



**MARCH
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**UNFINISHED
UPDATE**

The smartest feature of my smartphone has to be real-time navigation. Every time I pull out of my garage, I marvel that I can know precisely where I am at any moment on my journey from Point A to Point B.

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OR REROUTING?**

I believe it's even more important to answer those same questions as we travel the road toward fully surrendered, open-handed generosity.

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As we head into the final 9 months of UNFINISHED, could I encourage you to use this quarterly update as a real-time navigation tool to measure your progress toward your commitment finish line? Whether you're on track or ahead of schedule, thank you for your faithfulness. You are making a huge difference.

If you're running behind or considering rerouting your giving to other priorities, I want you to know that you're important to us – and we can only do this TOGETHER.

- If you're waiting for a gentle nudge to rekindle your commitment, please know that I'm praying for you. The most exciting days of UNFINISHED can be these next 9 months as you watch God supply your every need!
- If you're experiencing unimaginable loss or unforeseen economic challenges, I'm also praying for you. We are your family, and I hope you'll let us know how we can walk with you to the other side of this valley.

Whatever your situation, remember that these are God-sized projects with eternal impact for thousands of others. And keep holding on to our theme verse:

"I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Philippians 1:6

I can't wait to see what God is going to do – in me, in you, and in the church that we love!

Expectantly,



Gene Appel
Senior Pastor





UNRELENTING LOVE

Because of Unfinished, we were able to launch Eastside Las Vegas in August of 2022. Ten months later, Leta was invited by a friend. Little did she know, her visit to Eastside that day would be a turning point in her life.

Leta was feeling lost and searching for meaning, but as she stepped into Eastside, she felt an embrace from God. It was an emotional moment that convinced her she was ready to surrender her life. She decided to be baptized and now has set her life on a path filled with love and grace.

Before Eastside, Leta lacked a sense of community, but now she knows she's not alone. Joining the Unfinished Limitless small group in the fall of 2023 fueled her search for more. She understands that everyone is unfinished; it's about letting God unfold His plan.

Leta can't wait to continue seeing God move at Eastside and to have a front row seat serving others.



UNCOMPROMISING FAITH

Brandon uses his personal testimony to reach out to others and intentionally lives an Unfinished life, knowing that God's work in him is never ending.

Most recently, Brandon was sitting in church when God nudged him saying, "Brandon, you have a lot of sweaters. You need to give them away." So, he did exactly that. Brandon and his wife, Lydia, went to Walmart and purchased items to make hygiene kits to pair with the sweaters. They then passed out roughly 30 kits to individuals living in homeless encampments in Fullerton, California.

But it doesn't stop there. Brandon keeps his eyes open for any time he can share about God's unfinished work. Brandon recently shared his testimony with a homeless man he met. This man proceeded to tell Brandon that he had been praying for a sign from God about how to get out of his current situation, and he felt like God brought Brandon to him. Brandon went with the man to Eastside's Care and Recovery Group, and he helped put the man in contact with a potential job.

Brandon is intentional about where he goes, what he does and how he represents what God has done in his life. His latest intentional move...getting an Unfinished tattoo on his forearm.

UNPRECEDENTED HOPE

KENYA, AFRICA

650

children were provided health screenings,
nutrition supplements, and mosquito nets

PAI PLATEAU, THAILAND

16 mile

water project completed

LAS PIÑAS CITY, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Thousands

of meals distributed to children living
below the poverty line during a health
outreach event

CALIFORNIA + MINNESOTA + NEVADA

1,200

Thanksgiving food boxes packed by
Eastside Next Gen for foster families and
homeless neighbors

CALIFORNIA + MINNESOTA + NEVADA

356

new beds and bedding provided for
individuals and families most in need
across all of our communities



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