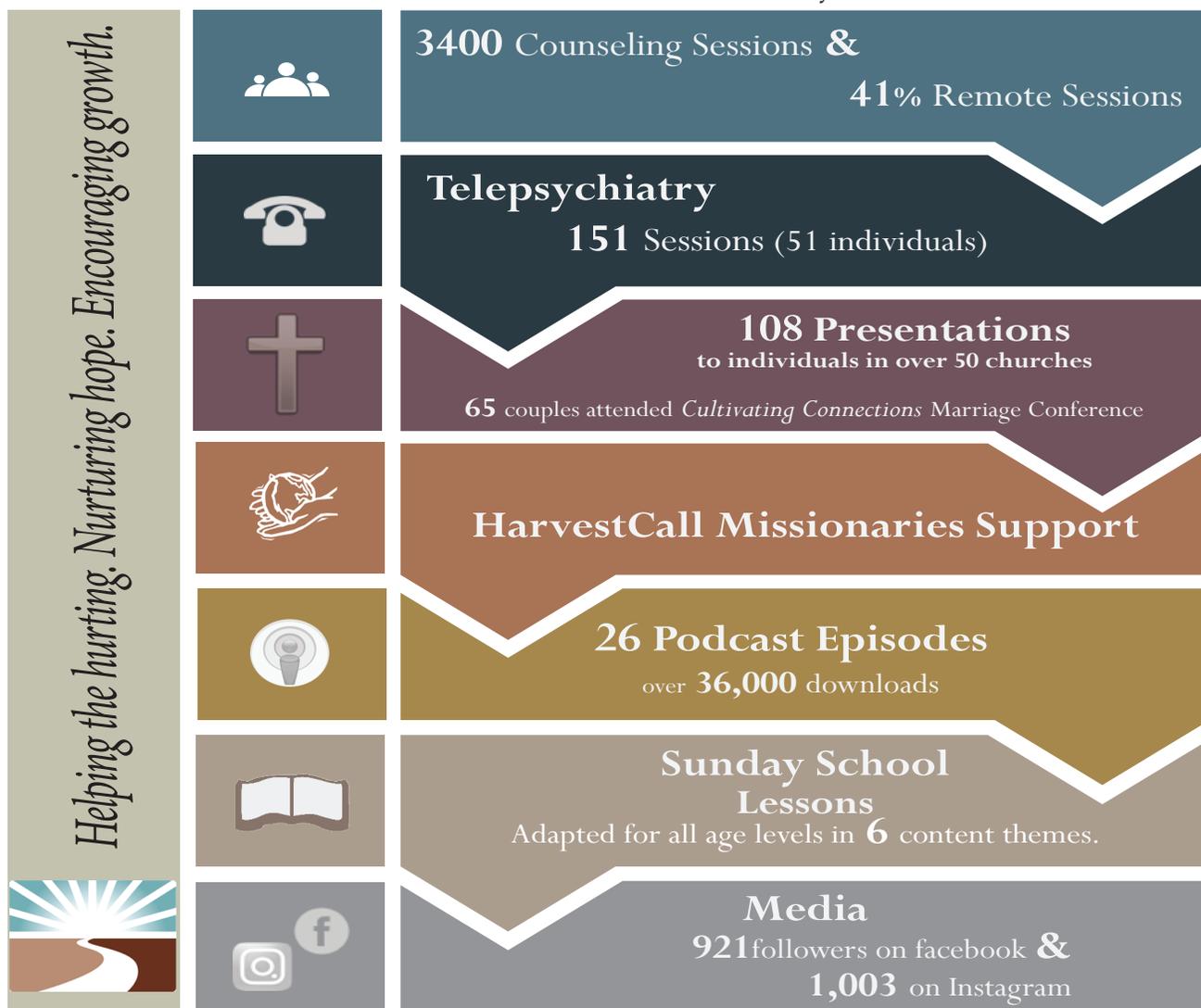


This report covers the year ending December 31, 2018. We are thankful to be a servant agency to our beloved church and to the Elder Body.



2018 Key Prayers & Opportunities

- **Need for Counselors** – We are thankful for trained counselors within the Apostolic Christian Church. ACCFS does realize our qualified staff is stretched to meet all the denominational needs. We encourage sisters, especially, to consider going into the counseling field.
- **Local Discipleship** – We would like to encourage discipleship and mentoring relationships within each local church family as an opportunity to share wise counsel, support, and accountability in our intergenerational brotherhood. We are seeking to continually develop resources to assist with these efforts.
- **Sexual Purity** – With the pervasiveness of sexual sin impacting both males and females in our society, we want to encourage one another to live overcoming lives and use the purity resources available.
- **Depression & Anxiety** - Depression and anxiety are continuing to afflict many, both inside and outside of the church. We want to help those suffering get good treatment as well as equip family, friends, and ministers to provide support.
- **Sharing Helps and Resources** – We want to encourage the sharing of helpful resources with others. ACCFS relies heavily on individuals sharing and forwarding our helps to others. We have designed our website content to be easily sharable.

