internet Church, podcasts, and more—testimonies of chains broken and hearts renewed. Each number represents real lives transformed.

Our 2023 report reveals our gospel outreach growth and impact. It showcases stories of freedom and revelation beyond numbers. Our core mission remains firm: to tell everyone willing to listen that in Christ, by faith, they are **FREE FROM SIN**.

I'm thrilled for you to witness the impact of your partnership. Your support empowers our work. This report celebrates our collaboration and your vital contributions.

Together, we rejoice in transformed lives. Sent out by the Source of Love, we continue forward.

JONATHAN LEONARDO
A GOOD GOSPEL MINISTER



BIBLE STUDIES

Central to the ministry is creating spaces for people to explore good gospel in community. Through these weekly studies, individuals find deeper understanding, connection, and spiritual growth.



MEET AMEYALLI (23) BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO

Ameyalli Saldana's life was profoundly transformed when she encountered the gospel.

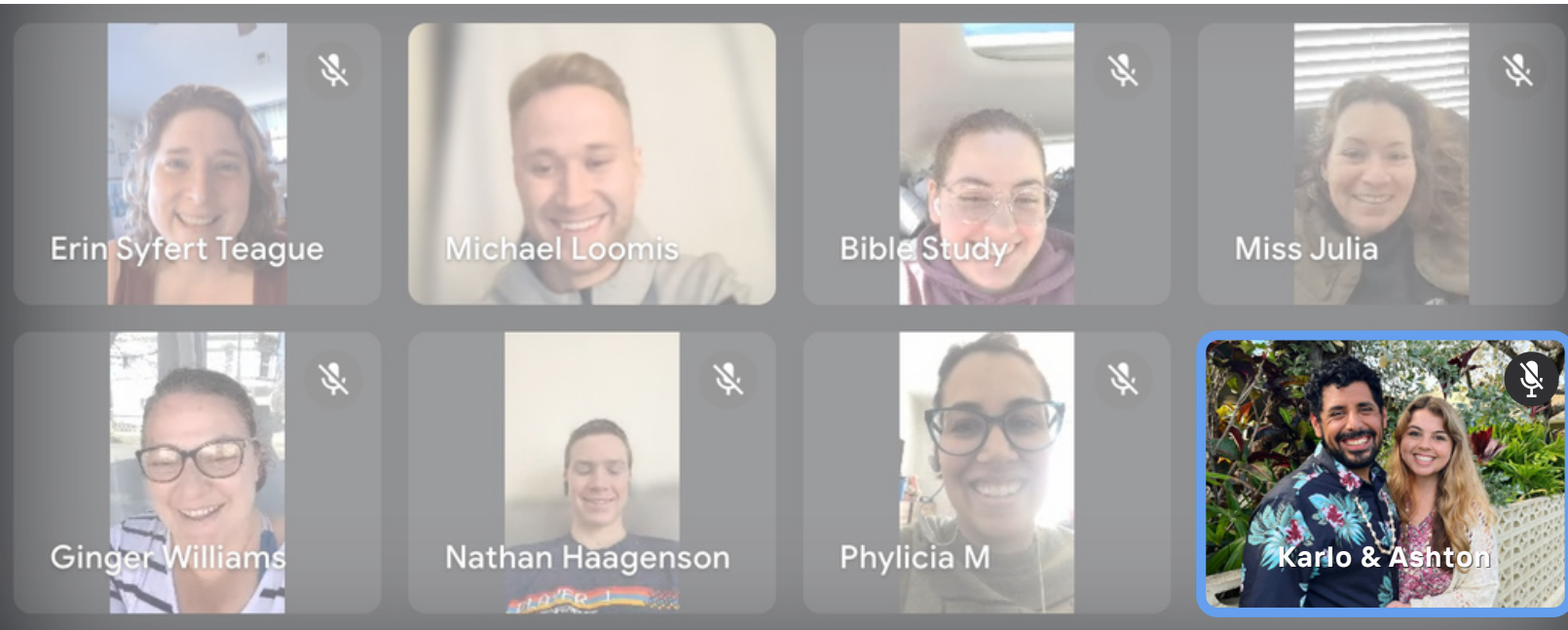
Ameyalli shares, "Participating in Love Reality's Bible studies has fundamentally shifted my entire perspective. I used to believe that He [God] was passive-aggressive and was constantly looking down on me, keeping record of my wrongs."

"God used the Bible studies to grow my understanding of the gospel and to help me realize that He is love. This revelation has set me free from the bondage of performance-based faith. I've matured significantly in my faith, grasping the depth of my righteousness — resting solely on the finished work of Christ."

She adds, "the Love Reality Bible studies helped me find a community of believers who are walking in agreement with the truth, people who have been there for me through the ups and downs of life, who don't regard me according to my actions, and who remind me constantly of my identity in Jesus. They have been family to me for the past three and a half years, and they are the community that helps to constantly keep my eyes fixed on Jesus, the initiator and perfecter of my faith."

