



# LOVE THY NEIGHBORHOOD

DISCIPLESHIP + MISSIONS FOR MODERN TIMES



2022 VISION





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**We have an epidemic of loneliness.** A June 2020 study found that **56% of older adults sometimes or often feel isolated.** (That is double the number of people who reported feeling isolated in a 2018 study.) A 2019 study found that **2 out of 3 young adults feel uncared for by those around them.**

**What is one of the biggest factors that protects people from feeling lonely? Neighbors.** 46% of older adults who said they interacted with people in their neighborhood at least once a week were less likely to say they'd experienced forms of loneliness.

**This shouldn't shock us.** Jesus said that all of the scriptures are about loving God and loving our neighbor. Putting other people's needs ahead of our own is the way of Jesus. When we have pro-active neighbors, we feel valuable and loved.

**The world needs better neighbors.**

**What if the loneliness of older and younger adults are actually a solution for one another?** Over the next year, Love Thy Neighborhood will recruit, train and mobilize over 60 young adults to relocate to our city to become good neighbors. Amid the pandemic, our LTN young adults befriended an elderly woman named Mari in their neighborhood.

**Mari lives alone and has battled depression since childhood.** As the pandemic hit, her feelings of isolation only intensified. One of our LTN interns, Savannah, met Mari and began to visit with her weekly. **Savannah had been looking for an older woman to be a voice of wisdom in her life.** They would take walks where Mari would marvel Savannah with her rich knowledge of the history of their neighborhood.

They would talk about their lives and about their faith in God.

When Mari experienced especially hard weeks with depression, Savannah organized other LTN interns to help clean Mari's apartment and bring her food. Savannah actually decided to relocate to Louisville after her LTN term ended and she sighted her friendship with Mari as one of the major reasons. In turn, Mari said, **"The LTN young adults make me feel valuable and loved. I don't know where I'd be without them."**

**To help more Christians walk in the life and lifestyle of Jesus, we need your help!**

This booklet will give you an overview of our last year of ministry as well as what needs are ahead of us. Please, help us.

Living in the modern world is hard. Help us raise up better neighbors. The world needs them. Because of your generosity, lives will be changed as we all seek to walk in the life and lifestyle of Jesus together! **The world is changed one relationship at a time!**



**JESSE EUBANKS**  
FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LOVE THY NEIGHBORHOOD



Our **mission** is to disciple Christians to serve their neighbors, cultivate healthy relationships and follow Jesus in their culture and context.

Our **vision** is a community of relationally and culturally competent Christians who walk together in the life and lifestyle of Jesus.

To accomplish this, we have two areas of emphasis: **our urban missions program for young adults** and **our discipleship content** through podcasts, workshops and books for people from all walks of life.

*"I had no idea what this program had in store, but God has changed me from the inside out. Thank you LTN for the experience of a lifetime."*

– AUTUMN TURNER, ALUMNI



*"During my time with LTN I began to see how vital Christian community is to my spiritual, mental, and even physical health. I'm continuing to learn to trust God and His timing, and to see Him at work even in the things that seem mundane."*

- DAYSHAWN RUSSELL, ALUMNI





# URBAN MISSIONS PROGRAM

Our program for young adults, ages 18-30, is designed to raise up the next generation of Christian leaders. We equip and mobilize our interns to serve the poor and suffering in our city while growing in their discipleship to Jesus. Each week, young adults do 25 hours of nonprofit service, 15 hours investing in their neighborhood and 15 hours focused on personal growth.



## NONPROFIT SERVICE

Interns bring social change with the gospel by working with an innovative nonprofit.



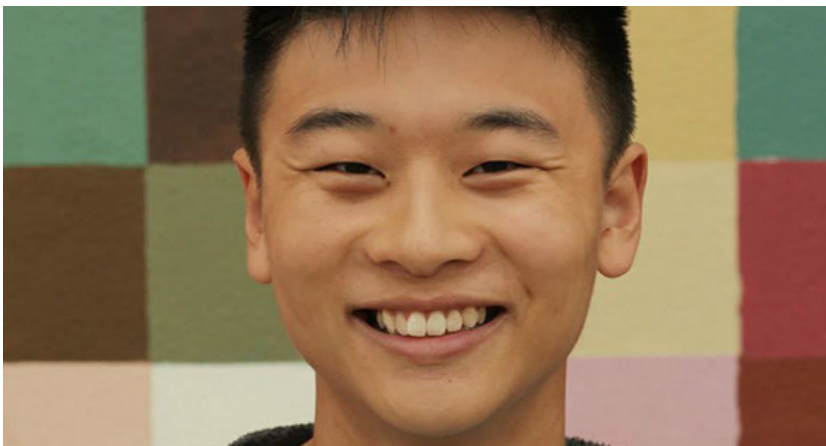
## INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

Interns experience community like never before as they live and do ministry with other Christians.



## BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP

Interns grow in their faith by being part of a vibrant, healthy church and a lifestyle of spiritual growth.