Services in 2018

ACCFS introduced our new website in June. It is filled with resources designed to encourage you on your personal walk with the Lord and as you help others. We have divided our site into four primary sections:

- **Themes** - Resources are separated by major content areas (such as marriage, parenting, mental health, etc.) and further divided into key categories within each theme. Click on a category and the most relevant articles will sort to the top.
- **Communities** - This section highlights important resources for those who are helping others. The communities are divided by areas of focus such as Purity, Marriage, Discipleship, Ministry, & Mentoring.
- **Events** – Located here are handouts, audios, and videos from our past *Cultivating Connections* Marriage Conferences as well as links to register for any upcoming conferences.
- **Archives** - This section is an extensive library of all our resources. It is divided by type of resource (paper, podcast, video, etc.) and then further divided by themes.

- ACCFS provided **3400 Christ-centered counseling** session hours to 390 clients from 65 churches. Our counseling sessions help clients work through issues such as depression, anxiety, trauma, marriage and family relationship struggles, addiction, and adjustment issues.
 - Approximately **41%** of these sessions were **remote counseling session** (voice and/or video calls with clients at their location). Six ACCFS counselors are now Board Certified - TeleMental Health Providers (BC-TMH).
 - **485** individuals called ACCFS seeking information about mental health issues or relationship problems for themselves or others. This includes elders and ministers who called regarding ways they could support others who were struggling. Many of these requests were handled with free Triage calls.
 - For those who need the services of a psychiatrist, ACCFS offers telepsychiatry provided by Aaron Plattner, MD, a brother in our Alto, MI, church. This service is available to those who can come to the Morton ACCFS office for appointments. We served 51 individuals with 154 sessions thanks to the telepsychiatry program.
 - ACCFS provided referrals to qualified mental health professionals and specialized services near callers' home locations. This year we migrated our Referral Database into a new database structure using Microsoft Apps which has provided us with additional
- functionality. Our referral information is continually expanded and updated.
- **108** educational **presentations** and **trainings** were provided to members and ministers from 67 different churches. Over **4,900** individuals attended these presentations in their various venues.
 - The **Way of Purity** program has been upgraded to an online delivery version and continues to provide help and hope for individuals struggling with sexual purity issues.
 - Sunday School lessons for all grade levels have been adapted from our resources and are available in the Sunday School section of our website. Lessons can be found in the following areas of study:
 - Forgiveness
 - World Religions
 - Technology
 - Sexual Purity
 - Decision Making
 - Financial Stewardship
 - ACCFS has now introduced several recorded webinars, video presentations, and other helps. Many of the topics covered were designed to encourage ministers and mentors in their roles. These resources are available on our website.
 - ACCFS resources continue to be shared out via social media to increase access and availability. We currently have over **900 friends** on **Facebook** and over **1000** followers on **Instagram**.
 - ACCFS released **26 podcasts** on various topics throughout the year. In 2018, there were over **36,000 downloads** of these podcasts via AC Central, our website, and other venues.
 - ACCFS provided mentoring for those affiliated with our churches who are students or mental health professionals.
 - ACCFS continues to work with HarvestCall to provide **missionary care** in the pre-field screening, sending, on-field, and re-entry periods.

Special Programs in 2018

- September 28th and 29th, we delivered our second regional marriage conference, **Cultivating Connections**, in West Lafayette, IN. **65** couples from 20 churches attended the conference to spend two days investing in their marriages. It was a time of learning, connecting, and fellowship. Handouts and audio recordings from this and previous conferences can be accessed on the Events portion of our new ACCFS website as well as on the Events portion of AC Central. Although we had good attendance, our desire would be for the church body to continue to encourage each other to attend sessions such as these to help each other as we grow together.
- ACCFS continues work to develop resources in the area of Sexual Purity which can address various issues at various levels of severity. These resources are both proactive (preventative) and reactive (helping those with problems) to enable elders, ministers, and others in local churches to address sexual purity problems.
- At the Elder Meeting in Gridley, IL, ACCFS shared presentations titled “God is” and “Finding Balance” with the Elders’ wives.
- ACCFS has moved to a new Electronic Medical Records system that enables better services for our clients and tools for our counselors.
- ACCFS is very thankful for all the contractors who work on our facility, many who even donate their talents and products.

Conclusion

Staff

ACCFS currently has **10 full-time** staff (including 5 counselors, 2 church outreach teachers, 2 front office staff and an administrator) and **10 part-time** staff (equivalent to 3 full-time staff, including 2 counselors and 3 church outreach staff).

Finances for operations were received from 60 Apostolic Christian churches. Of the **\$1,160,478** received in contributions, \$212,016 came directly to ACCFS from individuals. ACCFS is greatly appreciative for the contributions, both from churches and from individuals.

In past years, the Mission Fund and then HarvestCall donated funds to help ACCFS with some of the more general church support expenses that are not directly recoverable from any one entity. Beginning in 2019, ACCFS will need to rely on the National Brotherhood Fund for help with these expenses.

Although some of the costs of operations are covered by client billings, these billings are based on a sliding scale that corresponds with the client’s ability to pay. The average rate paid by clients was \$79/session, which is 64% of the full rate charge. The money received from billings represents 23.3% of our total operating expenses. Thus, ACCFS relies heavily on contributions.

As always, we are thankful to God for His loving guidance, and are appreciative of the support and encouragement provided by the Elder Body as well as the brotherhood.

In Christian love,

ACCFS Board of Directors and Staff

