

## People Spotlight:

### Steve Harpham – Gathering 316



Steve has become a new friend & partner of Catalyst, after being part of the “Calling Lab” Spring Cohort earlier this year. In fact, he was joined by his wife and 2 others from the microchurch he leads. Let me introduce you to “Gathering 316”, the newest member of the Catalyst family!

Gathering 316 meets on Sunday mornings at Well & Good Coffee in Tigard for worship singing, discussion-based study of God’s Word, and fellowship. They also host a group of men on Wednesday mornings, also at Well & Good.

Steve is the Lead Advisor and Financial Planner at Range Financial Group in Tigard. As a leader, he is a gifted Bible teacher and communicator, especially in ways that motivate people toward active involvement in Jesus’ mission.

### Mike & Rena Retiring



Mike & Rena Haines have been volunteering faithfully behind-the-scenes for 10-years, and are stepping-off the staff team. Thank you both for your amazing hearts of service!

## Ministry Updates

### 2023 Dessert Celebration ends a Record-Breaking Project Season!

That’s a wrap!” (well, almost!)

Our 2023 project season is officially over, though we do have some smaller projects happening over the next couple of weeks to wind-down the year. We got together on Sat. night 11/4 with a fantastic group of volunteers, donors, leaders, and other well-wishers for our annual Dessert. A good time was had by all as we shared some truly DELECTABLE DESSERTS, were inspired by stories of transformation and had a lot of fun in the process!

One of the highlights of the night was when Martha Reeves interviewed recipient Stan Everly about the project we did on his home this Summer, and how profoundly it has impacted him physically, emotionally, and spiritually. God used the project and volunteers to not only replace a badly leaking roof, but renewed Stan’s faith in God and introduced him to a new church community he is now part of called “Gathering 316” (read about it on the right). This is just one of the many stories we witnessed this year where Kingdom fruit was tangible!



I also had a good time at the event (as you can see). It was inspiring to be together with so many wonderful people. We also celebrated some metric milestones, which you can see in detail on the next sheet. In short, this year was totally amazing in the amount of projects we completed, the number of volunteers and partners involved, and the small financial footprint we’re leaving in the process! Please take some time to check-out the numbers on the attached “2023 Annual Report,” and let me know if I can answer any questions you may have.

Perhaps the most astonishing number on there is that, by the end of this month, we will have completed 502 projects! The staggering thing for me is that those aren’t numbers, they’re people. After 17-years of doing this, my memories are dominated by faces, names, relationships that were formed, and transformations that have taken place as we become God’s agents of answered prayers. The legacy of the first 502 projects of Catalyst is not the projects themselves - nor the tools & resources we use - those are just the mechanisms for extending the hope of Jesus to people in tangible ways. It’s about the people.

So I rejoice in those we have helped and those who did the helping....those who answered the call to love their neighbors as themselves, because it is far more blessed to give than to receive. Jesus said that 2,000 years ago, and it’s just as true today! This is what the Kingdom of God looks like when it crashes into the world of humanity. He sends messengers to do good works all around us everyday, and your choice and mine is to be one of them...leaving footprints for others to follow.

- Shawn

## Praises & Prayers

- **NEW FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED: “CHURCH-SIDE” OF CATALYST** – For the most part, our projects are very well supported through the Golf Marathon fundraiser, grants, and business sponsorships, but Catalyst Network - the Church/religious organization that subsidizes all we do - needs some bolstering as we approach the new year. Please pray that God will raise-up new supporters. Please email Shawn with any questions about this – [shawn@catalystnw.org](mailto:shawn@catalystnw.org)
- **RIVER WEST CHURCH JOINS SUPPORT TEAM!** – We’ve been partnering with River West on projects for 2-years now, and they recently adopted Catalyst as one of their Local Missionaries. This allows us to continue this amazing ministry, thank you so much River West!
- **STAFF REST & PREPARATION** – With the project season & celebration event behind us, we are entering into a time of preparation for next year’s projects, as well as staff rest. Darrell (Construction Mgr.) and the project team have worked hard all year long, and will be taking the month of December off. JJ (Operations Mgr.) and the admin team will be developing new software for project management. Kirsten (Assistant Director) and the vetting team will be preparing applications for 2024 projects. Please pray for wisdom, favor, and rejuvenation as we prepare for next year.
- **HEALING FOR MARTY & MARGARET** – Please pray for Marty (Discipleship Minister) & Margaret Brown, as they both are healing from recent surgeries.

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*We envision a reality where followers of Jesus are valued for their character and generosity toward people in their communities; demonstrating God’s presence in ways that transform neighborhoods, equip ordinary people to become His heroes, and draw new people into His family.*