

# THE CC NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Non-Hawkeye Fans: Please don't be offended as this is merely the only recent family photo we could find! :)**

It's hard to imagine that I'm coming to the end of my sixth year with Christian Crusaders. Back in October or so of 2019, Tim Boettger, then a member of CC's Board of Directors, called to let me know that CC's Executive Director would be resigning at the end of the year, and that he thought I should prayerfully consider applying for the job. I laughed out loud at him and essentially said, **"Nope. Wrong guy. Good luck."**

Because I respected him, when Tim asked me to at least pray about it overnight, I agreed to do so. He also mentioned to me that the board was aware that many updates would be needed for the ministry to thrive in

2020 and beyond...new forms of content, better use of the internet and modern tech, etc, etc. And he specifically noted that there would be plenty of freedom and flexibility for the next director to accomplish the needed changes. **That caught my attention, and I prayed about it that night.**

Lo and behold, when I woke up the next morning, my mind was flooded with innovative ideas related to podcasts and YouTube and social media and our website (many of which have come to fruition since then). I was inspired and excited! Something I had laughed at not 12 hours earlier was capturing my passion and enthusiasm! Obviously, all of that was the Lord at work, and equally obvious, the strides we've taken as a ministry since then are completely His doing! **Praise God! We've come a long way!** Here's a summary highlighting just a few areas that show just how far we've come:

**Radio AND Internet** Without neglecting our traditional radio audience or significantly altering our weekly broadcast, we've established a growing online presence, and are thus reaching a broader global audience than ever before.

**FOUR Podcasts** We've built four different podcasts, which feature different kinds of content (30 minute weekly broadcast, short devotions, Homer Larsen sermons archive, and long form conversations) which reach diverse audiences with Truth.

**Numerous Online Platforms** Our content is available in many high profile places, from YouTube to Apple Podcasts and Spotify to our mobile app to Pray.com and beyond. Not only are these platforms fairly inexpensive, but they're where billions of people around the world go for content outside the reach of our radio towers.

**Organizational Efficiency** From staffing and personnel, to how we produce content, to our communication with listeners and supporters, CC is more efficient with its time and resources than we've been in a long, long time, if not ever! And our content reach is farther and greater than ever before. **This honors God!**

As we wrap up this year and look forward to what's in store next year, **I ask you do help in 3 ways:** (1) **Pray** for our content to have increased Kingdom impact, (2) Take time to **listen / view** some of our stuff **and pass it along** to others you know who might be blessed by it, and (3) take a look at page 5 and **help us keep making progress financially!**

Thanks and Merry Christmas! To God be the glory always and for all things!

# FROM RADIO PREACHER TIM BOETTGER

What a joy it has been to look into God's Word with all of you again this year! I have been deeply encouraged by many of you and by the Lord so much in the last 12 months. Not only is our radio audience becoming more responsive, but our online audience is growing at a surprising pace. For example, when God opened the door for us to be on the Pray.com app ([details / stats can be found in our previous newsletter, available on our website](#)) we couldn't have imagined the global of reach that would provide us. It is all very exciting to be a part of!



Back: Ike, Katie, Kris, Tim, Adrienne  
Front: Kylie, Clay (Baby Brody has since joined them!)

This Christmas Season I have been thinking a lot about Jesus' words found in Luke 12:48, where he says, "To whom much is given much is expected." He then reiterates his statement saying, "From the one who has been entrusted much, much will be asked / demanded." **It is easy to see that God has entrusted much to this ministry in past decades, and it is easy to see that He still is entrusting us with much.** To that end we want to give our best to all the opportunities He opens to us. To do that well we must continue to steward the resources He provides us in the most efficient and effective ways possible. Having served on the board here in the past I know that there is significant strategic thought put into the decisions that are made regarding this ministry, for the sake of achieving maximum Kingdom impact, to the honor and glory of God. This is very important to my wife Kris and I, not only as our names are attached to this ministry in a prominent way, but also because we, too, are financial supporters of this ministry, and we want our dollars to be allocated effectively. I can assure you, from my unique perspective, that's exactly what's happening with Christian Crusaders.

I want to personally thank all of you who have supported this ministry in the past! **THANK YOU!!** I also want to encourage any of you who may be considering a donation at the end of the year — do it! CC is unique and used by God to reach into many homes, cars, offices, bedrooms, and other unknown places around the world — always promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Truth of God's Word. If you have been blessed by it in any way you can assume that countless others in the world have as well. We will work hard to keep being faithful to God's Word, and we will continue to be thankful for all you who help us carry the trust we have been given with your prayers and financial support. God's Blessings to you all and Merry Christmas!

