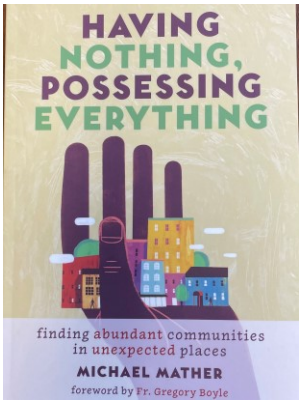
Fall NEWS 2022



This is a book we have found to be a good and easy read. Michael Mather was the pastor at Broadway United Methodist Church in Indianapolis for many years. He is also on the faculty of the Asset-based Community Development Institute at DePaul University. (Chicago)
In the Preface, Mike said this: "I began my work as a pastor committed to addressing the scarcity that I saw in the lives of the poor and marginalized, and now I often feel overwhelmed by the abundance I see, riches where I had thought there was nothing."

Broadway had seen many changes in the years leading up to the eighties as the city changed around them. (It is very much like the place we find ourselves in these days in congregations like our own). He discovered that most of the time, the action needed from him was shining a spotlight on the gifts, abilities and passions of the people in the neighborhood. By 2003, instead of developing new church programs, they were developing new patterns of church, new ways of being neighbors. "We were trying to see what was right in front of us, hidden in plain sight" The main question became not 'what are the problems to solve', but 'How do we nurture the gifts around us?' May we all become committed to identifying the gifts, capacities, talents, dreams, and passions that people have, and then invest in them for the flourishing of us all.

Fall Recruiting for Summer Interns

If you know any college-age students, please encourage them to check out missionindy.com.

Matt began our 2023 Recruiting at Taylor University's Career Fair on October 20th to share about the work we do and the opportunities we offer. Matt also visited Johnson University for October 26th & 27th. He presented in some of Brent Brewer's classes and had the display up for the two days, available to talk to students.



The next campus recruiting session was at IUPUI on November 14th.
We also had opportunities at ICOM (International Conference on Missions, and at ICYC (Indiana Christian Youth Convention).
Next semester we plan to recruit at Purdue Christian Campus House, Cedarville University, and return to Johnson University.



ICOM is always a great place to see and talk with people. Matt & Jana set up the Mission Indy booth and manned it in association with Ron & Marsha.The networking opportunities are incredible, as we talk with former interns, youth ministers who have brought groups in the past, and potential new youth leaders and interns.

We were blessed this year to meet Tammy Ramey who directs internships and career programs for Central Christian College in Missouri.



This was the theme at the Indiana Christian Youth Conference. God Loves Even You; Even Them and we were challenged to share our faith Even Now. About 400 youth and sponsors attended and Mission Indy was the featured mission group. Several of the groups donated supplies and gift cards The picture below is a partial view of the donations.

Jay Bennett introduced Matt and asked him to share with the teens and sponsors the opportunities Mission Indy offers for church groups.





We continue to pray for the next staff person to join Mission Indy. We need the ideas and thoughts of a younger person and someone with great communication skills. We have a couple of possibilities through connections at ICOM, so we are hopeful Please pray with us as we all try to discern God's will and seek His provision in this area.

Testimony of a New Donor

"Thank you for personally writing me back. I'm not 100% sure if we have meet. I would love to tell you how I am connected to Mission Indy. First of all, I am an Aunt to two of your former interns. Secondly, my daughter attended Mission Indy this past summer during the Chapel Rock serving time. She went with her cousin and best friend. I have witnessed how Mission Indy has instilled in my family a sense of service for the community through the love of Christ. My daughter loves to serve! She likes to be the one doing the work in the background that doesn't get much attention so for her, serving during the day, and then coming together at night to fellowship and hear amazing speakers present the Gospel on their level and in their language (teens), address their issues and give them the truths of God to apply to their lives is a great transformative week! Mission Indy has made such a positive impact in the city I grew up and in my family, that it only seemed natural and right for me to give back and support. We look forward to participating with Mission Indy next summer by joining a work week with the addition of my son who will be entering high school. Mission Indy is in our prayers." - Emily Williams.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God to lead the Summer Interns He desires to apply for 2023.
- Pray that God will lead the church groups who can most benefit to come to Mission Indy 2023
- Pray the Lord will supply the funds to bring on a new staff person to help MI thrive & grow.