Word of Life Youth Ministries Steve & Susan Gledhill December 2023 Support Partner Update







# THE GLEDHILL'S 42 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

# 2023

### **50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE**

Celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 3. It was our personal highlight! We met in February of 1973. We started dating in June and were married in November. God worked several spiritual miracles in our lives in our first two years of marriage. In 1975 God got a hold of both of our hearts and began to guide us into youth ministry. It was awesome to reminisce with our family about it on our anniversary.

## 47 YEARS OF MINISTRY & STILL GOING STRONG

Since 1976, we have been blessed with hundreds and hundreds of opportunities to get the Gospel out to local church communities all over the United States. Thousands have said yes to Jesus Christ and believed the Gospel.

God has allowed us to work with hundreds of local churches and their youth leadership teams. We have had the privilege to train hundreds of leaders. We have helped them reach young people with the Gospel in their communities. We have provided training to help them disciple them. We have befriended hundreds of pastors. This gave us an opportunity to be encouraged by them and for us to encourage them.



### FAMILY UPDATE

God has blessed us with an awesome family experience. We are geographical very close to our family. We all live within a mile of each other. Juleah is away at college but just about one hour drive. We get to do life together.







### **2023 WESTERN USA HIGHLIGHTS**

We are engaged with more almost 30 youth ministries throughout the Western USA. We provided resources, encouragement, training, and counseling. We made sev-



eral outreach trips to various churches to offer onsite training. Steve has had several speaking opportunities to preached the Gospel in schools, churches, youth groups and

camps.

### 2023 & THE GOSPEL

### REPORTS FROM SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES

- Victory Christian School in Carmichael-11 students made professions of faith.
- Sutter High School near Yuba City-7 students asked Jesus to save their souls.
- CityWalk Church Sports Camp-80 children trusted Christ for Salvation
- In Fascar Rallies, 30 children said yes to the Gospel.
- In several other events, an additional 34 students made professions of faith.
- We have reports from some of our churches that many children & students are trusting Christ & being discipled.
- We were able to give the Gospel at our annual Turkey Bowl Outreach in Yuba City-25 young athletes trusted Christ to save them.

### THE 50TH NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REVERB

Most recently, we have partnered with a ministry in the San Francisco Bay Area. Together we planned and executed the 50th Word of Life All Night Student event. We called it Superbowl in 2008, which was the last time we held an event like that until this year.

Word of Life Youth Ministries partnered with the Acts 2 Network's Area Youth Ministries in the San Francisco Bay Area. Together we reached out to more than 25 church groups with the Gospel. At 7pm on October 13, about 500 people attended a professional hockey game, participated in a gospel youth rally, ate lots of pizza and played various fun games until 5am on Saturday. During the Gospel Rally 17 students made professions of faith in Christ and believed the Gospel.

### 2024 LOOKS BUSY

Word of Life Youth Ministries has returned to the West



Coast with regional events. In February, we are holding 2 weekends of winter camp which we call Intersect Camp. Then in the Fall we will have our 51st. Reverb/Superbowl.

**INTERSECT CAMP DATES:** February 16-18 & 23-25

### **CITYWALK CHURCH**

We volunteers as Olympian Leaders at our church every Wednesday night. We are also small group leaders in our home with about 14 senior adults every Thursday. Steve is also the Volunteer Pastor of Care and connection at CityWalk Church.

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We are in year 43 of our missionary service. We are anticipating many more years of effective ministry. We evaluate our effectiveness year by year. We are eager to serve and we still have the energy to do our part. The potential here on the West Coast of the USA is incredible. We have many opened doors to get the Gospel in places that are often closed to it. We are asking God to provide more volunteers to help us walk through these doors. We also are praying for another missionary couple to join us so we can one day pass the baton to them.

Thank you for your precious partnership in the Gospel. We covet your prayers. We appreciate your substantial sacrifice so we can do this ministry.

On the Victory Side,

Steve & Susan