Since experiencing the gospel through LR Bible studies, Ameyalli has been a regular contributor to several bible study experiences.

In 2023, over 3,800 people have discovered the gospel through our weekly Bible studies.



INTERNET CHURCH

Internet Church (IC) is a thriving online community, where people discover the liberating truth of Christ's message. It's a haven where individuals find healing, restoration, and a supportive community, transcending barriers of distance and circumstance.

Ashton (26) and Karlo (31), from Glendale, CA, found transformation and healing through Internet Church.

Karlo had turned to unhealthy coping methods, engaging in harmful habits away from Ashton, while she battled the misconception that 'God only gives what one can handle,' believing her turmoil was her identity.

"Before discovering Love Reality's Internet Church, our lives were tangled in turmoil and hidden pain. Unresolved trauma burdened our marriage, leading to secrets and personal struggles."

Ashton stumbled upon IC on social media and invited Karlo. While he initially doubted, for Ashton, "this was the truth." After months at IC and attending a live LR event, they found transformation in their marriage.

In 2023, IC gathered 180+ attendees for sessions lasting 3-4 hours, providing space for people like Ashton & Karlo to experience the gospel.

TOURS

In 2023, Love Reality hosted two transformative tours, each leaving a lasting impact on the community.

The first tour gathered a church community in Pasadena together for an in-person event featuring Richard Young. Among the attendees was Arnold Sy Go, accompanied by his wife Sharon, whose combined testimony embodies the profound impact of this singular event.



MEET ARNOLD (54) & SHARON (48) AZUSA, CA

Arnold shared, 'we've known of God and His power to save, most of our lives. We preached it and taught it to our children, but we didn't really believe it. We didn't know God in a way that bore the fruit of the Spirit.'

“Our concept of God's plan dwelt too much on what we must do for God, but not enough belief in what God had already done for us. This ruined our relationships with each other, our children, our family and friends.”

He continues, “hearing the gospel at a Love Reality Tour clearly demonstrated that because of Christ's work, not ours, we are already dead to sin and alive to God; the old has passed and the new has come.

In Christ, we've been given every spiritual blessing. Now, we live free by accepting God's love and what He has already done through Christ. We receive His love, so we are able to give it to each other and to all around us. We walk in newness of life.”

Love Reality also hosted a digital tour led by Jonathan Leonardo, consisting of 8 live sessions. **This digital endeavor drew an average attendance of around 200 participants per session, marking a substantial engagement in the virtual space.**

The heartfelt testimonies and teachings presented during both the in-person and digital tours resonated deeply within the community, showcasing the transformative power of good gospel.



LIVE EVENTS

This year, Love Reality's first live event in Hawaii brought together people worldwide for worship, Bible study, and building community.

Chica (23) and Dylan (28) from Australia were among the 12 souls gathered.

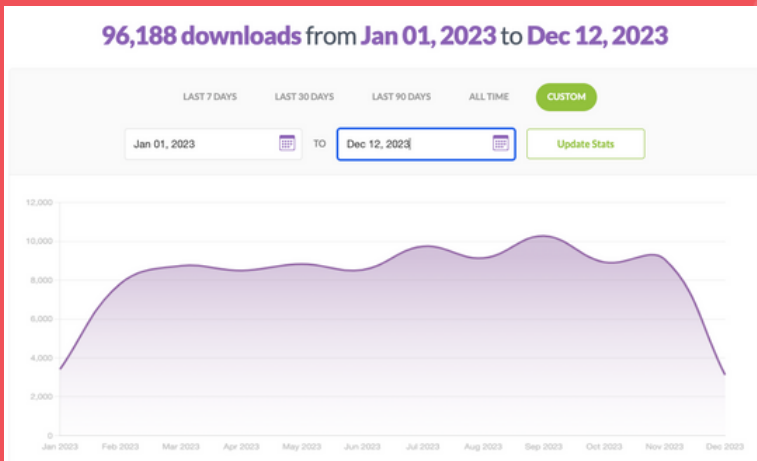
She explains, "Dylan and I were stuck in a hard place. I disqualified myself from God's goodness and separated myself from my husband and faith community in my mind."

"Now, I not only feel God's presence, but also the love of people who care for me like God does."

Dylan's testimony echoed this sentiment, highlighting how witnessing the Gospel lived out in community solidified his faith, making it tangible and real. He shared, "Living with other believers has made me secure in my revelation of Christ, impacting every area of my life."

"I knew in my heart it was a reality because I have lived it, but there is something about seeing it lived out that changes everything. What I have received from it [Friendsgiving] is going to provide a grounding foundation for the rest of my life. It has set me up for every experience and relationship to come."

Their shared story illustrates the strength derived from community, set against the anticipation of their baby boy's arrival in this transformative, faith-filled environment.



