

# 2025

## ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Mercy City Church,

We are honored to share our 2025 Annual Report with our Mercy City family. Each year this report becomes more than numbers on a page—it's a marker of God's faithfulness and a testimony to the generosity, obedience, and passion of His people. This year stands as both a celebration and a launchpad, pointing us toward an even greater impact for the Kingdom of God in Nebraska and beyond.

As we continue to steward the responsibility of leading this church, we do so with humility and deep gratitude. This calling matters as leading well, stewarding wisely, and pursuing the vision God has placed before us, both corporately and individually, remains our highest priority. The time, talent, and treasure invested by the people of Mercy City reflect a powerful trust in the mission God has entrusted to us. This annual report represents our commitment to steward that trust with integrity and excellence while always keeping people at the center of what we do.

The Mercy City Annual Report allows us to focus on the metrics that truly matter. These measures help us evaluate health, effectiveness, and impact, but more importantly, they represent real lives changed, families strengthened, hope restored, and eternity impacted. Every number tells a story, and every story points back to God's hand at work through His church. As we reflect on where God has brought us, we do so with confidence that He is far from finished. The vision ahead is bold, and the opportunity is significant, but we believe the best is still yet to come. Thank you for walking this journey with us by believing, serving, giving, and praying alongside us as we continue to move forward together.

Let's keep building. Let's keep reaching, and let's continue to allow God to use Mercy City Church to connect people to God's Heart and God's House.

With gratitude and expectation,

**Pastors Matt & Carrie Erikson**  
**Lead Pastors**  
**Mercy City Church**



# 2025 SERMON SERIES



## **Follow the Leader —**

Identifying good leaders to follow, it is your choice who you allow to lead you. The favor of the Lord is not earned, but comes through alignment, consistency, and faithfulness.

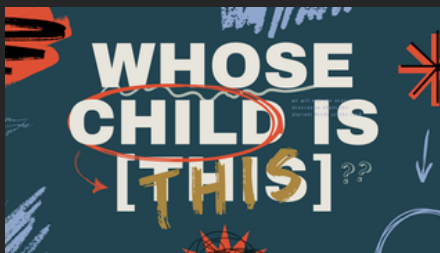
**Momentum** — Moving forward in the plan according to God's will.

What got you to where you are now will not get you to where God has called you to go. Authority is released to us when we acknowledge that arrival is not based on the natural but spiritual.



**I Must Be** — Focus on moving, growing, and taking action. Growth invitations will come when we respond to them. We have a say and a choice in where we are moving, faith is fueled by action.

**Whose Child Is This** — Leaving a legacy, whose life are you impacting and in what ways? We are looking to have blessing from generation to generation, rescuing children, and raising children so they don't have to be rescued.



**To The Ends Of The Earth** — The love of the Father has no bounds, limitations, or lack of pursuit. In our darkest moments, He remains present, He gives second chances and He has a heart for all His children across the world and to the ends of the earth.





**To The Core** — Live the 7 core values and how Mercy City believes we are called to live. Built on a foundation of Jesus Christ, and walking in alignment to the vision of His house.

**Hot Takes** -- Back to church, committing to consistency. Addressing church hurt - intentional and unintentional. How to deal with hurt and address in an honoring way, how to leave the church.



**Stewardship** — We do not have to prove ourselves to the world, and we don't have to give into that temptation. When we know who Jesus is, we willingly pay the price to give up our own ways, take up our cross, and follow him.

**Stewardshift** — Faithfulness vs generosity, stingy vs. steward, risk free vs faith free. Good stewardship based on intentionality, preparation and building the Kingdom. God is our Provider, and we must shift out hearts and mind to carry Godly stewardship.



**Christmas Traditions** — Finding peace, joy, love and hope in this holiday season. Making the holidays about Jesus again, not conforming to the patterns of the world.

