



**DECEMBER  
2024**

**UNFINISHED  
UPDATE**

## **Faith, Hope, and Love in Action!**

We recently celebrated our Unfinished weekend and boy did we have fun highlighting all that God has done over the past two years. It's simply amazing to watch Him at work through you!

Now, we're getting ready for the end of the year and I want to encourage you. Some of you are working to complete or exceed your commitment while others have been giving without a formal commitment. And then there are those of you who are new to Eastside and curious about joining this Unfinished journey. Let me tell all of you that you are an essential part of this story. Every gift given through the end of the year contributes to this transformative initiative, and every person plays a vital role in our shared mission.

As we celebrate all of what the Unfinished campaign has accomplished, we also embrace our identity as people who are "unfinished" - continuously growing, serving, and transforming through God's grace. And as we approach the end of the year, I want to personally thank you for what you have sacrificed so that others can be blessed.

None of this is possible without God, and so I encourage you to keep leaning on His grace and provision as you pray about your year-end giving. My prayer is that all of us - everyone who calls Eastside their church home - will help us achieve the faith-stretching goals we believe God has for our church.

**UNCOMPROMISING FAITH, UNPRECEDENTED HOPE, AND UNRELENTING LOVE** - Those are actions we set forth to achieve during this Unfinished season, and you have been faithful in pursuing these goals. Let's end the year strong!

I celebrate you, celebrate God, and prayerfully ask Him to continue working through us.

Expectantly,



Gene Appel  
Senior Pastor






# UNRELENTING LOVE

As we celebrate our two-year mark with the Unfinished initiative, we want to pause and thank God for all He has done in and through you, Eastside.

Over the past two years, God has been at work.



We launched both  
the Las Vegas and  
Irvine Campuses

Park Rapids paved parking lot  
and playground completed

Bellflower expanded parking  
*(planned for the future)*

Redlands improvements to the facility,  
outdoor areas, and parking *(planned for the future)*



## UNPRECEDENTED HOPE

**18,555**

acts of compassion  
globally and locally  
this summer

**\$11.4 million**

invested in  
local and global  
compassion efforts

### Big Global Numbers

- More than **12,000** people were directly served in many different ways in Ecuador, Kenya, Peru, Thailand, Philippines, and Mexico such as
  - Church building in Thailand
  - Special needs building in Kenya
  - Retreat & Training Center in Ecuador
  - Housing & classrooms in Mexico
  - Health screening, nutrition supplements, and food
- **112** people were baptized in the Philippines
- **16-mile** water project completed in Pai Plateau, Thailand
- **305** Eastsiders Served in Baja

### Big Local Impact

- **5,000** pairs of new shoes were donated locally for youth in need
- **1,935** kits containing food, hygiene, household items and more donated to local partners
- **1,200** Thanksgiving boxes packed for foster families
- **356** new beds + bedding provided in our communities



# UNCOMPROMISING FAITH

Since the beginning of Unfinished:

**17,164** identified as first time guests (since October 2022)

Weekend attendance has grown by over **2,600/week**

**8,500** watching online

**1,820** small groups with **4,328** people participating

**77%** growth in the number of people volunteering as Change Makers

**2,128** kids and students attending and engaged in Next Gen ministries

**5,219** Next Gen kids, teens, and young adults served locally during Unfinished

**80** young adults served on global serving trips

**1,027** students attended Next Gen camps



**1,819**

people have  
been baptized

“

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.”

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**Philippians 1:6**