

***FOCUSED***

***INVESTMENT***

***FOR***

***FUTURE***

***GROWTH***

A look back at

# 2017

## ***Our Mission***

*The mission of Break Free is to equip and unleash breakers to make disciples of Jesus in their local communities.*

## ***Our Method***

*Engage  
Transform  
Send*



## EXECUTIVE LETTER.....

## BREAK FREE LEADERSHIP

## Board of Directors

- Brian Williams – Orange County, CA
- Chad Isaacson – Chicago, IL
- Dan Pfeifer – Dallas, TX
- Jay Manguba – Chicago, IL
- Michael Swalley – Chicago, IL

## Leadership Team

- Michael Swalley – Chicago, IL
- Joshua Meza – Chicago, IL
- Vicente Alvarado – Tokyo, Japan
- Nathan Maliske – Minneapolis, MN

I am continually amazed that we are able to use an art form started 50 years ago in the Bronx, to help build the local church through making disciples.

As we often say at Break Free, we enjoy the dance, but we are passionate about making disciples. We have seen this ministry expand across many different cultural gaps. Language, dress, gender, age and race are just a few boundaries that dance easily moves across. But as we know, the dance can only take us so far. It is only through the gospel that true unity can come. We are committed to using the tool of dance in order to bring the message of life to as many people as possible.

We look forward to 2018 being another step towards increased diversity and impact for Break Free, while bringing the unity of the gospel. **Focused Investment for Future Growth** is our theme this year. We will dedicate our resources and time investing in people. Thank you so much for being a part of the Break Free movement and for helping make this progress possible.

We are grateful to have you with us!



MICHAEL SWALLEY



## OUR VALUES.....

*Local Leadership*  
*Unified Diversity*  
*Relational Authority*



## OUR METHODS.....

*Engage*  
*Transform*  
*Send*





# ENGAGE

## TRANSFORM

### SEND

We engage because God engages.

God engages with us in ways that we can understand. Whether through creation, His Word, or ultimately through Christ, He engages us at our level.

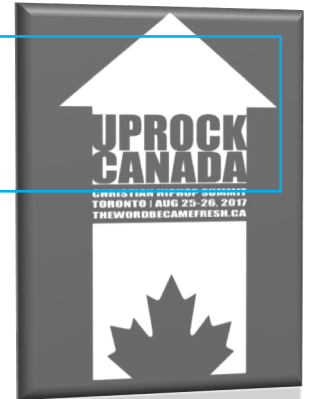
This type of engagement considers the receiver over the communicator. God engages like this because it is loving, and He is love.

We are called to love in the same way. So, we do everything we can to engage this culture, so that we can better communicate the gospel.



We attended **25 battles** in 2017, interacting with thousands of bboys from all over the world.

We have collaborated and consulted with **5 other hip-hop ministries**.



We have a presence at **15 practice spots**, representing involvement with 10-30 break dancers on a weekly basis for each spot.

We hosted our second outreach battle in Chicago, **Unchained 2**, which drew bboys from all over the Midwest.



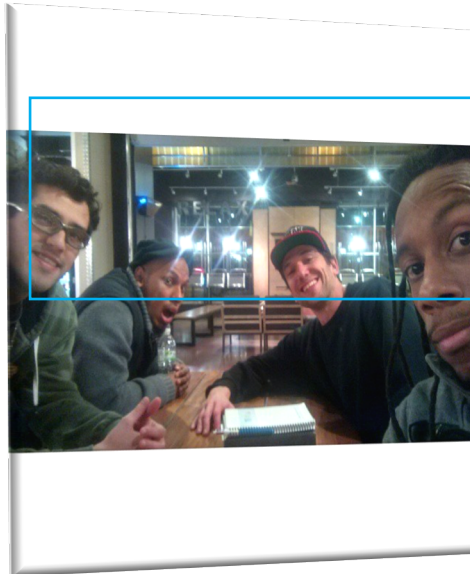
# ENGAGE TRANSFORM SEND

The Christian life is not an increase in moral effort, or simply an association with an organization.

The Christian life is an actual rebirth; an identity change. We are a new creation, (2 Cor 5:17), adopted into the family of God (Rom 8:15-17).

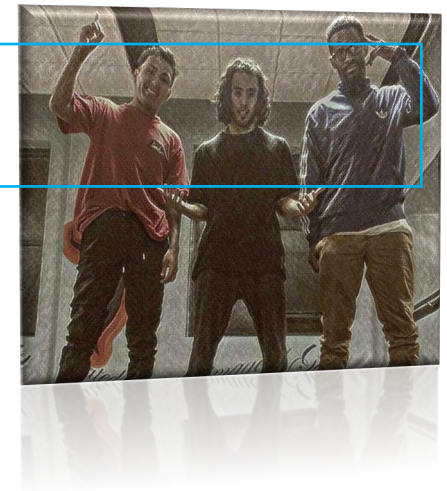
Break Free desires to see men and women, born-again as children of God, live out their new identity within the local church.

This new identity only comes through the power of the Spirit, so we are dependent on Him working!



We put in over **500 hours of discipleship** with bboys who are passionately pursuing Christ.

We held our **2<sup>nd</sup> annual staff training** in Chicago.



We were able to partner with **10 different churches and ministries**.

Engage  
Transform  
**SEND**

*“So we are Christ’s  
ambassadors; God is making his  
appeal through us”  
-2 Cor 5:20*

A mark of true transformation is the desire and practice of making disciples. Disciples will make disciples. That is the way the church has always grown.

The goal of Break Free is to build the local church. As the bboys we work with grow in their faith, we want to see them passionately serving their local church. In that, we will see a transformation of people, neighborhoods and cities.



**This is the goal!** Through all that we do, we want to see men and women passionately serving their local churches, for the sake of the gospel.

We identified **12 city centers** we want to concentrate on for the next **25 years**.



We are specifically investing in **9 bboys** who have committed to be a part of Break Free.



## Break Free Statement of Financial Position.....

**Balance Sheet**

2016 AND 2017

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Chase Business Checking	\$17,319.72	\$34,539.95
PayPal Account	\$0	\$5,829.10
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$17,319.72</b>	<b>\$40,369.05</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Chase Credit Card	\$371.21	\$237.33
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$371.21</b>	<b>\$237.33</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$40,131.72	\$37,036.79
Net Income	-\$23,183.21	\$3,094.93
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$16,948.51</b>	<b>\$40,131.72</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$17,319.72</b>	<b>\$40,369.05</b>

**2018 Budget**

Anticipated Expenses:	\$137,000
Current Financial Commitments:	\$106,000
 New Support Needed:	 \$31,000
New Support Goal:	\$70,000

“I don’t say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. At the moment I have all I need – and more!”  
-Philippians 4:17-18

Paul’s joy is not in the money he receives, but in the eternal reward the givers will receive for investing in God’s kingdom. We are so thankful for your eternal investment, by giving towards Break Free. We take seriously our call to build His Kingdom with the resources you give. We pray the Spirit continues to lead you in your giving, and we trust that God will provide what we need.  
Thank you!



A look towards

# 2018



- **Leadership development** for current staff and volunteers.
- **Be on the front lines of outreach** in every city we are in. We train our staff to be disciple-makers, and we desire to send them out to make an impact in areas of darkness. This will require strong community, training, and prayer support.
- **Connect with local churches.** This will initially be through the churches our staff attend. We then want to expand our presence into churches our Bboys attend now or start attending as they grow. Ultimately our vision is to raise up local leaders in local churches, connecting the breaking community and the church community for even more discipleship.