# MERCY CITY AT CITY IMPACT

The City Impact location **launched in September of 2024** and has grown by almost **70% in average attendance!** We have just about **doubled our Dream Team since January** and have seen **over 50 salvations** of people recommitting their lives to Jesus, or **giving their lives to Him for the first time!** We have become a **75% mobile location** that has brought our team together like never before with people **taking next steps in their faith journey.**

It was exciting to serve the community around us with Party in the Park, Trunk or Treat, and VBS, along with Sidewalk Sundays over the Summer, all of which have brought in families to experience what God has for them at our location.



We are believing that God is going to continue giving us a foothold in the community but especially at East Campus as we look to serve our university with passion for the Gospel.

*"To me, the City Impact location is a community and a comfortable relationship with God that we have never had before. This place is special to be able to come in right away and feel welcomed and to be seen was amazing for all my family. We have grown more than just a community; we grew in family size since God put us here. I'm just glad we listened and showed up because this place changes lives."*

-Kenny



Mercy City Seward experienced **extraordinary momentum** this year as God continued to move in powerful and unmistakable ways. Concordia students took meaningful next steps in their faith—**beginning to tithe** for the first time, completing Connect Track, **joining the Dream Team**, and showing up with a hunger to grow. In 2025, nearly **fifty people completed Connect Track**, and an incredible **thirty** of them **stepped into serving consistently**, helping fuel a **64% increase in our Dream Team**.

We also launched Revival in Seward, creating a space for students from Seward, York, and David City to encounter Jesus and build community. We averaged 10 students every week, many of whom had never been connected at our Broadcast location before, showing just how far our reach has grown.



Alongside all of this, our overall weekly attendance climbed by 73%, reflecting not just numbers, but real stories of transformation, connection to God's heart and God's house, and lives being changed. This year wasn't just growth—it was momentum toward what's coming next.

*One Dream Team member, Braden, shared how Mercy City Seward has stretched him beyond his comfort zone and grown his boldness in faith. He said God used this year to develop him as a teacher—impacting not just his church life, but his business and family as well. His story represents what God has been doing across our entire house: growth, purpose, and transformed lives!*



# NEXT STEPS



BAPTISMS



SALVATIONS



DREAM TEAM



WE SAW **45% GROWTH** IN  
DREAM TEAM SINCE 2024

**2025** was a year of **learning to work together** even more effectively and **strengthen our leadership depth**. We onboarded a **new coach** the first half of the year and our other 2 coaches **rallied together** to help him get settled into the new role. We have **improved our team processes** including **onboarding**, and began to **reshape our Compassion Team** which had **16 people at the interest party!**

God really blew our Connect Track goal out of the water! Our goal was to have 180 total people participate in Connect Track during the year with 100 joining the Dream Team. We have exceeded each of these goals!



The Next Steps teams leadership also grew with 10 people stepping into captain roles achieving our goal for the year.



*"My life since Connect Track has been full of so much peace, love, and joy. God has shown me how my talents can better serve His church and bring people closer to Him. God has challenged me for the best and has made my faith the strongest it has ever been!"*

-Cole

# 740

CITY GROUP ATTENDEES

# 1054

CONNECTION CARDS

## CORPORATE PRAYER

We always have been and always will be a house of prayer. Every Tuesday, we gather together at 6am at our Broadcast & Seward Locations for corporate prayer.

We participate in Prayer & Fasting 2 times a year, in January and in August. We believe what the bible says in Psalm 133, that where there is unity that God commands His blessing. So we want to be gathered in places of unity, praying & fasting together.



# 134

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER  
WEEKLY AVERAGE

# 275

7 DAYS OF PRAYER &  
FASTING DAILY AVERAGE

# 165

21 DAYS OF PRAYER &  
FASTING DAILY AVERAGE



# SISTERHOOD



Our prayer for Sisterhood is that women would find a place to connect and feel encouraged. It's our goal to build a community of women who find a place to build friendships and grow together in relationship with Jesus.