**DID YOU KNOW?** It costs us no more to print our newsletter in full color compared to the cost of printing it in 2 colors, as was standard practice going back many decades?!

## MEMORIAL / HONOR GIFTS

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Darlene Surface

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**Wedemeier, Elaine**

Gregory Sutter

**Whitesell, Deb**

Matt & Jen Reisetter

**Wicks, Rebekah**

Robert & Karen Janssen

**Willms, Larry**

Paul & Julie Creeden

Joann Juhl

MEMORIAL OR "HONOR" GIFTS are a great way to recognize a loved one, while also helping us promote the Gospel and the Truth of God's Word to our growing audiences online and on the air! ALSO, please reach out with questions or for assistance in setting up a legacy or estate gift in support of CC.



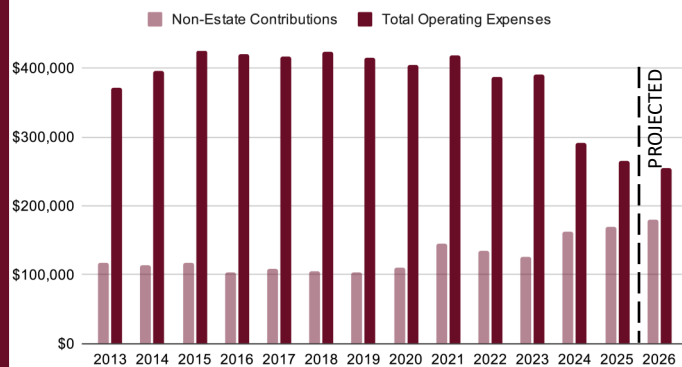
# FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

We're well on our way to achieving a years-long goal to become fully funded with non-estate donations alone. In the past, CC was primarily financed from wills and estate gifts, FOR WHICH WE ARE STILL VERY GRATEFUL! But in order for our ministry to be financially sustainable over the long run, we need to cover our operating expenses with non-estate donations, treating larger estate donations — via our Homer and Eunice Larsen Permanent Fund — like a long term investment that grows, providing stability and strength, which is not used to cover day-to-day expenses.

Toward this end, as you'll see when you browse over the charts below, we've effectively cut expenses (while also growing our ministry's reach and impact!) and at the same time we've grown our revenues through the generosity of listeners and supporters like you!

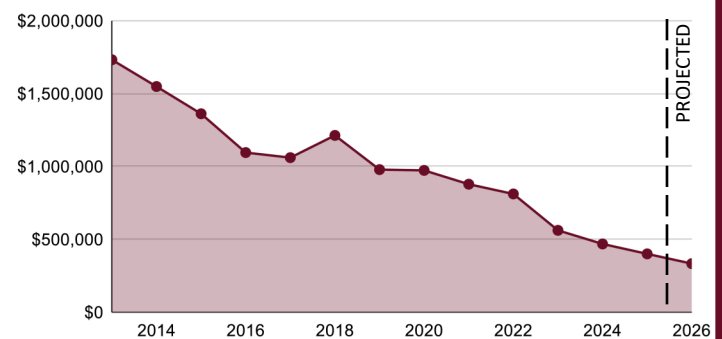
We've still got a ways to go, and we still need your financial provision, but the gap between total expenses and non-estate donations, covered by the spending down of our total assets, is closing more and more each year! PRAISE GOD and THANK YOU!!

