

A hand is shown holding a lit sparkler, which is emitting a bright, starburst of sparks. The background is dark with out-of-focus bokeh lights in shades of blue and orange, suggesting an outdoor night event. The overall mood is celebratory and hopeful.

BRING THE HOPE OF JESUS
BACK TO COPENHAGEN

**LET'S
BE THE
LIGHT**



**OPEN
CHURCH**

A CHURCH WAS BORN

In September 2019 we launched OPEN-CHURCH in Copenhagen - one of the spiritually coldest places on the planet. We had a dream to see God do amazing things in our city.

But God's dreams are even bigger. Within our first year He used us as a voice to bring His message of hope into every home in our nation and even across the world.

One year has passed since launching OPEN-CHURCH Copenhagen, and we are really excited to share what God has done - from The New York Times to New Zealand...

... and our plans for reaching more hearts.



WHY LIGHT UP COPENHAGEN

With less than 1% church-goers on a regular Sunday, CPH is amongst the most secular cities in the world. Although CPH is on the shortlist every year as one of the world's most liveable cities and Denmark is named as one of the happiest nations in the world, not everything is perfect.

Spiritually CPH is dead and the message of hope is needed more than ever. Almost 1 in 6 people are on antidepressants, many living with stress and depression.

The gospel needs to be reintroduced to CPH.

Source: *The Pew Research Center, Gallup World Poll, CPH University*



VISION

We inspire people to experience God
and imitate Jesus.

MISSION

Therefore we want to be so generous that we add value
to society, so compassionate that we touch every
single person, so vibrant that we make sense
in our time, so authentic that we put God first,
so courageous that we make room for diversity and
help people find their God-given purpose in life.

SO FAR, SO GOD

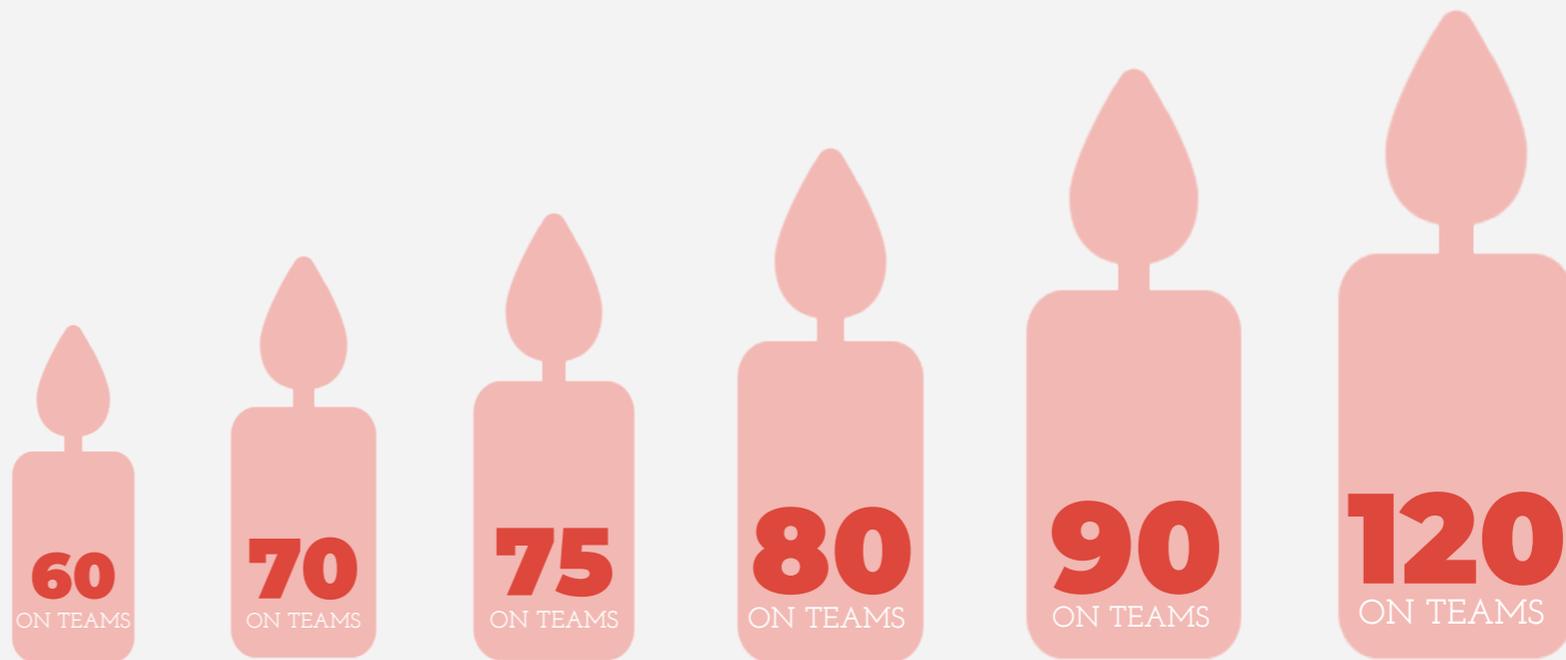
OPENCHURCH in Copenhagen was launched in late September 2019. Six months later we were forced to lock-down due to the restrictions following the pandemic, making us fear for our survival as a church-plant. Not only did we survive but we have thrived and experienced God building His Church through overwhelming creative solutions.

