



FURTHER THE KINGDOM OF GOD

 **neverthesame**

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

A high-angle, green-tinted photograph of a large crowd of people. Many individuals have their hands raised in the air, suggesting a concert, festival, or a large gathering. The scene is filled with energy and movement. The text 'COMEBACK!' is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

COMEBACK!

A Note from the CEO

2023 was our comeback year!

I see God's blessings in the ministry in powerful ways...
...financially through giving and highly attended events
...in our incredibly talented staff
...in the favor He has given our ministry nationally
...in the networks we are influencing.

NTS Camp had record attendance this summer.
Claim Your Campus is rebuilding quickly and active in 33 states.
Soul Exercises is active and growing beyond the US.
Enlightened Students events crossed the 10,000 mark in attendance.

But beyond the statistics and data, I see God's blessing most of all in students' lives. This year was the most powerful expression of ministry for students that I've ever seen.

NTS Camp: The sense of awe and wonder as students experienced God's presence was unlike any other year. Claim Your Campus: students experienced miracles through prayer while on their campus. Soul Exercises: students across the world are reading God's Word. Enlightened Students: students are leading their friends to Christ on their campus at our events.

These moments cannot be measured in mere words. Each student is a story, and God is prevailing in each one!

Thank you for reading this report. Be encouraged as you witness how God is faithful to this generation of young people!



Jeff Eckart



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**DISCOVER
WHERE GOD
IS WORKING**



So much happened at NTS Camp this summer! Our theme was Discover, based on the story of Esther. We had what we called a “Mordecai moment” where students were invited to let their adult leader speak God’s truth into their lives and pray over them. In light of the revivals happening on college campuses that began at Asbury, we decided to intentionally leave a larger space in our programming for an extended time of prayer and worship in case the Holy Spirit were to lead us in that way. The Holy Spirit moved week after week. We saw salvations, recommitments, forgiveness, freedom from addictions, and healings. We witnessed a generation hungry to be in God’s presence as some of those moments lasted for hours. It was a powerful summer and thousands of young people walked away Never The Same.

3,669

Attended NTS Camp in 2023 and were presented with the Gospel

382

Students accepted a call to Ministry and began to see the plan God has for their lives

2,186

Commitments made including first time, rededication, and deepening faith





HEALING IN THE HALLWAYS

PRAYER EQUALS CHANGE



CLAIM YOUR
CAMPUS

God gave CYC a phrase to call Gen Z to pray boldly in their schools "**Healing in the hallways!**" Baileigh from Ohio took this to heart in her Monday morning prayer group. God highlighted a girl across the hall from their group and Baileigh asked to pray for her. This student was a passionate soccer player who just found out that she had a heart defect. The doctor said she couldn't run or play soccer again. Baileigh asked God for healing in that hallway! Later that afternoon, the girl texted Baileigh and said her doctor was amazed to say her heart was completely fine! God is bringing healing in the hallways of our middle and high schools.

33

States with active
Claim Your Campus
prayer groups in
their schools

400+

Prayer Walks took
place around school
campuses in 27
different states

5,000+

Students have been
trained to pray for
change at their
school





**FOSTER
SPIRITUAL
GROWTH**



One of the Youth Pastors that uses Soul Exercises said, “I have students continuing to ask me for new booklets and others have even finished them quicker than a month so I hand out more. Our group that has gone through them are kinder and more mature it seems, in comparison to our new students who have not started or gone through [the booklets] yet. There is a difference as well in overall participation and buy-in to the group and large group times.” This is just one of many stories we hear from groups that are using Soul Exercises to get students engaged with the Bible for themselves!

4,500+

Adults, Students,
and kids are reading
the Bible through
Soul Exercises

12

States and 3
countries have
groups using
Soul Exercises

1,000s

Of lives are being
changed through
consistent time
spent in the Bible



A group of people, including children and adults, are sitting in a circle on a sandy beach. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The word "BELONGING" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

BELONGING



On the Enlightened Summer Tour, one of our teams went out to Albuquerque, NM for the first time. The students there were hungry and excited that we came for an Enlightened event! They shared with our team that only about 10% of the people in their city are Christians and that 90% are unreached. The students we met are living on mission in their schools and know that they have to be different to follow Christ. Many of them are starting Claim Your Campus groups and reaching their schools in powerful ways!

