



# THE CROSSING

CHANGE LIVES NOW AND FOR  
GENERATIONS TO COME

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A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others  
will be refreshed.

PROVERBS 11:25



THE CROSSING CHURCH 2023



"It's not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we have."

- FRED ROGERS -



# A Note from Our Pastor

One of the questions I regularly ask myself is, "What impact is our church making?" Or to put it another way, "What would happen if our church just ceased to exist?"

The booklet you hold answers those questions with stories of people exploring faith and experiencing the life-changing ways of Jesus. Without you, real needs would not be met. Without you, people would still be without hope or the basic necessities of life. The world is better because The Crossing exists. We are doing things that are impossible without God and each other. I'm so proud of our church and humbled by God's goodness.



- ANDREW BROWNBACK -





# YES & AMEN

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GROWTH

## BAPTISMS:

2021 - 67

2022 - 110

2023 - 251



## LIFELINES RECOVERY:

2021 - 250

2022 - 350

2023 - 425



## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

2021 - 590

2022 - 837

2023 - 1036



## NEW FAMILIES:

2021 - 115

2022 - 156

2023 - 184





# STORIES

"Life got hard and we had stopped going to church. My daughter told us one day 'I miss church. I miss TC Kids. I want to go back to church!' So we gathered ourselves up and went. At that service, we just felt like it hit us. We looked at each other and we said 'This is to us!' We've come ever since. Our lives have totally changed."

"It was freeing to surrender my will and life to God, and let Jesus fill me with the Holy Spirit. I was lifted out of the water happy and yelled! Thank you and The Crossing."

"We both feel God's love and presence through our new found church group, so much connection that's helped our healing journey. Thank you for creating these events for people like us."

"It's giving me a sense of hope and purpose that I never had before. It's giving me connections with people like I never thought possible. Come and see what this community is about. Be willing to grow. Be willing to learn. Through Lifelines and The Crossing, God saved my life."

"I came across The Crossing and I just knew, this was home. And now I have this relationship with God that was everything I needed. Come to The Crossing! It could change your whole life like it did for me."

## Projects in Progress:

**New Hope Home:** Opened and funding a home for at risk boys in Cambodia for 2 years!

**Orangewood Children's Home:** Refreshing their space to make it feel more like home away from home.

**Local Schools:** Gave 100s of hours to serve local schools, beautify their campuses and provide support for teachers and students.

**Emergency Relief:** Provided quick financial resources for families in times of crises around the world, from Maui's wildfires to the earthquake in Turkey.

# YES & AMEN

Yes and Amen. That's our prayer this year. God, help us say "yes and amen" to what you are asking us to do. There are needs in this city and across the world that we are perfectly placed to address as a church. Now is the time. We are the people.

## WATER:

Unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation cause more deaths each year than all forms of violence, including victims of war. Children are especially vulnerable. The World Health Organization notes that "the deaths of 297,000 children aged 5 and under could be avoided each year if these risk factors were addressed."

We can't help everyone, but we are perfectly placed to help 1,000s of families and we won't stop until the entire country of El Salvador has access to clean water. Through our close partnership with One ATTA Time, we have funded, built, and delivered over 1,700 filters to families desperate for clean water. This year, together we will send another **540 filters** that cost \$75 each. Every filter sent means **10+ years of clean water** for a family of four. Yes and Amen.





# KIDS AND STUDENTS:

God is doing something BIG! The number of families, kids and students who are coming to The Crossing is growing. In a generation where less people know the love of God than ever in the US, young people need a place to feel safe to explore faith and experience the life-changing ways of Jesus. The Crossing is perfectly positioned to be that place! But because of our growth we have an immediate need to renovate our kids' spaces and make more room.

Whenever a kid or student comes to The Crossing, they need to enter a welcoming, distraction-free space uniquely designed just for them where they can have the best chance to say yes to a God who loves them. The cost of the renovation for our kids' rooms is going to be about \$70,000. Together we can reach the next generation. Yes and Amen.



Student's lives are changing



Students now meet in a hallway for space



More Students are gathering



Concept photo for future kids' room



Life-change can happen at any age

# YES & AMEN

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