- We had 640 women at our Empowered Sisterhood Event in 2025!
- Our Ticket Sales from "Garden Party" went towards "Keep A Girl In School" in Uganda where they provide hygiene products for girls!

# BROTHERHOOD



Brotherhood is our men's ministry at Mercy City Church. Our mission is to uncover the God given potential in the life of every guy, whether he is a father, husband, son, brother, or friend and to become the men that God is calling to lead the charge in advancing His Kingdom.



**241 Men** attended our **Brotherhood One Day** Event!





# NEXT GEN

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Kids ministry continues to follow the growth of the church! We average 427 kids across all of our locations on Sundays. Housewide, we were able to dedicate 77 kids this year. We are launching a new kids curriculum in 2026 that focuses on biblical truth and kids' identity in Jesus.



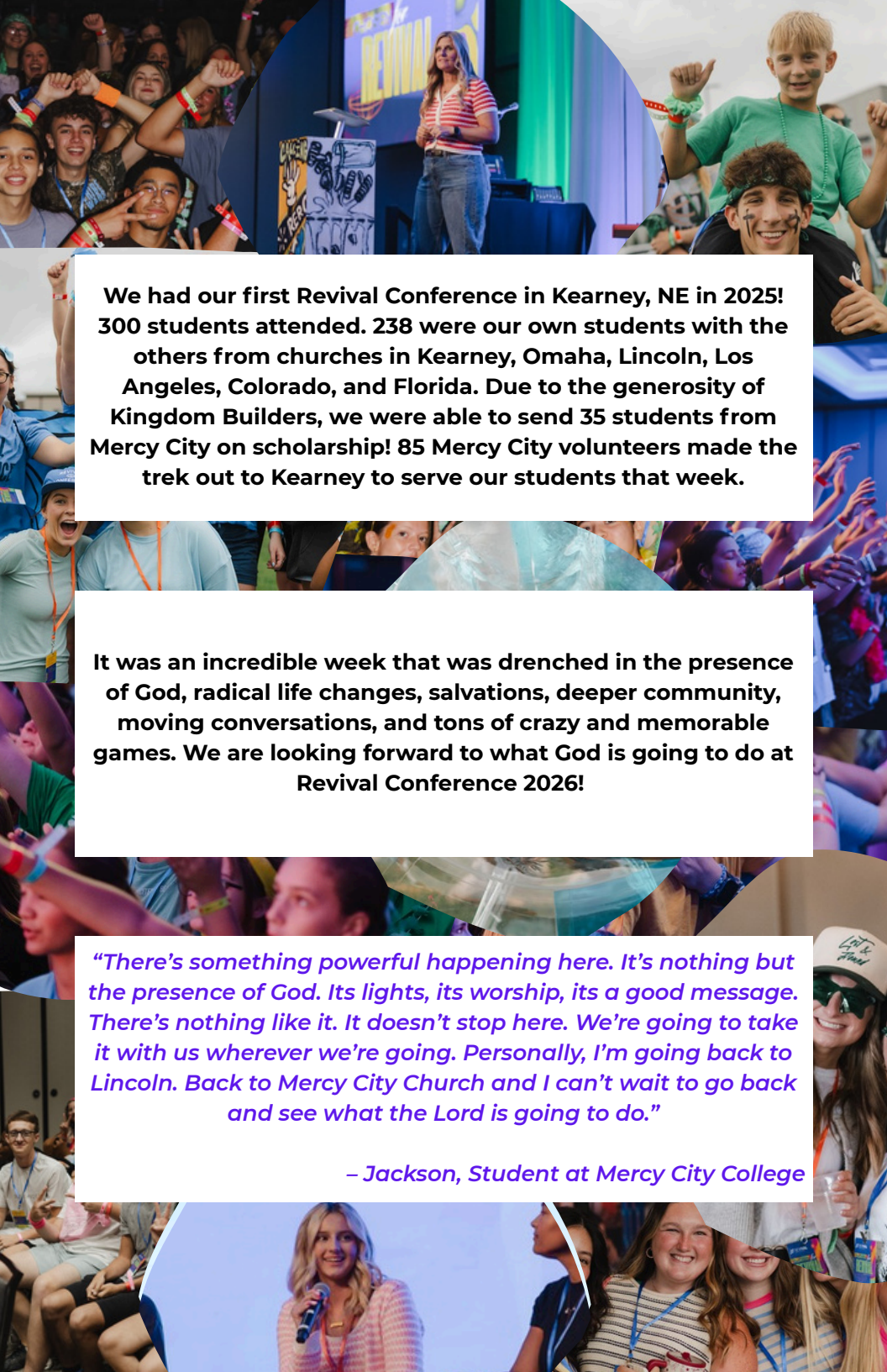
Revival is beginning to grow as we are implementing new structures and systems to create a solid foundation for more students to get connected. We launched a bible study at Lincoln High that averaged around 45 students each week and about 20 students on Sunday nights at Revival! A few Revival leaders attend this bible study weekly but it is led alongside a Lincoln High teacher who attends Mercy City.

