



2018 Summer Financial Update

Radiant gives periodic updates about our finances. We believe that as the church our primary goal with finances is to see the good news of Jesus advanced across Fairbanks, Alaska, and beyond.

We want to update you on our current financial position and provide you with our vision of where we think God wants us to be with our finances.

Celebrate 2018 Giving:

We want to celebrate a few things that God has allowed us to be a part of

- We have helped launch Safe Families for Children – a local ministry dedicated to helping the children of families who are in crisis situations
- We gave \$77,000 to the Radiant Valley Plant by supporting Caleb Richardson who is planting a new church in Alaska in the Matsu Valley
- We are part of and supporting Acts 29 which is a global network dedicated to seeing churches planted across the world. The U.S. West region of Acts 29 that Radiant is a part of is planting 15 new church plants this year.
- We have seen people who have faithfully given to Radiant increase in their giving to support the good news of Jesus moving forward.

Financial Goals for Radiant

We haven't implemented these goals yet, but this is the vision or where we want to be financially in the future.

- Have three months of expenses saved up in our bank account
- Raise up more leaders like Ben Widman who started as a GC leader and is now working full-time as an elder
- Begin saving/praying for a new church-planter to fully-fund for 1 year (the goal would be to save up \$60,000)
- Expand who we support and how we actively pursue those who don't know Jesus in Fairbanks, Alaska (increasing our giving to local ministries like Young Life and Safe Families that also provide our family the means to actively engage with the broken of our city.)
- Give regularly to overseas missions by supporting Jen and Hanxi proclaiming the Gospel to the Amdo Tibetens in China

Finances 2018

Finances at Radiant are dependent on who gives. Drafting the 2018 budget, our first priority was to follow where we sincerely believed God wanted us to go trusting He would provide through Radiant's faithful giving. We put our faith in God's provision for us and increased our



staffing (personnel budget) and missional giving. We went with this choice while realizing this was going to be a big year of change. The graphs on the next page explain our current financial situation.

- Ben Widman and later Loren Morral increased to full-time pay (whereas both were part-time before 2018)
- Caleb Richardson stayed on full-time pay through March 2018. We gradually declined his salary from March until he was fully-dependent on fundraising by July 2018.
- We have made commitments to giving outside of Radiant Fairbanks that has totaled to 11% of our budget to see the Gospel go out into Fairbanks, Alaska, and beyond
- Our biggest expense by far is personnel. We believe the staff that we have helps to see the vision of our church – ultimately disciple making – carried out. They lead, create, and organize our family to do what the Bible calls us to do (Matthew 28:18-20).
- We give outside of our church because we believe God has blessed us as a Radiant family to be a blessing to other people and organizations seeking to make an impact for the Gospel.

