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## Monthly highlights

The past 9 months were some of the most taxing and yet most significant months of our lives. Besides sudden caretaking for two dads, we had the opportunity to travel to Taiwan for the first time as an entire family. We connected with family and our cultural roots and ate LOTS of delicious food. Thanks be to God for that trip of a lifetime!

### November - December 2023

- Cindy moderated a panel on refugee voices at the Evangelical Immigration Table national convening held in Houston.
- We hosted our final workshop of 2023, on the Enneagram of Christlike Virtues.

### January-February 2024

- Cindy taught a workshop and preached on Sabbath at a church in Chicago. While there she also taught a workshop on Intercultural Agility at the Evangelical Covenant Church's annual leaders' conference.
- David traveled to South Africa to lead a spiritual retreat and train leaders.
- Cindy is teaching Afghan women to cycle through Ride with Refugees.

## Immeasurably More

Last year when we got the call about Dad Wu's fall—just one week after Cindy returned from Taiwan with her father, who had stage 4 cancer—the coincidence seemed incredible, if not cruel. Stress set in immediately. We cried out to God in ways we had not done in recent years.

As we made adjustments to our home and our schedules, we were prepared to make cuts to our ministry. We felt sure there would be tremendous sacrifice of plans and dreams.

By God's grace, we were able to maintain a fairly active ministry calendar, making key connections with new ministry partners and saying yes to new initiatives. In the midst of it all, we experienced relational healing in multiple areas in unexpected and beautiful ways. God showed us he is able to do more than we can ask or imagine.

Thank you for uplifting us through your prayers and expressions of care. We are looking forward to 2024. To God be the glory!

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*



# Mosaic Network

## Here's an update about our major initiative for 2024, from our Associate Director of Mosaic Network, Chrissy Chang:

We have launched Mosaic Network ([the website](#) is live!) and are onboarding our first Network Minister—Jovin Adjeitey with [Tapestry Soul Care](#)! We're so grateful for the opportunity to learn together as we work towards our shared vision of expanded access for spiritual formation care. We've been praying through the application process, hoping it will be both clarifying and encouraging for future applicants. We are actively putting together the infrastructure and processes to be ready to onboard a couple more Network Ministers later this year. Personally, I'm excited about the ways Mosaic Network provides opportunity for collaboration and empowers Mosaic Network ministers through fiscal sponsorship and resources to offer spiritual formation care to the leaders and communities God has placed on their hearts to serve.



"I can't believe I'm cycling! I didn't think I'd be able to do this in my whole life. I feel so free!"

These were the words last week of one of our Afghan Women's Bike Team members. We're so proud of our 11 students, most of whom couldn't ride five weeks ago but are now zipping around the neighborhood. We enjoy riding together, but it's also a time of ministry as the women are enduring hardships related to integration and separation from homeland and family. Please pray these precious women would experience the light and love of Christ.



**Ride with Refugees - teaching Afghan women to ride bikes**



1. Retreat participants
2. State of soul sharing and listening
3. A stunning prayer chapel
4. A baby house for orphans



In February, Mosaic Formation had the privilege of leading a spiritual retreat and training to a group of diverse and influential ministry leaders around South Africa in partnership with Mosaïek Church and Renovaré. It was remarkable to witness the spiritual unity we experienced amidst our vastly different backgrounds. We had Blacks, Whites, Asians, missionaries, church planters, leaders from the Assemblies of God Church, leaders from the Dutch Reformed Church, and a Jesuit priest in attendance. The beauty and fruit that can spring forth when believers possess intercultural agility was on full display! We also had the opportunity to visit a community centre serving the poor and most vulnerable populations in Johannesburg in hopeful and empowering ways. Over the next year, we will be discerning a potential long-term partnership to make spiritual formation training and practices more accessible to the wider church in Africa. One of the joys of this trip was the opportunity to collaborate with Jovin Adjeitey of Tapestry Soul Care, who traveled from Ghana, West Africa, to help co-lead this retreat. It was a joy to serve together and a confirmation of our newfound partnership through Mosaic Network!



# Your investment makes a difference!

Read this testimony by Jaret L:

"Hello, my name is Jaret L. I am a resident of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. I have been living here for close to 10 years. I am originally from Mexico and came here following God's call into Missions and Ministry. The spiritual retreat I just attended, "The Transformational Journey", is the first (prayerfully of many) retreats where South African ministry leaders across all different church traditions were able to engage with the deep well of the contemplative tradition no longer from afar as a distant friend but up close as an intimate child. **This is a great gift that our brothers and sisters all around the world should have more access to.** I am deeply grateful for Mosaic Formation and organizations alike that make these resources available. Getting a visa alone to enter the US is challenging enough without talking about the amount of effort it will take for any local congregation to send their leaders to retreats like these overseas. Which is why I am so grateful these resources are finally becoming accessible to the rest of us. Truly grateful for every person that makes this a reality."

You can sign up for the workshop Jaret mentioned (offered online THIS FRIDAY) or register for any of our offerings, including one led by one of our board members, Dr. Kim Alexander!  
<https://www.mosaicformation.org/upcoming-events/>.



### SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

"Leadership requires that we build relationships."

Mosaic Formation is honored to have board member Dr. Kimberly Nash Alexander offer this 90-minute workshop to nurture the soul of female leaders.

**Wednesday, April 3  
10-11:30 Central**

Register on our website:  
[www.mosaicformation.org/upcoming-events](http://www.mosaicformation.org/upcoming-events)

