

The Vine Institute Annual Report FY 2015

At The Vine Institute we pray that God will be glorified throughout and through His intercultural church in Utah. For five years we have served as a “supporting ligament” in the Body of Christ in the Salt Lake area, connecting ministry leaders, and churches across cultures to strengthen God’s people and more fully reveal God’s kingdom. Our vision, passion, and capacity to serve Christian churches and leaders along the Wasatch Front and the throughout the Intermountain West continue to grow.

Our vision has expanded to the Intermountain West! Why? We became aware that if this region were a nation — from Idaho & western Montana in the north to Arizona & New Mexico in the south with Salt Lake at the center — it would be #4 on the list of nations that resettle the most refugees annually, right after USA, AUS, CAN!!! Since a majority of these refugees are people of Christian faith and added to the even higher numbers of immigrants who are also Christians, it is clear that God is transforming the church in this region to serve his purposes. The Vine Institute has been called to serve his diverse church as it brings the blessings of God’s kingdom to its neighbors locally and across the world.

Partners like you are the champions of this mission, providing re-sources needed to care for God’s people and advance God’s kingdom.

This year The Vine Institute’s ministry continued to expand in face of the growing diversity of God’s people in this community. Our Annual Report shares some of the highlights of Fiscal Year 2015, including an overview of our finances. We are honored to have you as one of our faithful partners, working together to cultivate a healthy, intercultural Body of Christ and see God’s kingdom without borders grow. **Thank you!!**

The Vine Events and Services

- Christian Leadership Program
- Multicultural Ministry Leaders luncheon - Salt Lake
- Multicultural Ministry Leaders breakfast - Ogden NEW!
- Host a Safe Churches workshop
- Global Day of Prayer worship service
- Worship without Borders events
- Ethnic Ministries Summit NEW!
- Graduation of 4 more students from our
Christian Leadership Program
- Supported Evangelism and Discipleship training for Hispanics with the Bible League
- Partnered with Rethinking Worship Across Cultures workshop
- Hosted “The Stranger” film and panel discussion with the Evangelical Immigration Table

THANK YOU!

We are grateful for the financial and in-kind support we received this year from individuals and families, churches and organizations. Your generosity makes equipping leaders and supporting churches possible!

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church
Calvary Baptist Church
Christ for the Nations Church
Classis Yellowstone
Community Christian Reformed
Comunidad Cristiana
Discovery Christian Community
Evangelical Free Church of SLC
First Congregational Church
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Holy Life Pentecostal Church
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Japanese Christian Church
K2 the Church
Kingdom Glory Church
Life in Christ CRC
Missio Dei
Mount Olympus Presbyterian
New Jerusalem Samoan Christian
Ogden First Baptist Church
Sandy Ridge Community Church
The Adventure-Draper
The Church at Liberty Park
The Fellowship-Sandy
Tongan-American Free Wesleyan
Vietnamese Evangelical Church
Wasatch Prebyterian**

Thanks to *First Fruits Fund* and those who matched their gifts, this year God provided a revenue increase—just in time for the needs for more staff increases.

2015 Ministry Highlights

MAY

The Vine Institute hosted 200+ people at *Discover Hidden Treasures: God's Multicultural Gifts to the Intermountain West* in collaboration with the *Ethnic America Network* as well as local churches and organizations, this summit opened with a Psalm read to the resounding beats of Japanese, Burundian and American drums, which set the tone for two plenary sessions and eight seminars on topics from *Biblical Perspective on Immigrants* to *Multicultural Worship*. By popular request, many of these are being followed up with more opportunities to reflect and engage.

JUNE

Four new graduates were celebrated and sent to serve.

JULY

Dr. Rev. Peter Asiamah, born and raised in Ghana and called by God as a missionary to Utah, was appointed Executive Director.

AUGUST

The Vine Institute was designated one of three Area Training Centers in the world — Africa, India, and Utah! — affiliated with *Timothy Leadership Training*.

This year Naveen Pammi, immigrant from India, and Khanh Tong, refugee from Vietnam, joined the Board of Trustees, which now reflects the face of the Christian church in Utah with a majority of members who are other than Euro-American.

Story of Impact

Andre Muhimuza was one of the early refugees from The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to be resettled in Salt Lake City. As Antoinette Uwanyiugira, his wife, recalls, "Initially we had lots of struggles. I could write a book! It was hard to deal with our teenagers, to get access to medical care, the correct schools...." Cultural differences between the USA and the DRC amplified the difficulties.

But Andre had a dream that he pursued in prayer: a Christian fellowship of people from the Great Lakes region of East Africa (DRC, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, etc.) worshipping in their own languages, growing in faith, and caring for their families,

new arrivals and, one day, those still struggling in the strife in their homelands.

In April 2013 Andre enrolled in

The Vine Institute's course "Caring for God's People" and God began to breathe life into Andre's dream. Since then, through Andre's action plans for that course and successive courses, God has planted and is growing a new fellowship in Salt Lake valley:

- gathered a group of East Africans to pray for each other and new refugee arrivals
- connected the resources of Eu-

ro-American church people with the needs of new refugees

- started a Sunday morning English language learning Bible Study for East African refugees
- planted a worship service in Kiswahili every other Saturday night

Recently Andre took the "From Harm to Honor in the Family" course. He asked for the materials in French and Kiswahili. He wants to share this biblical foundation for relationships to his community, most of whom have been victims of unimaginable abuse in the midst of the deadliest regional conflicts in the world. As Andre continues his course work in pursuit of the *Certificate in Christian Leadership*, what will God do next?!

In 2015 The Vine Institute collaborated with and served more than 200 leaders from over 50 churches and 30 ethnicities. We love this beautifully diverse Body of Christ!

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Financial Statement

Year ending June 30, 2015

Expenses = \$129,779

Program Services	\$59,973
General & Administration	\$50,246
Development	\$19,560

Income = \$208,090

Program Income	\$16,434
Churches & Organization Support	\$29,176
Major Gifts & Grants	\$115,250
Contributions from Individuals	\$46,300
Other Income	\$930

Learn more about our programs at www.vine-institute.org