**CHART A: Non-Estate Donations and Total Expenses**



**CHART B: Total Assets**

Estate Gifts and Investment/Savings Accounts



## 2025 Expense Allocation

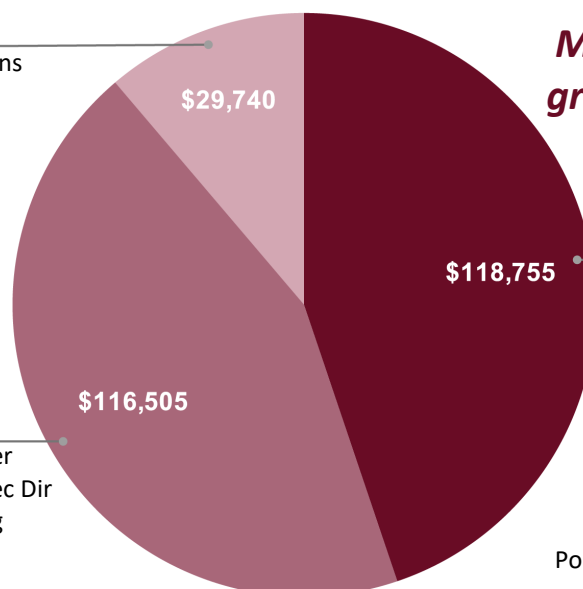
Total Expenses = \$265,000

### OTHER

11.2% Annual Subscriptions  
Insurance  
Marketing  
Office Supplies  
Postage  
Printing  
Recording Equip.  
Software/Support  
Misc.

### PERSONNEL

44.0% Pastor Tim Boettger  
Matt Reisetter, Exec Dir  
Producing / Editing  
Accounting  
Payroll Taxes



*More efficient and with greater reach than ever!*

### AIR TIME / ONLINE

44.8%  
WTMJ Radio (\$31,200)  
WHO Radio (\$26,000)  
WMT Radio (\$19,240)  
Pray.com App (\$15,600)  
KWMT Radio (\$6,585)  
KGLO Radio (\$6,240)  
KXEL Radio (\$5,200)  
Trans World Radio (\$2,400)  
Podcast / App Platforms (\$1,900)  
Misc Int'l Radio & Internet

# SUNDAYS ON THE RADIO!

## FLORIDA - MIAMI

WRMI Short Wave 11:00 am

## IOWA - CEDAR RAPIDS

WMT/AM 600 7:30am / 9:00pm

## IOWA - DES MOINES

WHO/AM 1040 7:05am

## IOWA - FORT DODGE

KWMT/AM 540 8:30am

## IOWA - MASON CITY

KGLO/AM 1300 8:00am

## IOWA - WATERLOO

KXEL/AM 1540 10:30am

## WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE

WTMJ/AM 620 6:00am

## KITALE, KENYA

IMANI/FM 88.8 7:10pm

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### LISTENER NOTES (continued)

I woke up this morning with the words of the song, "In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus" from one of your recent broadcasts. Praise God!

**Alvin from Iowa**

Our father passed away recently. A long-time listener to your program, he wanted part of his memorials to go to your group. We trust Christian Crusaders will continue successfully.

**Wayne from Iowa**

I love the podcasts and the questions you pose. Thank you.

**Mary via e-mail**

## LISTENER NOTES

I love the "Digging Deeper" episodes with Matt and Tim. It's like going to Sunday School to discuss a sermon that was just preached!

**Bob from Iowa**

My mother just passed away at the age of 95 and toward the end of her life she couldn't see or hear very well. But she had an internal clock and pattern where she would get up every Sunday morning and go turn on the radio to listen to Christian Crusaders. Please accept these donations in her memory. And please don't ever stray from preaching the Word of God, even if it's unpopular!

**Bonnie from Iowa**

I've been an active member of my church all my life and all your content has added much to my faith and belief in Christ. Thank you!

**Sally from Wisconsin**

If you were to start a Bible study with your 10 year old son, where do you recommend starting? He has been asking me a lot of questions, so I said, "How about you and I dig in together and talk about it?" We will probably listen to some of The CC Podcast: Daily Dose Devotions along the way.

**Jed from Iowa**

Please know that AM radio broadcasts remain valuable tools in Christian evangelism, and come to people who could not be reached in other ways. Your work remains valuable, and is having good effect.

**Stephen from Wisconsin**

On Sundays I go out to a cabin in the woods on my property and listen to your program TWICE — on two different radio stations I can reach out there. Some people might call it a man cave. I've been listening for decades. When Pastor Larsen quit, I didn't know if I'd be able to listen to his successor. But then I grew to love Pastor Kramer, but I wasn't sure I'd like his successor after he retired. But this Pastor Tim, he's great, too! And I love listening to him!

**Gary from Iowa (phone call)**

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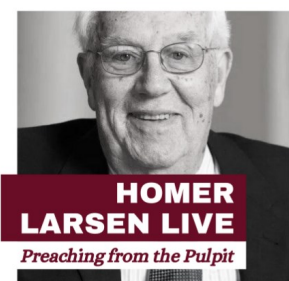
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