

highpoint

We envision
a world of vibrant churches
filled with authentic
Jesus followers

Jeremiah 6:16



Est. 2005 | Two Decades of Empowering Churches
for Christ-centered Discipleship.

MEASURABLE RESULTS • ETERNAL OUTCOMES



A Vision from Above

Just hours before our **20 Years Strong** Celebration in October 2025, when many of our supporters were preparing to arrive at the venue, our board saw the future God has prepared for us. The Holy Spirit led us through prayer and discernment to a fresh vision for 2026 and beyond.

It is our hope that supporters like you will join us on the journey ahead that envisions “a world of vibrant churches filled with authentic Jesus followers.”

Two decades from now, I see Ascending Leaders gratefully looking back on a global movement of discipleship that has reached thousands of churches. I am honored to be part of the stellar team leading us forward. Join us on this exciting journey to equip churches for Christ-centered, eternal impact.

Mike



Ascending Leaders board and spouses who attended our **20 Years Strong** Celebration: Bryan & Becky Bandstra, Steve Wilke, Judy Enns, Gina & Mike Johnson, Mary Kay & Charlie Jackson and Teresa & Ken Rossy. Not present: Kevin and Tangye Stephey.

2025: A Year of Big Strides

Rooted in Purpose, Built for More



- Released new discipleship products, including the **DiscipleScan** leader assessment.
- Recorded ten new **Discipleship Dialogues** in a professional studio and released on YouTube and Vimeo.

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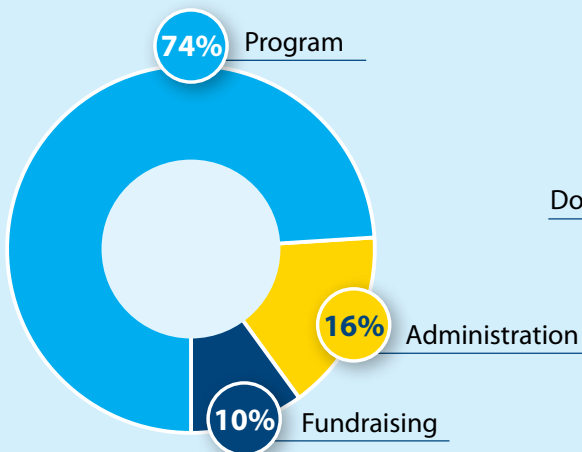
From one US church:

“Because our parents are now in discipleship groups and growing deeper in Christ, they are stepping up to volunteer in children’s ministries. For the first time ever, we did not need to plead for more volunteers!”

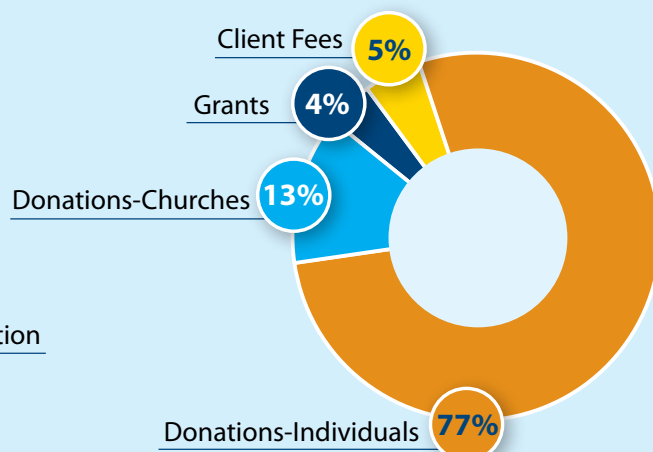


- **Smashing our Year-end Supersized Discipleship Goal=\$143,000 raised!**

Costs of 2025 Ministry



2025 Funding Sources



| | 2020 | 2025 | 2030 Target |
|-----------------------|------|------|-------------|
| Churches Served/Yr. | 17 | 45 | 150 |
| Total Churches Served | 135 | 200 | 300 |
| Global Hubs | 0 | 2 | 5 |

The Difference We Made

Globally in 2025



Graduating church leaders trained in discipleship.

- AL Executive Leadership traveling overseas in February 2025 to train & see in-person the global work and in February 2026 to train churches in additional rural villages and urban centers.
- In Spring 2025, sharing the international experiences with groups of donors.
- Learning “Best Practices” in Cross-Cultural Mission and building relationships with proven ministries.
- Expanding two Discipleship “Hubs” in this country closed-to-Christianity, coaching 45 churches there in 2025.
- **Envisioning three additional Global Hubs by 2030!**



**DEEPEN THE ROOTS.
MULTIPLY THE MISSION.**

We're raising \$23,000 dedicated to fuel a global discipleship breakthrough in 2026. Your gift will:

- Equip almost 35 global churches to “dig deeper” into life-transforming discipleship.
- Broadcast the seed of “Discipleship Dialogues” translated into new languages

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One Rural International Church

| | <u>Leaders Trained</u> | <u>New Discipleship Groups Started</u> |
|------|--|--|
| 2023 | 1 | 3 |
| 2024 | 3 | 33 |
| 2025 | 7 | 6 |
| 2026 | Building a new larger church building for the many new disciples coming, on land donated by an aging farmer and dedicated by our own Dr. Mike on Feb. 20, 2026 at their request. | |



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2026: How Else You Can Help

- **Pray for Us:** See our Insiders e-newsletter for timely prayer requests.
- **Let us Pray for You:** E-mail your requests to info@ascendingleaders.org. Our staff prays every Tuesday, with our Board of Directors joining us monthly.
- **Recommend us to New Churches:** We can help churches large or small build a culture of discipleship.
- **Connect us with Board Members:** We are looking for people who are inspired by our mission to guide our ministry.
- **Stay in Touch:** One of our supporters reached out to Mike and Gina for lunch as they traveled through Houston. We love those personal touches!
- **Request to be part of the Closed Facebook Group "CARES for Ascending Leaders"** and receive there periodic updates from Mike.
- **Share with your Friends** what excites you about our mission.
- **Begin Monthly Donations:** See the flyer inside for the difference this makes.

AL has the best donor/champions!

In 2025 88% of our donors continued (national avg. is only 45%) + 33 new donors joined the AL family!

We
love our
donors!



DONATE AN AUDIO BIBLE LEGACY

Honor a life. Empower a leader.

A \$250 memorial gift provides 30 Audio Bibles to global discipleship leaders who cannot read or write.

Turn your remembrance into a legacy of faith for those waiting to hear the Gospel.



AN INVESTMENT YOU CAN TRUST

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2025 financials
compiled by



Out of 100% possible, Ascending Leaders Charity Navigator score grew from 96% in 2024 to **99% in 2025.**
100% in 2026, here we come!

 Charity Navigator

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