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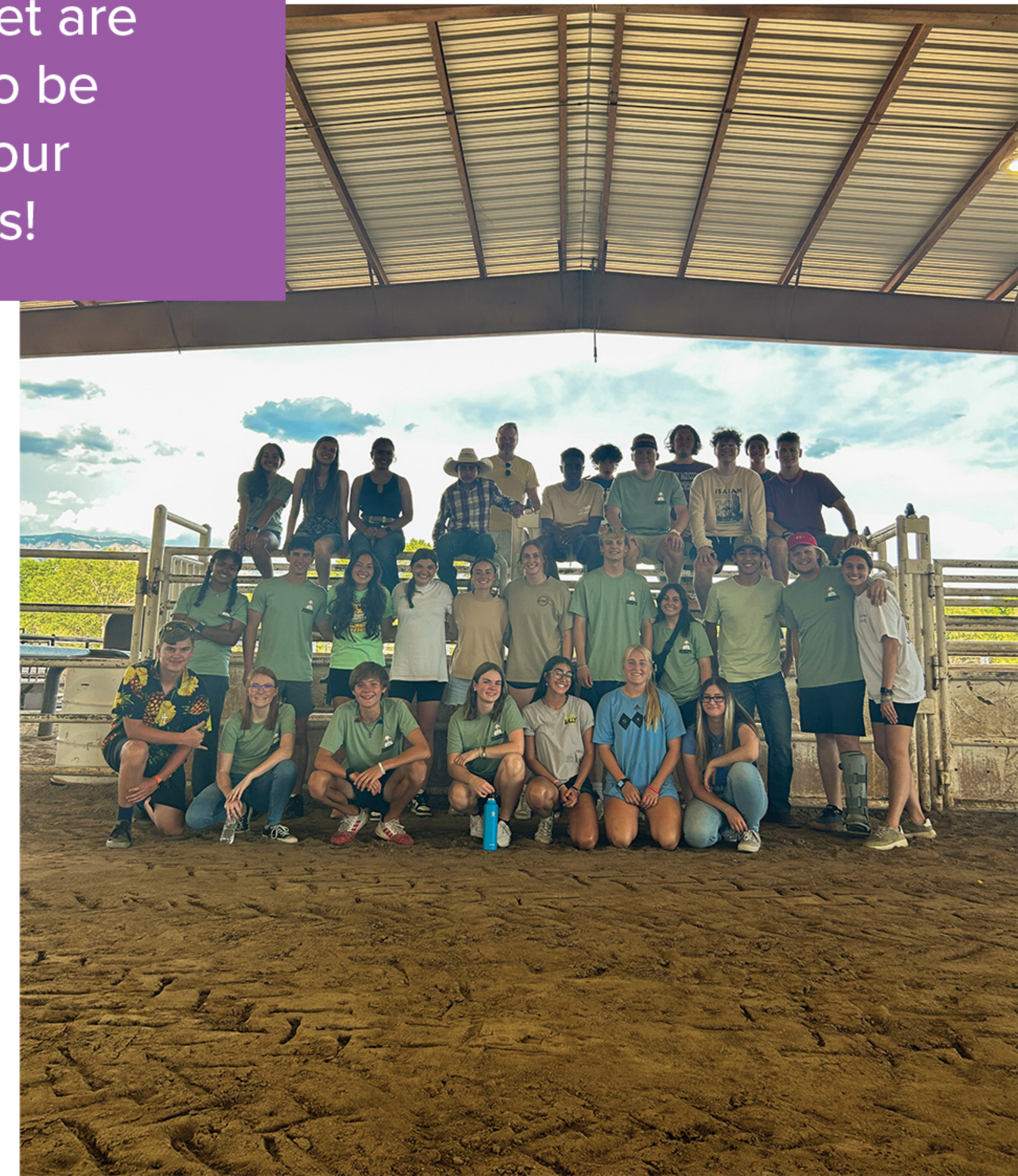
Student-led worship and prayer events have been held this year

2,000+

Students reached with the Gospel and a call to pray by their peers

15

States have had Enlightened events come to their schools



A large crowd of people is gathered on a grassy field under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, several children are standing on a blue tarp. A girl on the left wears a purple swimsuit, a boy in the center wears colorful shorts, and a girl on the right wears a light blue shirt with patterned sleeves. The background is filled with many more people, some sitting on blankets, and a few tents. A colorful structure is visible on the left side of the field.

**SLIP, SLIDE,
AND GIVE BACK**



The Saturday Slip N' Slide was a huge success this year! Blue skies and warm weather brought thousands of people to slide the slides, hang with their families, and enjoy a beautiful summer day. We witnessed wide eyes as kids reached the bottom of the 100-foot slide, followed by laughs and huge smiles. Groups of friends with foam beards and parents dunking their kids in the dunk tank! The park was buzzing as word traveled fast from kid to kid that this was the best day ever!

5,000+

People attended the Slip N' Slide event in Jenison, Michigan

130

Volunteers, vendors, and food trucks supported the event

4

Hours of laughter and smiles from people in our community



A young girl with blonde hair is looking upwards with an open mouth, as if in awe or wonder. She is in a forest with tall, thin trees and a dense canopy of green leaves. The lighting is soft and natural, creating a serene atmosphere. The text "KIDS IN CREATION" is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

KIDS IN CREATION



This year we have worked hard alongside the Children's Ministry staff at Daybreak Church to create and launch Explorers. Explorers is an extraordinary children's adventure designed to ignite a sense of wonder and appreciation for God's creation. Through engaging activities, nature walks, and hands-on experiments, kids will have the opportunity to explore the wonders of forests, rivers, and more. Currently, Explorers is only available through Daybreak Church, with a national launch coming in the future.

