PASS PORT With Christ as our foundation, Passport empowers students to encounter God, embrace community, and extend grace to the world.



ANNUAL REPORT 2023







PASSPORT

PASSPORT is an ecumenical nonprofit ministry working with children, youth, and young adults through camps, conferences, and daily devotions at d365.org. This annual report will share some highlights from PASSPORT's ministry this year.

As we moved through our 31st summer, we found ourselves looking confidently to the future. We saw a 13% increase in the number of campers this year, closer to our pre-pandemic numbers. We hosted 3,448 campers from 292 church groups across 16 states and hired 39 staffers, including six from the Island of Puerto Rico and an international student from Mexico.

We awarded \$30,269 in scholarships to 173 students from 25 churches. Every church who had need received help!

You are receiving this report because you are a supporter of PASSPORT or d365 by giving, attending, reading, or partnering with our ministry.

Thank you.

Down Barrow

Rev. David Burroughs President, Passport, Inc.







YOUTH CAMP

At PASSPORT we care about the words we say in Bible study and evening worship, sharing a thoughtful theology where everyone is welcomed and loved. Young women and men offer leadership, teaching and preaching every summer. We challenge students to begin to think beyond themselves to their community and the impact they can have all around the world.

This summer, each camper spent one or two days offering mission service in the communities around our host campuses, putting feet to their faith. They spent one afternoon in a global migration simulation, learning why people migrate, many choosing a perilous journey. And one afternoon was spent with campers preparing to help lead in that evening's worship.

Together with our children's camp, our students raised over \$30,000 to support migration ministries on the US/Mexico border, in North Africa, and in Belgium.

- Theme: Upside down
- 1,825 Campers
- 7 Sessions of camp
- 3 Locations: TX, SC, KY
- 21 Youth Team Summer Staffers
- \$15,558.38 given to global missions
- \$18,330 awarded in scholarships







KIDS CAMP

At PASSPORTkids camps, we care about the words we say in Bible study and evening worship, sharing an age-appropriate thoughtful theology, laying a foundation of acceptance and care. Young women and men offer leadership, teaching, and preaching every summer. We help our children learn that they are loved and valued, and that part of their work is to share that love with others. Kids campers get to hang out with an amazing group of summer staffers and are invited to participate in worship each night.

Together with our youth camp, our students raised \$30,275.34 to support migration ministries on the US/Mexico border, in North Africa, and in Belgium.

Oh, and the kids team travels! They started their summer in Virginia, and visited 5 states and 7 locations ending their summer in Texas.

- Camp Theme: Upside down
- 1,613 campers
- Sessions of camp 7
- Locations: VA, KY, NC, GA, and TX
- Camp Staffers 18
- \$14,716.96 given to global missions
- \$11,939 awarded in scholarships





LEADERSHIP

"A summer at Passport is one of the most thrilling, terrifying, spectacular roller coaster rides you'll ever ride. It's truly a oncein-a-lifetime experience that provided me with the opportunity to go to places I've never gone before and to accomplish things I didn't even know I was capable of. Passport gave me a chance to discover a happiness and peace in this world that I didn't even know existed. I was able to build lifetime friendships that have become the true definition of my home away from home. I have never felt the presence of God as strong as I have at Passport." - Nick Milsap, PASSPORTkids 2023 Summer Staff

"As a PASSPORT staffer, I learned about the beauty of seeing God at work in community — amongst our staff, in the church groups, and in the newly-formed community each week at camp. Each summer I worked camp, I loved to see people connecting, listening to God's voice together, and extending God's grace to one another. Over the past nine years, I have served as the editor of d365, and it has been a joy to be a part of the creative process that brings devotional moments to thousands of people every day of the year!"

- Meredith Forssman, former Staffer and d365 Editor

"Working for Passport this summer was an amazing challenge. It helped me grow as a leader and showed me that I had a lot of potential for things I didn't even know I could do. The entire experience was super enriching and filled with new challenges." - Camila Soto PASSPORT 2023 Summer Staff







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"I cannot tell you what this app has done for me. If I'm being honest I don't use it every day, but there have been many times I have laid in my bed at night, fear felt like it would swallow me whole but I come to this app and I always

receive peace no matter what the devotional is. Thank you, it has helped me more than you know!" - Sidney P.

Devotions

365 days a year

3,053,000 sessions on our website and mobile app

245,000 unique users

186 countries

8% growth in 2023



Passport received a significant grant from the Lilly Endowment this past year to create The Growing Faith Initiative, which will enhance d365.org and offer families additional engagement opportunities. The grant allows Passport to more readily connect with parents of our summer campers throughout the year. The goal of this initiative is to provide parents with tools for organic faith conversations that can be woven into everyday life.

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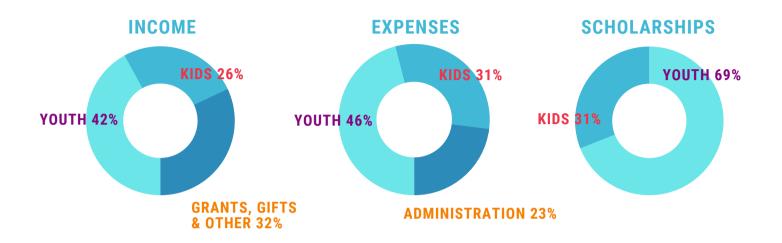
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Passport, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry. We hosted 245,000 readers to d365 this past year, with over 3 million visits. We have served 292 church groups who joined us for camp this summer. We are part of the landscape of thoughtful Christianity—helping children and young people discover more about themselves and God's call to help bring grace and justice to this world.

While our participating churches do pay a registration fee for their students to attend our camps, this income does not cover all our expenses. Many of you reading this have helped us cover that gap, and we are grateful. As we move toward the end of this year, would you consider a gift to help us continue our ministry? The future of our work depends on your generous support. You can give right from your phone, by scanning this QR code, or by visiting our secure website: passportcamps.org/give



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| 1,203,480 | SERVICE HOURS |
| 1,155,402 | BIBLE STUDY HOURS |
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