***"Even five years after my time with LTN, I have so many warm memories from my time and am so grateful for the embodied experience LTN provided to live vulnerably in community and love the neighbors we lived near."***

- Alex Dai, InterVarsity California Staff

## NONPROFITS WHERE OUR LTN INTERNS SERVE

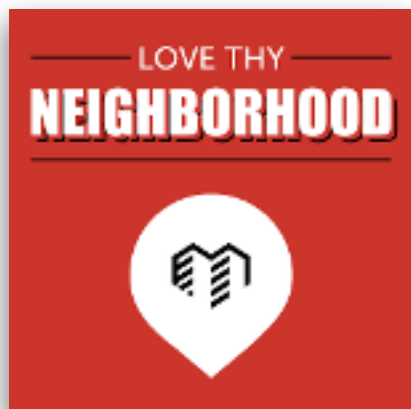
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BsideU for Life  
Crosspoint Ministry  
Crossroads Missions  
InterVarsity  
MAYA Collection  
Re:Center Ministries  
& Thrift-N-Thrive  
Orphan Care Alliance  
Hope Place  
Scarlet Hope  
Shawnee Christian  
Healthcare Center  
Sojourn Arts + Culture  
Youth for Christ  
+ 8 MORE!





# DISCIPLESHIP CONTENT

Our discipleship materials exist to help people from all walks of life grow in the life and lifestyle of Jesus. These include podcasts, a workbook, a forthcoming book, and workshops. We place particular emphasis on nurturing healthy relationships, serving the poor and following Jesus faithfully in modern culture.



**"Amazing and authentic."**  
- *Christianity Today*

If you baptized public radio, you'd get the Love Thy Neighborhood podcast. Love Thy Neighborhood combines documentary journalism, studio interviews, and a rich soundtrack to tell the stories of people wrestling with what it means to follow Jesus amidst the social and cultural issues of our time. In an era that pits biblical faithfulness against social action, this biweekly series explores a third way that holds onto both. Recent topics explored include gender dysphoria, human trafficking, deconstruction, fake news, and gentrification.

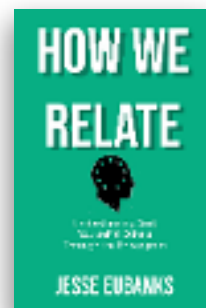
## ON THE CHARTS

This year, our podcasts were on the Apple Podcast Religion & Spirituality Charts in over 30 countries and 6 continents - including the USA, China, Czech Republic, Germany, India, Namibia, and Australia.



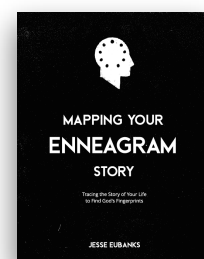
**"Phenomenal and transformational."**  
- *Apple Podcasts Review*

What would happen if we could improve our relationships? The EnneaCast is a bi-weekly show that explores personality and the Enneagram through the lens of the gospel. Every episode combines teaching, an interview and a ridiculous game into a fascinating and fun listening experience. Hosted by certified Enneagram coaches Jesse Eubanks and Lindsey Lewis, The EnneaCast features Enneagram coaches, authors, pastors, artists and counselors sharing their wisdom and playing funny games based on their personality.



LTN Executive Director Jesse Eubanks' first book ***How We Relate: Understanding God, Yourself and Others Through the***

***Enneagram*** will be published in 2023 through Zondervan Publishers (Rick Warren, Philip Yancey, Ann Voskamp, Billy Graham). In mid-2020, Jesse also wrote and released ***Mapping Your Enneagram Story: Tracing the Story of Your Life to Find God's Fingerprints*** as well as a free e-book ***The Quarter-Life Road Map: A 5-Day Guide for Twenty-Somethings to Discover Who You Are, What***



***You Want & Where You're Going***. We also plan to resume public workshops in 2022 and expand the

topics we offer.

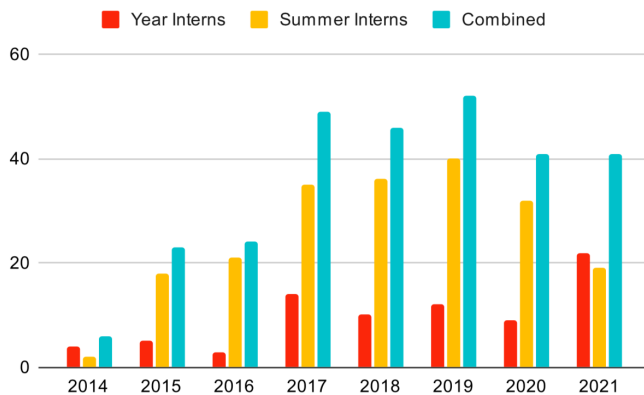




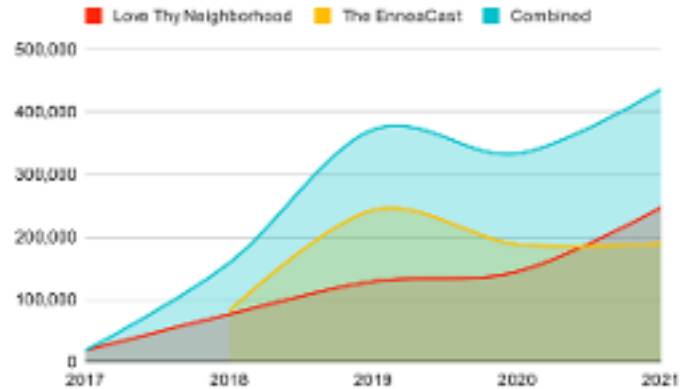
# WHAT HAPPENED THIS YEAR?

