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Dear friend,

Thank you for being a part of this generous congregation. Leading up to Christmas, so many people gave of their time and talents to share Christ with their neighbors. I was particularly touched by one group that gave needed items to those in mental health wards over the Christmas season.

Thanks to faithful partners in the gospel like you, we matched the highest donations received in December in the history of our church. Just on December 31, roughly \$225,000 was donated online! That is unheard of here or at almost any church in the U.S.

While we had transitions and challenges in 2015, God's grace and strength led us through them. Great ministry continued and grew. We didn't stop for a minute in loving our neighbors, shepherding our people, serving the poor or sharing the love of Christ. I think of the person who recently came to the prayer room and left as a new child of God.

2016 is proving to be an exciting year! Dr. Gene Getz taught a workshop on Elders and Leaders—which is now available on our website. The *Elder Conversations with the Congregation* will continue into February, with open invitations for anyone to attend. We will have congregational meetings on March 13 and April 17.

With the launch of *Ears to Hear* on February 1, we have a multitude of people joining together to read through the New Testament. Our upcoming roster of preachers includes outstanding younger and older Biblical communicators from around the country and from our staff. Easter will be a highlight with Luis Palau!

And then there is *Love Europe*...yes, that is exciting! We want hundreds of our people to share Christ in key parts of Europe this summer. Either you will be





a “sent one” or a “one who sends and prays.” We want everyone to be a part of *Love Europe*.

Thank you again for your generous support of this church in your time, effort and finances. It is a humbling time for me to see all of us continue to seek God’s face and presence—and Christ’s renewing grace in our midst.

Serving with you,

David Fletcher  
Executive Pastor