360

Hours of intentional experiential discipleship for kids from Kindergarten through 5th grade

30+

Kids are piloting the Explorers program in 2023-2024 at Daybreak Church in Michigan

8

Badges that kids can earn through attendance, Bible memorization, acts of service, etc.

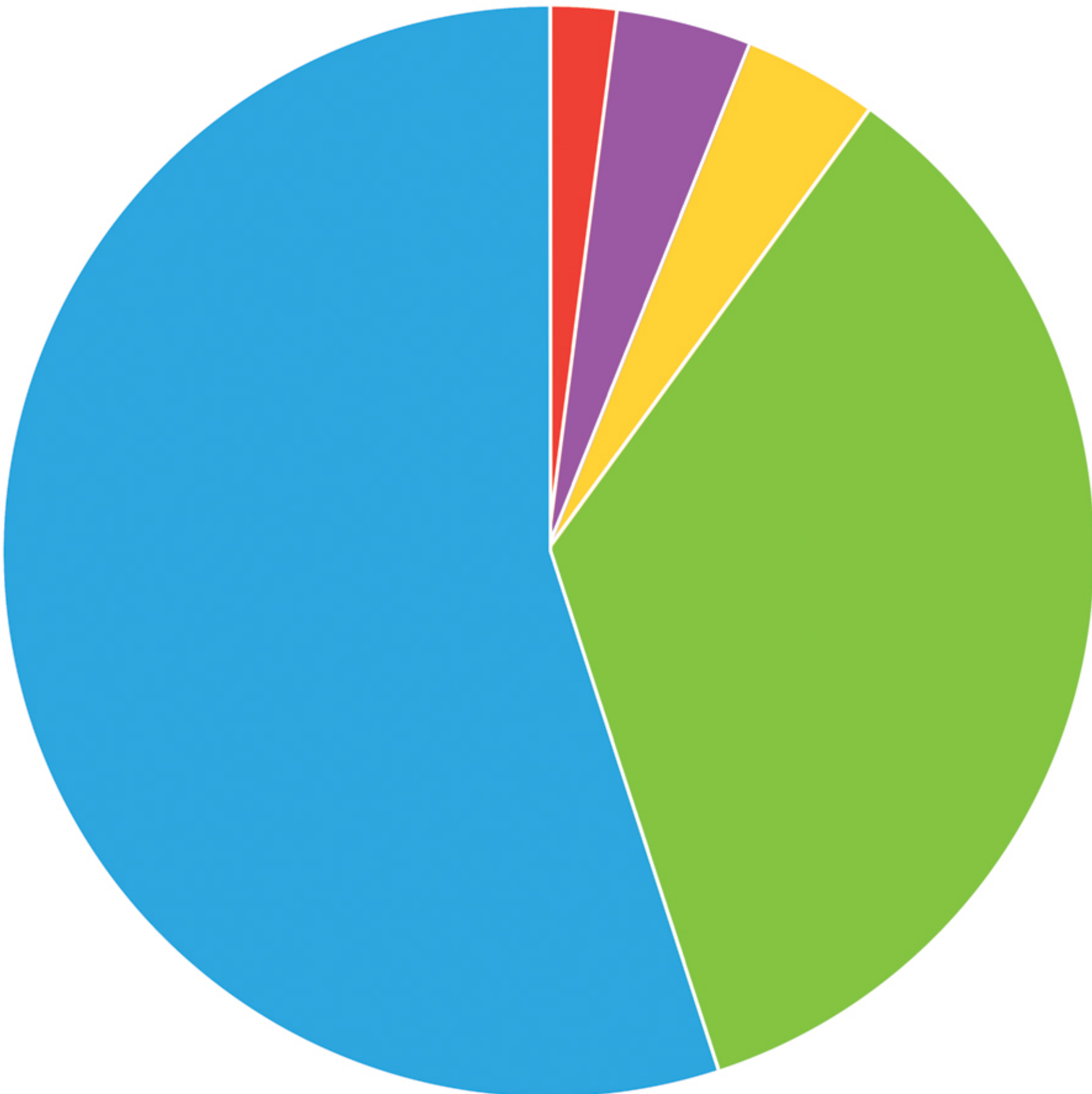


Financials

Never The Same's operating budget in the last 12 months is \$1,626,151

72%
Ministries and Events

16%
General Donations



Breakdown of Expenses:

- NTS Camp
- General Operations
- Claim Your Campus
- Enlightened Students
- Soul Exercises

Staff

Executive Team



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