**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2021:** 41 interns served | Added 2 new service sites - Maya Collection and Barren Heights | Added 2 new staff members | Transitioned both podcasts to become bi-weekly and perpetual (no longer doing seasons) | Podcasts were played more than 430K times (for a total of 1.3M) | Created and sold "Say More" conversation cards | Renewed certification with BBB, ECFA, and Guidestar | Jesse Eubanks signed with Zondervan for his first book

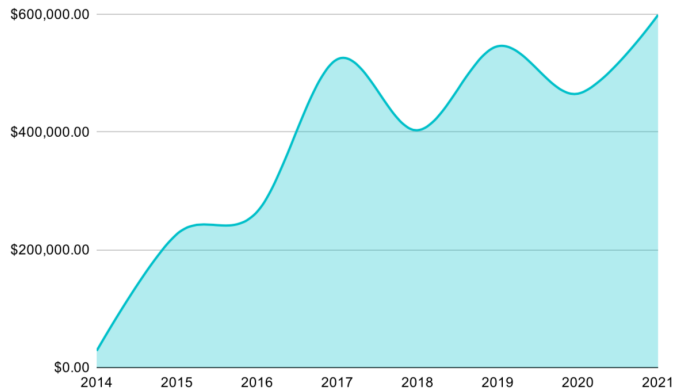
## PROGRAM GROWTH



## PODCAST GROWTH BY LISTENS



## VALUE OF INTERN TIME VOLUNTEERED



We continue to feel the impact of the pandemic. During 2020, we were unable to do our primary form of recruitment for the program - face-to-face appearances at colleges and conferences. **This resulted in a decrease in interns in 2020, 2021 and the first portion of 2022.** The volume of applicants we are now receiving indicate **we will likely return to capacity in the program (55 young adults) in Summer 2022.** Likewise, the podcasting industry as a whole suffered in 2020 because fewer people were commuting to work and listening to podcasts. However, as you can see, we were able to maintain and expand our audiences in 2021.





# TAKING THE NEXT STEPS

As Love Thy Neighborhood celebrates what God has done over the last couple of years, we also look ahead to the future and anticipate a variety of opportunities and needs. We depend on the generosity and compassion of people to continue to make an impact on our city and around the world.

## ADVANCEMENTS FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS



### PROGRAM

- Train & equip 180 young adults
- More educational experiences outside of Louisville
- Create a long term housing solution for interns
- Add additional staff to help sustain the quality of the program.



### GENERAL OPERATIONS

- Hire Operations Administrator to allow Kiana Brown to assume new role with greater influence



### TEACHING

- Produce 50 episodes of the LTN Podcast & The EnneaCast in '22
- Publish 2 books in '23 and '24
- Offer Public Workshops



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Expand Board of Directors by adding 10 new members

**\$105,000**

End of Year Fundraising Need  
to Pursue 2022 Vision

## FUTURE MINISTRIES

**LTN Society:** We would like to offer adults outside of our program age range the opportunity to attend our workshops and worship times, do book studies, and serve together. In addition, we would like to develop a training program for older adults to learn how to mentor young adults.

**LTN Conference:** We would also like to do a one-day conference centered on our values of discipleship, service and Christian community.

**LTN Network:** Love Thy Neighborhood is approached consistently by nonprofits from other cities inquiring how to do an internship program. At some point in the next year 3 years, LTN would like to launch an internship training network.





**\$3M**

Value of Volunteer Hours  
Served since 2014

**21,000+**

# of Volunteer Hours Served by  
LTN Interns in 2021

**1.3M**

# of listens to LTN podcasts  
since 2017

## WHAT OUR SERVICE SITE PARTNERS ARE SAYING...

"I want to say thank you to the LTN interns for the love and sacrifice they have given to pour into ministries all across this city, especially during such difficult times when the workload certainly didn't lighten but our purpose in witnessing the Gospel is ever deepening."

Cory Bledsoe,  
Executive Director  
Re:Center Ministries

"LTN allows our ministry to do things we could not otherwise do by providing well-prepared and qualified interns to be a part of our calling from God. This summer that included making masks."

Rob Minton,  
Executive Director  
Crossroads Missions

"LTN interns are so helpful! Our only complaint? Summer interns aren't with us long enough! They were amazing and wish we had them longer!"

Monica Henderson,  
Executive Director  
BesideU for Life Pregnancy & Life Skills Center

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