

FEARLESS UPDATE



The official start of summer is a few days away (as I type this) and life in Central Illinois is normal...

...Cards and Cubs fans are exchanging barbs
...the weather can't make up its mind (or make us happy)
...allergies are torturing half the population
...Westiders are both GIVING THANKS and LOOKING AHEAD!

Our second **NIGHT OF STARS** was everything we hoped it would be. Our special guests had a blast and their family members couldn't have been more grateful. All who volunteered had the sense that we were precisely where Jesus wanted us to be that Friday night. I'm confident Jesus would have put on his boogie-sandals and joined us, if he'd been physically present.

Our **KENYA** team returned with weary bodies, full hearts and inspiring stories! While they were there, libraries and buildings were dedicated that we helped provide. Our partners at MOHI now reach 18,000 children, plus all the families from which they come. Our work there is "good news to the poor," which Jesus said the gospel would be. We have partnered with MOHI from the very start and have watched in awe as the mustard seed has grown into a giant tree!

Spiritual investments require risk, but when they flourish, it's a wonderful thing to watch!

That's why we've stepped out of our individual and collective comfort zones to *triple our impact* through FEARLESS. Is there risk? Yes. Are the results we envision guaranteed? No. But after seeing God grow our impact on people year-after-year, decade-after-decade, we have good reason to believe God will use us to reach 10,000 people per week just a decade or so from now.

Behind the visual barriers that are keeping our campus relatively tidy-looking during construction, it's happening. The spaces where thousands more kids, students and adults will be led to follow Jesus are emerging. Just a year from now, half of that space will be in use and the remainder will be only 5 months from completion! Thank you for serving, praying and giving generously to chase a beautiful vision!



Eddie Lowen

TOTAL COMMITTED

Dec. 2018 - Dec. 2020

\$27,063,579

TOTAL GIVEN

Dec. 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

\$7,307,203

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