In fact, we have seen the attendance of 300 people at our drive-in-service and more than 104 decisions for Christ in our first year.

Before Covid-19 we reached about 40-500 people online, and during the lock-down, 5000-58.000 people. Now 193.627 unique users have visited our Facebook page. God is bringing hope to Copenhagen, Denmark.

104
DECISIONS FOR
CHRIST

3.142
FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



FACEBOOK
VIEWERS

735

670

652

42.000

4.500

6000

September '19

November '19

January '20

April '20

July '20

October '20

HOPE INTO EVERY HOME

With church and christianity having little to no influence in Danish society, we were overwhelmed when main media in our nation ran positive stories on what God did through OPENCHURCH. Newspaper headlines saying: "God is not mad at you. He's madly in love with you.", and national television news, morning and evening shows doing segments on us from 3-8 minutes at a time when everybody was in lock-down watching the news.

Even The New York Times wrote a positive article with the headline "From Copenhell to Copenheaven". The venue we used for Drive-In services is usually used for a huge metal festival called Copenhell, and we put up an even bigger sign spelling COPENHEAVEN. Also six heavy metal magazines have written positive articles on OPENCHURCH.



DRIVE-IN-GUDSTJENESTER HITTER
Coronakrisen har forhindret kirkerne i den traditionelle påskefejring - det har fået dem til at tænke i kreative løsninger



ON NATIONAL TV



Houses of worship have struggled to adapt to a socially distanced world. But in Denmark, one congregation set up a drive-in church at the site of a heavy metal music festival

EUROPE DISPATCH
Talk About a Conversion: A Site of Metal Concerts Becomes 'Copenheaven'

By PETER KENNEDY and LAUREN VANDERKAM
COPENHAGEN — Plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 2023, perhaps a year ahead of a well-worn tradition of celebrating the fall of the Berlin Wall, are being shelved for a year, at least, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Mr. Christensen made his conversion a metaphor for the church's new mission, though he did not say whether he had ever been to a metal concert. "It's a metaphor, you will see that," he said, smiling. "I'm not a fan of the genre." "I like it," he said. "I like it."

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Copenheaven from top: Thomas Christensen preaching at a drive-in church service in Copenheaven; Carina Jensen with her husband. For all the success, and a church leader continuing to preach in a world, usually the backdrop for a festival called Copenhell.

SHOUT IT OUT!