MVMT has had great prayer nights on campus and the community is building in city groups.



**ACROSS ALL THREE NEXT GEN MINISTRIES...**

**262 YOUNG PEOPLE GAVE THEIR LIVES TO JESUS THIS YEAR!**



**We had our first Revival Conference in Kearney, NE in 2025! 300 students attended. 238 were our own students with the others from churches in Kearney, Omaha, Lincoln, Los Angeles, Colorado, and Florida. Due to the generosity of Kingdom Builders, we were able to send 35 students from Mercy City on scholarship! 85 Mercy City volunteers made the trek out to Kearney to serve our students that week.**

**It was an incredible week that was drenched in the presence of God, radical life changes, salvations, deeper community, moving conversations, and tons of crazy and memorable games. We are looking forward to what God is going to do at Revival Conference 2026!**

*"There's something powerful happening here. It's nothing but the presence of God. Its lights, its worship, its a good message. There's nothing like it. It doesn't stop here. We're going to take it with us wherever we're going. Personally, I'm going back to Lincoln. Back to Mercy City Church and I can't wait to go back and see what the Lord is going to do."*

*– Jackson, Student at Mercy City College*



# MERCY CITY COLLEGE



2025 was a landmark year for Mercy City College. We reached a significant milestone by celebrating our inaugural graduates, Jasmyn Lanae Keller and Tiffany Barnes. We are proud to report that both have joined the Mercy City Church staff!

We saw significant momentum in 2025, as our student body grew significantly, rising from 13 to 20 students. As we look ahead in the 2025-2026 school year, that growth continues to bear fruit; we eagerly anticipate graduating four more seniors this coming spring. It has been a year of firsts, growth, and tangible impact.



***Quote from Karsyn, Senior, anticipating graduating in Spring 2026. This was a message to her practicum Director Ps. Jamie, which frames the mentoring and growth that happens in our students over their experience at Mercy City College.***

*"Hi Pastor Jamie, I want to thank you for encouraging me earlier. Today is the first day I have truly believed I am called to this. I have sensed a calling on my life before, but today I really believed it. I'm expectant for God to teach me as I continue to lead and raise up leaders - in times of hardship and times of success. Thank you for the way you pour into me and so many others!"*

# CREATIVE TEAMS

This was a year of **growth**, marked by **onboarding seven new coaches and team captains across all our locations**. Beyond growth in our people, we also saw **significant expansion** with a **full equipment install** at our broadcast location. The challenge of learning new Audio, Video, and Lighting systems was met with **resilience, flexibility, and passion** from our team.

We've watched team members move from simply joining a City Group to leading environments of worship. We have worshipped together at our Staff and Student Retreat, featuring one of our original songs written in-house.



Over the summer, our Chapel space expanded as more worship and production team members began serving full services there. That same summer, we hosted two interns who worked on content creation for our first Revival Conference - an experience that stretched our creative scope and strengthened our brand.



