



**SEPTEMBER  
2023**

# UNFINISHED UPDATE

## Just look at what you've started!

International construction projects are springing up out of the ground in Kenya, Mexico, Thailand, Chile, and Ecuador. Here are a few examples.

- Housing and two new classrooms in Mexico and a church building in Thailand
- Retreat Center for up to 16 pastors and Training Center for 100 pastors per class in Ecuador
- Special Needs Center in the Mathare Valley of Kenya to serve 500 children and their families
- Child Development Center in Ecuador to bring tutoring, Christian education, skills training, meals, medical and dental care for up to 1,000 children

Closer to home, we are focused on housing assistance for vulnerable people and active encouragement for those who provide them care. 130 people are now closer to stable and safe housing because of new resources we've been able to share with our local partners. Eastsiders in Bellflower now have much-needed temporary additional parking with paving soon to follow. A major renovation of our Redlands campus has completed Phase 1 of the design process. And I'm thrilled to report that our friends in Park Rapids can drive up to the church building and park on their newly paved parking lot. They're ready for their Minnesota winters!

And this is just a partial list. The projects we are tackling in the 2-year season of UNFINISHED are hugely important and God-sized on purpose.

### **The wheels are in motion, but our work is UNFINISHED!**

We long to see more miracles in our midst, and I am confident that we will, but the only way that happens is through our primary goal of 100% engagement.

### **As important as these projects are, God's primary objective is about changing our hearts and growing our faith.**

Without you, none of this would be possible. Because of you — and your investment of time, talent, and treasure — I'm convinced that Eastside's best days are ahead.

Expectantly,



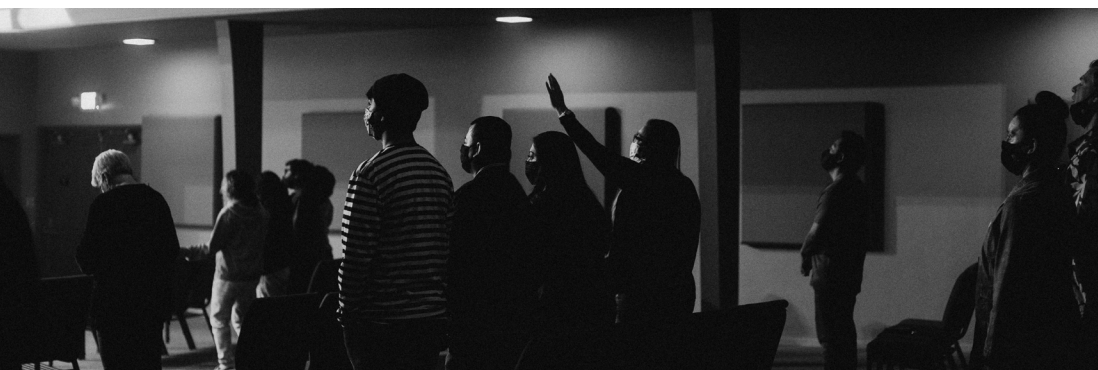
Gene Appel  
Senior Pastor



# UNRELENTING LOVE

Waiting for her visa status to change with immigration, left Marysia unemployed, yet she still felt God tugging on her heart to make a commitment to Unfinished last year. Despite the uncertainty she was facing, she decided to trust God. She soon received a job as a childcare provider.

Trusting in the Lord's provision is something that Marysia has been faithful with this year, and as a part of our Las Vegas campus, she says she feels so grateful to be a witness to all God is doing at Eastside.



# UNPRECEDENTED HOPE

Getting to have fun is something every kid should be afforded the opportunity to do. But, when kids are put into trying situations, having fun can seem like a distant wish. Through our partnership with Olive Crest, an organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, children in the foster care system spent some of their summer days exploring water and theme parks in southern California.

“It was such an awesome way to end the summer for everyone, and we will forever be grateful for that experience!” said one foster dad. These fun days help kids feel like kids, and we are grateful to play a role in their experience.

# UNCOMPROMISING FAITH

Here are a few ways you've made a difference through Unfinished this year.



**11,089**

Acts of Compassion during  
21 Days of Serving

**2,800**

kids sponsored by Eastsiders

**645**

baptisms from  
December 1, 2022 -  
August 31, 2023



**27,839**

Christmas 2022  
attendance across  
all campuses

**23,134**

Easter 2023  
attendance across  
all campuses



# 457

patients treated by the Peru  
Medical Team this summer



# 580+

global travelers this year



# 1

new  
playground  
built



# 1

new  
parking lot  
completed



# 2

new Eastside  
campuses added



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After going through the hardest year of my life, Eastside has given me hope. I was reminded that God has a beautiful plan for me... He is not finished, and I am not finished. I have a new sense of peace. Even when troubles come, I know I can overcome them with God.”

**-Bela**

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