NEWS-PAPERS ACROSS THE WORLD

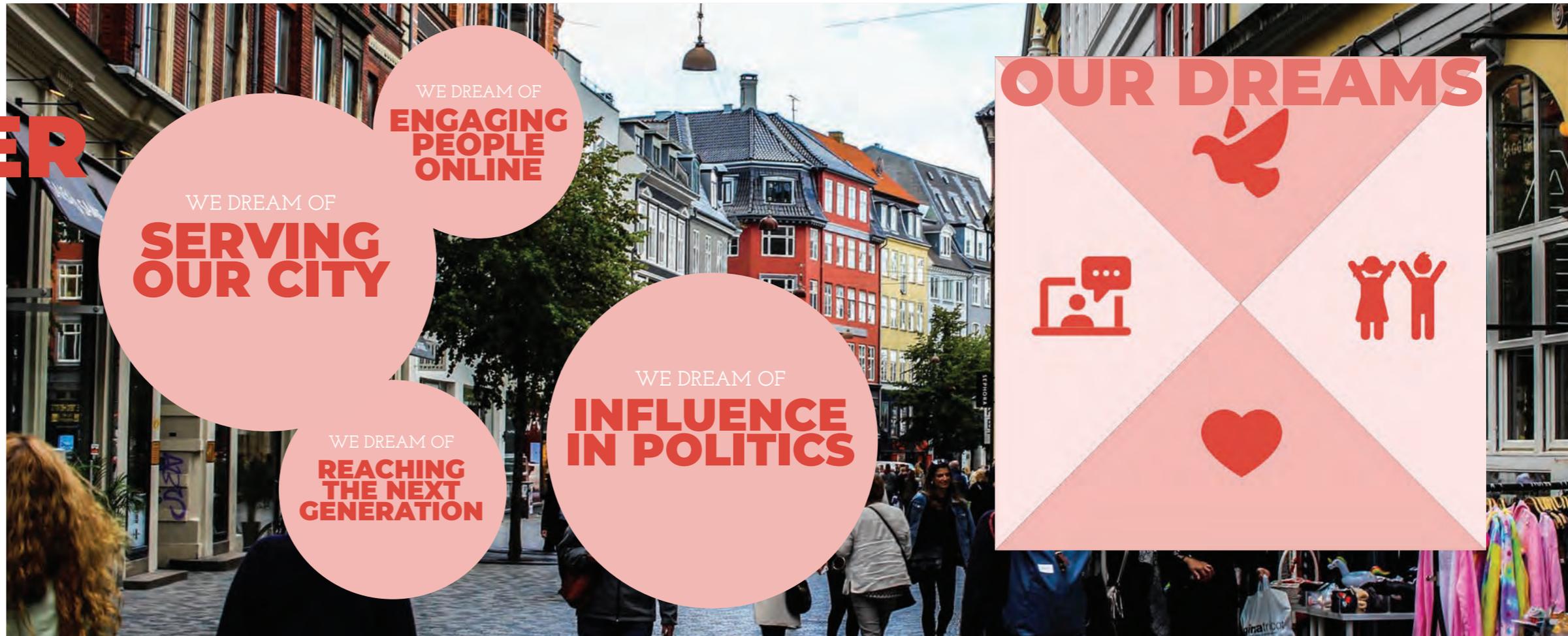
MEDIA COVERAGE BRINGING HOPE TO THE WORLD: USA, England, Tanzania, France, Australia, Taiwan, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Bulgaria, Portugal, Singapore, India, Marocco, Russia, Poland, Holland, Sweden, Greece, Brazil, Togo, Spain, Italy, Japan, Mexico and South Africa.

A NEW CHAPTER

We are turning the corner on a new season and there's no telling what God will do.

We do recognize that God is using us to see our nation transformed and our challenge will be to keep our momentum in an everchanging time of restrictions and lockdowns.

Our primary focus will continue to be reaching the lost and building a healthy, strong local church. The next chapter will also include the following. New kids facility, Online outreach, Nehemiah Center, and



WE DREAM OF
**ENGAGING
PEOPLE
ONLINE**

WE DREAM OF
**SERVING
OUR CITY**

WE DREAM OF
**REACHING
THE NEXT
GENERATION**

WE DREAM OF
**INFLUENCE
IN POLITICS**

OUR DREAMS



HELP US SHINE BRIGHTER

The cost of planting a church and doing ministry in a city like Copenhagen, Denmark, is very high.

While our members faithfully tithe, many of them are students with little to no income. Also, with so many new believers with no previous church or giving experience, the discipleship process will usually be a 1-3 year journey before establishing giving and tithing habits. This means that OPENCHURCH has always been larger than we can afford to be.

We are praying for at least 15 significant Gospel partners that will come alongside us to help us reach our three year goals.



A CHURCH BUILDING

In the last year we have been in 7 different locations to make room for people. We have already taken a step in faith and are renting a venue on Sundays that can seat 500 people.

To keep growing we need bigger facilities for kids.



THE NEHEMIAH CENTER

The past year has given us influence in the political arena. In response we are starting "The Nehemiah Center" to rebuild the walls and gates of culture.

The city may not be in physical ruins but is in spiritual and cultural obliteration.



ONLINE OTREACH

We want to create a YouTube channel to reach people online.

This will be done through the help of three different social media influencers that have joined OPENCHURCH. We can see that people are still afraid to move freely outside due to Covid-19 and we will engage them online.



SERVE THE CITY

God has given us influence with the Media and the top of Danish society.

We still believe that our call is to take care of "the least of these." We will continue to serve our city and help people with spiritual, physical and mental needs.