*"The word that describes my year on this team is Growth.... Growth in:*

- 1. Knowledge in leadership and developing a life of a shepherd, summed up in, helping others to be released into their callings.*
- 2. Cherishing my personal worship time has gone to the next level.*
- 3. Supporting team members by prayer and encouragement and food (I so enjoy preparing Sunday breakfast for the team).*
- 4. The importance of leading in worship whether on the platform or in the congregation."*

*- Janet*

# EXPERIENCE TEAMS

This year brought **meaningful wins** across **all experience teams**. Volunteer participation **grew steadily**, with **new leaders** stepping into key roles. We **streamlined our onboarding processes**, increased awareness of each team's purpose, and **helped people discover where their gifts fit best**.

Our teams also created richer, non-traditional moments of connection—parking-lot conversations, hallway talks, and between-service life changing moments—turning simple things into genuine community.



Security advanced our readiness through updated protocols and improved communication systems, raising confidence for all. Usher and greeter training sharpened experience skills, unified expectations, and elevated the flow and feel of every service. Altogether, these improvements deepened alignment, expanded impact, and built a stronger foundation for the year ahead.



*"Words cannot express how grateful I am to have been part of the group tonight. Thank you for letting my kids play and be themselves and not judged! We had a very rough emotional scary weekend and we all needed to feel like we belonged and were safe!"*

- Megan





# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Mercy City Missions & Outreach experienced significant momentum as we deepened our presence in local schools, expanded community partnerships, and empowered more people to live on mission. Through consistent engagement with staff and students, serving at key school events, and supporting families in need, we saw trust grow and doors open across Lincoln.

Our serve teams provided practical help—from teacher support initiatives and outreach projects, to student events that created connection and belonging. We also strengthened relationships with school leaders and community partners, resulting in more invitations to show up, serve, and shine the hope of Jesus. This year's momentum wasn't just about activity; it was about impact—people encountering Jesus through simple, faithful, consistent presence.

*"For years, I'd been praying for the students and staff at Lincoln High, and I'd grown a little tired and things honestly felt a little hopeless, like nothing was ever going to move. But when Mercy City began connecting and serving in the school, it was an absolute infusion of hope. It provided vision and a path forward into the work that the Lord had placed me at Lincoln High to do. I felt like the Lord was letting me know that I wasn't alone - that He'd had people praying alongside me all along."*

*- Hailey*

# MINISTRY PARTNERS

## LOCAL

### HOPE VENTURE

*We're on an adventure to bring hope and dignity to the most disadvantaged people in the world.*

### TRINITY FITNESS

*It's our mission to inspire people through group fitness to get in the best physical and spiritual shape of their lives.*

### FRIENDSHIP HOME

*Our mission is to support, shelter and advocate for survivors of domestic violence and their children.*

### LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*The mission of Lincoln Public Schools is to prepare ALL students for successful careers, lifelong learning, and civic engagement.*

### SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Seward Public Schools is proud to serve 1,500 students in grades PK-12, and we remain honored to be recognized as a destination district for families.*

## NATIONAL

### ARC

*We are a cooperative of independent churches from different denominations, networks, and backgrounds who strategically resource church planters and pastors to help them reach people with the message of Jesus.*

### NEXT LEVEL RELATIONAL NETWORK

*We exist to pastor ministry leaders so they can lead healthy and high impact churches*

### CHURCH BOOM

*We help pastors and churches achieve their desired growth by providing personalized coaching, a supportive community, and practical resources.*

## GLOBAL

### COMPASSION & CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY

*Compassion International shares the hope of the gospel in word and action, releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.*

### PASTORS DISCIPLESHIP NETWORK

*Training & equipping African Pastors To Study, Practice & Teach God's Word Accurately.*

### MERCY CHEFS

*Beyond natural disasters and emergencies, we recognize a responsibility to utilize our equipment, resources, skills, and volunteers to meet pressing needs in communities.*