MORE THAN NUMBERS

The Death to Life Podcast serves as one of the most impactful and far-reaching extensions of our ministry. Death to Life stands as a beacon of hope, channeling the profound message of freedom from sin and transformation in Christ.

DEATH TO LIFE PODCAST

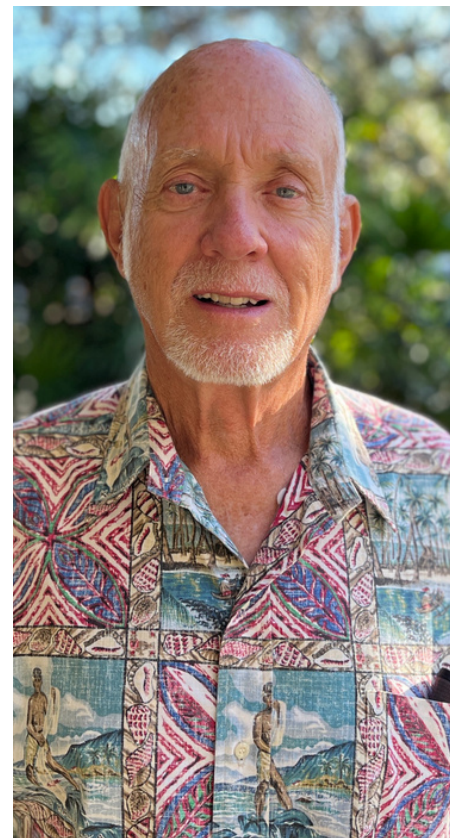
Gary Brown, 73, from Marsing, ID, found the "Death to Life" podcast during a pivotal moment in his spiritual journey, making a lasting impact.

Recalling his initial thoughts, Gary shares, "approaching the sunset years of life, I was unsure about the openness of the podcast's discussions, especially about topics I usually avoided. My years in education instilled a fear of vulnerability, valuing perception over transparency."

"But from that discomfort came growth. The podcast challenged my views. Being an educator made me cautious about openness. But God used it to break those barriers."

Gary found solace in the podcast when he needed it most. He reflects, "realizing our identity as God's children brought true life. It's not about becoming something; it's knowing who we already are in Christ. Lives change when we embrace this truth."

In 2023, "Death to Life" produced 45 new episodes, boasting over 95,000 downloads in the last 12 months.



SOCIAL MEDIA



Following the pandemic, Love Reality shifted from an "on the road" approach and fully embraced a "digital first" approach to preaching the gospel. **This strategic shift has resulted in several million people being exposed to our social media posts, Youtube videos, podcasts, online curriculum, Bible studies, and live events.**

One of the many people impacted by our social media posts is Maggie.

She shares, "I thank God every day for this community. I had convinced myself that I was going to be lonely in this walk forever and then I stumbled across an Instagram story talking about a Bible study. I thought I'll just go check it out, it'll probably just be a one time thing; little did I know that it would become the highlight of my week.

I have had very bad days and sometimes I am scared of them, but I know I have a home here. I so appreciate you all for making this lonely, scared, heartbroken daughter come to see her true value.

I have been set free of an addiction of over a decade of self harm, years of suicidal ideation, and victim mentality. Thank you all for being a part of my story."

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Hey everyone :) I've been checking out y'all's Bible studies and podcasts for the past couple of months and I have to say, since hearing the good news over and over again, there has been serious transformation in me.

I got baptized today, I wanted to say thanks for putting out the content you do. It's helped me stay on path! God bless you!

I just wanted to say how much I truly enjoy being a part of the Bible studies, even if I have yet to make a peep 🗣️

Thank you so much for doing this work.. it had touched this life immensely and I'm sure many others.

this feels like a second home to me now 💖 you guys have been a blessing to speak to and connect with. your ministry is definitely is breaking chains! glory! God is good

Hey man just have to say that Internet Church is one of the coolest experiences I've ever been a part of. I love what y'all are doing!



I'm so thankful for this community ❤️ even though I'm not physically around you all, you all are soo close in my heart ❤️ you've helped me through some really hard thoughts, and showed me so much love 😊😊 I'm still hoping and praying that I get to see you all one day 😊❤️ love y'all ❤️

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MOVING FORWARD

Love Reality is supported by the generosity of gospel-loving people like yourself. Every Podcast, YouTube video, Bible Study, and live event is made possible because people like you decide to partner with us.

As we near the end of the year, we invite you to consider supporting our end-of-year giving campaign. To date, \$20,000 in donations has been pledged for matching. Every dollar you give will be matched until we reach our goal of \$20,000.

If your life has been impacted by this ministry and you'd like to empower us to reach more people with the good good news, consider giving a tax-deductible donation before the end of 2023.

To do so, just visit lovereality.org/give

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Thank you,
Love Reality Team

