TG has definitely been the boat that has kept me afloat, and moving forward for the past couple years. Really it's the people I've met in it, and through it that have made the difference. I've made valuable, trustworthy friends that I know will be there for me if I need help, and they have proven it to me time and again. And it's that encouragement, and guidance that have been a major motivation and reminder to not give up the fight to live fully, and well.

# JOSIAH WHITE COLORADO 2019 PARTICIPANT, 2020 FLORIDA INTERN

All I can say is thank God for Training Ground because I do not want to imagine the person I would be today without it.

# DANIEL ALEXANDER COLORADO ALUMNUS 2012, INTERN SUMMER 2013, TG STAFF SUMMER 2020

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Y E A R E N D R E P O R T 2 O 2 O

# God has been so faithful during this crazy 2020.

None of us will forget this year; we graduated two classes—one here in Colorado and one in Florida. When things were shutting down, we were ramping up to invest in these precious lives. We spent so many hours praying for wisdom in how to operate, and we believe we made good, sound decisions and still saw God move in the lives of young men!

We also spent some quality time with our alumni on our recent "TG Roadshow," almost 4,000 total miles traveled over ten days. It is so encouraging to hear the growth and development that our alumni are experiencing. They have hope for new marriages, new babies, and new jobs. I wish we could take you into those conversations to hear first-hand the impact.

In 2021, we plan to do the same and more! God has big things planned for Training Ground in 2021. In 2021 our goal is to have three full-functioning TG areas [Colorado Springs, CO, Sarasota, FL, and Chattanooga, TN]. Also, did you know we turn 15 years this next year?

Cory Smith, Founding Director





### 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- » We graduated our 20th class
- » W2 for National Employees
- » Continued on-time filing of 990
- » Raised the most ever raised through our year-end campaign
- » Full-Color Mission Publication

- » Continued good standing with the state of Colorado
- » Began talks about expansion to Chattanooga, TN
- » First-ever TG Roadshow with van wrapped







## 2021 INITIATIVES

## » Continued expansion and development of Chattanooga, TN

Committee Kickoff is March 12, this development includes staff training, recruiting local volunteers, and raising resources for the area.

#### » New training module for new staff [8-month long training]

Currently we have 6 men going through this crucial training. They meet twice a week with teachers. This is long overdue and lines up with one of our core values [Healthy People = Healthy Ministry]

#### » Two Roadshows (one in spring, one in fall)

We will be back on the east coast for about a week in March. Tightening our recruiting efforts is at the top of our list. These roadshows allow us to meet young men face to face.

#### » Benefits package for staff

Again, referencing our core value [Healthy People = Healthy Ministry], taking care of our staff as they take care of others is really important.

#### » Program Devotional

As an effort to celebrate our 15th year, we are putting together a devotional for guys during the program. It will include writings from staff, volunteers, and alumni.

#### » Continued intentional alumni work

Part of our roadshows will include intentional time with some of our alumni. This March we will see alumni in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. We also are planning a 15-year celebration in August with all our alumni in Wyoming.