### BIBLE PROJECT

*We make shareable resources to help people understand the Bible.*

### MESSENGER

*Messenger International exists to develop uncompromising followers of Christ who transform their world.*

### LIVE DEAD

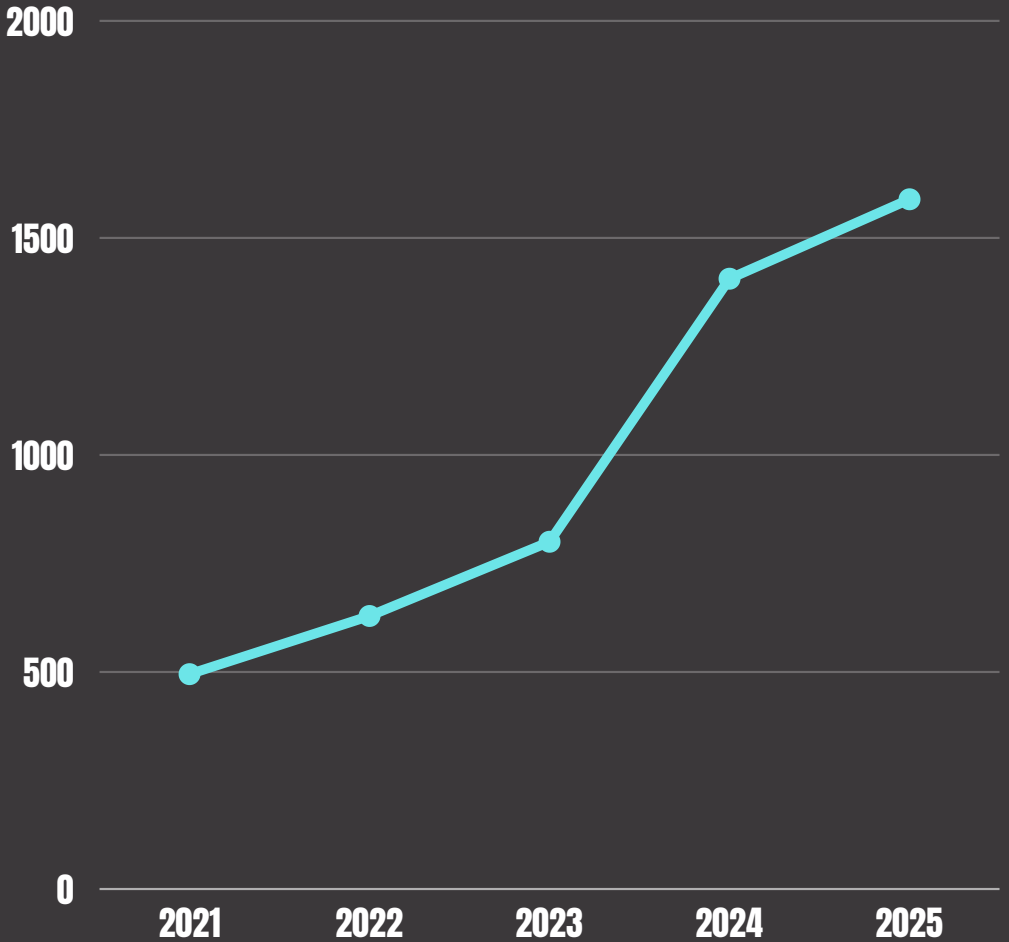
*We plant churches among unreached people groups through teams.*

# FINANCIAL REVIEW





# ATTENDANCE



OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE HAS  
GROWN BY **221%** SINCE 2021!



**3 2 4 5**

EASTER WEEKEND



**2 3 7 3**

CHRISTMAS EVE



**1 5 8 9**

WEEKLY AVERAGE



# MERCY CITY CHURCH

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**Thank you for partnering with us this year. We believe vision moves at the rate of people and resources and we are so thankful that you're a part of it!**

**For any questions, please email us at  
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