HOW

TO GET INVOLVED

PRAY

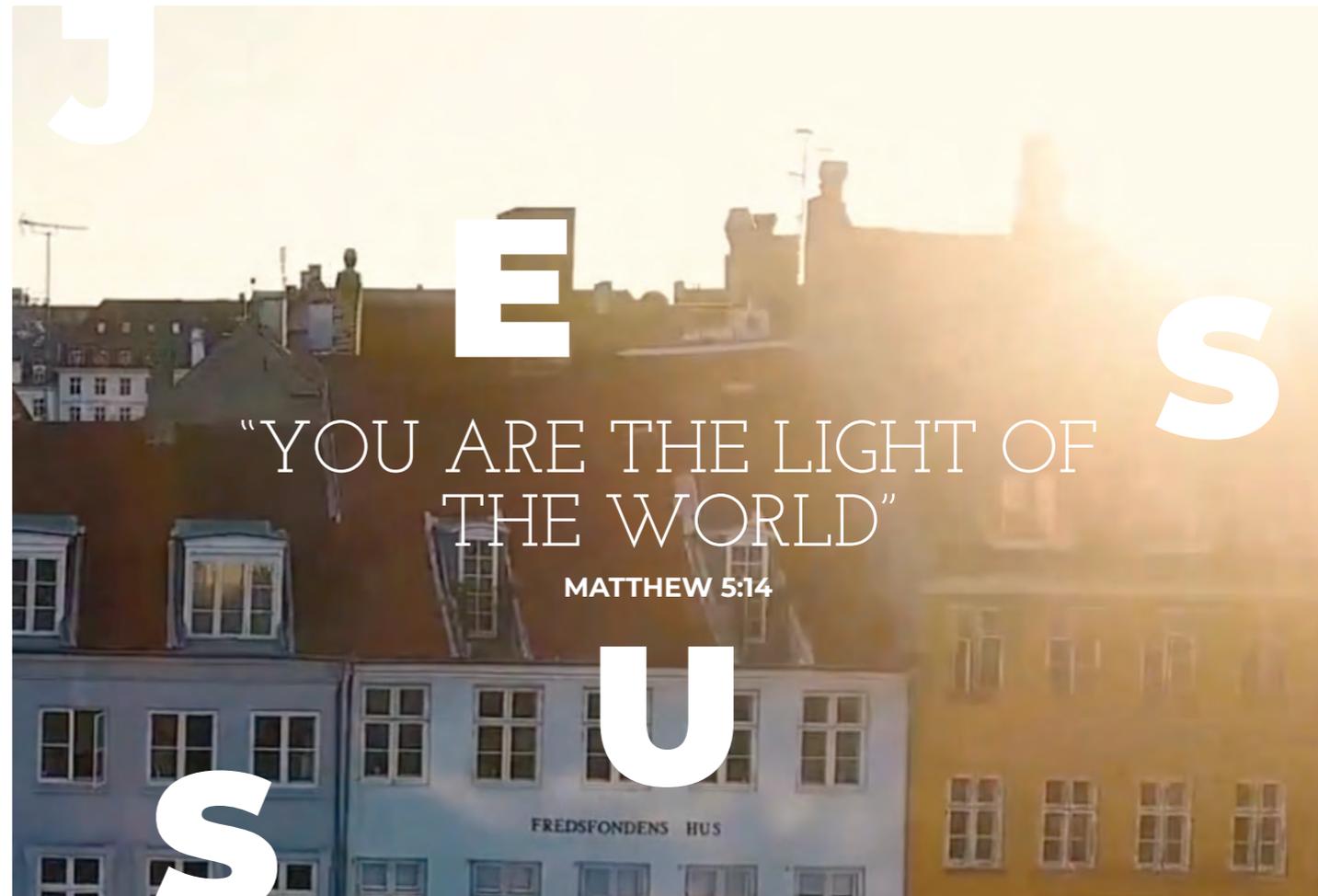
Thank you for standing together with us in prayer for protection, guidance and breakthrough.

GIVE

We need partners to help establish the Church in Copenhagen with a one time gift or with 2-3 year commitments.

JOIN

You are welcome to visit us or relocate to CPH and join the team.





THE CHRISTENSEN FAMILY

OpenChurch launched in Copenhagen September 2019. Christina and Thomas was also a part of the founding team in planting OpenChurch, Herning in 2008. They met in 1991 touring with a band and soon sweet music was made. They have served as youth and worship-pastors and lately Thomas has helped plant and establish churches around the world.

THOMAS

- Full-time ministry since 2004
- Proven track record for Church-planting
- Passionate about evangelism and fellowship
- Foodie and loves great coffee

CHRISTINA

- Educated as a legal secretary and teacher
- Been in full-time ministry since 2012
- Passion for equipping, training and releasing young people

CHILDREN

- Celine & Simon (son-in-law)
- Emmelie
- Natalie



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NESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE
LIGHT IN THE LORD. LIVE AS
CHILDREN OF LIGHT.

EPHESIANS 5:8

LET'S LIGHT UP COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

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