



THE WATERSTONE CHURCH STORY

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Perhaps the best way to tell *our* story is to share the story of the churches we serve. Here, we highlight **Waterstone Community Church**, one church who has extended their missions reach with the assistance of Sixteen:Fifteen.

Waterstone church is located in Littleton, Colorado. Matthew Ellison, President and Church Missions Coach lead this church through Sixteen:Fifteen's 3D process. Today, they are a church, fully engaged in reaching Muslims in Spain and in Guinea, West Africa. Below is a snapshot of the incredible journey this church is on to see the Gospel Spread throughout the World!

We asked Waterstone Church to briefly walk us through their experience with Sixteen:Fifteen's coaching process.

Please describe your church before the Sixteen:Fifteen Missions Coaching Process.

Missions at Waterstone before our work with Sixteen:Fifteen had gotten stale. We were stuck in the same-old same-old. There were a few people interest in missions but the congregation as a whole did not know where we were working and what we wanted to accomplish.

What brought you to the point where you felt like missions coaching would be a benefit to Waterstone Church?

Although we were doing some things well and had a desire to move ahead, we were at a loss of what to do. We had good people on our missions committee and great people on the field, but we weren't creating a passion for mission to the hearts of the people of Waterstone.

Please describe missions at Waterstone Church after the Sixteen:Fifteen Missions Coaching process.

After walking through the process with Matthew, we defined our mission, vision, values, and focus. We are now able to articulate these in a way that the congregation can understand. Narrowing our focus to easily communicated areas has given us the tools to involve more people in missions. We launch the new vision with a month long sermon series that purposefully gave people not only an understanding of missions but the handles they needed to get involved.

The Missions Task force has moved from an advisory committee to a working group. The team now has a vested interest in advancing God's Kingdom. They are excited about what God is doing at Waterstone and in our focus areas. They can see their giftedness being used.

Describe the impact you experienced as a result of the missions coaching process?

We are just beginning to see the impact of our new missions program. People are learning to love Muslims and not to live in fear. They are asking questions and pondering their place in God's Story. The people of Waterstone are sponsoring children living in poverty and are looking for opportunities to volunteer at local ministries. Some are beginning to wonder "Does God want me to go?"

Speak to the missions pastors or missions team leaders who are considering engaging in the missions coaching process, what would you say to them?

Mathew comes in with a wealth of knowledge and resources. He did not have us a cookie cutter package on how to do missions, but worked with us to use Waterstone strengths, experience, interests, and giftedness to develop a missions program that was right for us. We came out of the processes better able to involve our people in God's story for the nations.

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If the Waterstone Church story has inspired you and you wish to enhance your church's missions vision, we would love to help!

We offer 2 different coaching options:

- **THE 3D PROCESS | our flagship offering.**
 - This is a highly customized, hand-on coaching process that takes your church from discovery to deployment of your mission vision.
 - Great for churches who can invest the time, and resources to see their missions vision come alive. Pastors and Missions Committees are both encouraged to
- **THE MOBILIZED CHURCH | a 2 day workshop.**
 - After several years of church mission coaching, we have identified 7 biblical keys to unleashed churches. We have developed these keys into a 2 day workshop to help your church clarify biblical definition of missions, and to inspire greater, more focused missions engagement.
 - Great for churches who are dissatisfied with the status-quo of their current missions programs.

Please contact us at 1615.org/request-info to inquire which option is right for your church.