



FEARLESS

UPDATE





A NOTE FROM EDDIE

On a trip to West Africa, Gordon Macdonald and his wife joined a large group of mostly poor believers for worship. The locals were carrying baskets of yams and bowls filled with eggs and cassava paste. Several carried small cages with chickens inside.

When Gordon asked about the items, a church leader replied, "Watch." Soon people began pouring into the aisles carrying their items. But they didn't just walk. They danced, clapped, smiled and sang as they carried them forward. The items were their offerings – and *every single person* had brought something.

Gordon learned the gifts were not random. The chickens would help poor people launch their own tiny farms. The yams and eggs would be sold in the market to produce seed money for (very) small businesses. The paste ensured that anyone who needed food that day would eat. Gordon was struck by how they met short-term needs, but invested most of their gifts in long-term solutions.

While the scale is different, that's what we're doing as Christ's Church at West Side. We assist people with many immediate needs – some physical, but most of an emotional and personal nature. But we are also building a community and ministry that addresses the ongoing, eternal needs of people present and future. And, as you know, we are asking God to use us to do it for **EVERYONE**.

So, thank you for giving generously to this mission. Let's do it joyfully. Let's dance, clap and sing our thanks to God that we get to give toward the incredible thing God is doing through West Side!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie', with a stylized, cursive script.

Eddie

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**WESTSIDERS
ON-MISSION**

FEARLESS STORIES



JEFF & SARA WATRET

Jeff and Sara donated their time and resources to provide fireworks for *Night of Stars*, West Side's prom for those with special needs. Their focus is to use all God has given them to leave a legacy for EVERYONE who comes after them.



DAVE & SHARILYNN STEWART

Dave and Sharilynn served together in Kenya before going all-in for Jesus and his mission through FEARLESS. Today, they've committed their whole lives (including their retirement years!) to serving God's church.

Check out these FEARLESS video stories and more at **wschurch.org/stories**.

CHRISTMAS INVITE BOXES

In December 2019 we brought the hope of Jesus to EVERYONE in our neighborhoods, workplaces and communities through the power of a simple invite. Over 700 boxes stocked with invites, posters, treats, and more were used to canvas our region with hope!



BARTON FAMILY

With the help of a Christmas Invite Box, the Barton family delivered 20 DOZEN donuts paired with Christmas invites to those who work at Hope, a local school and residential program for those with special needs.



ERIC IHNEN

Eric won fifty gift cards to AMC in a contest at work. Rather than use them personally, he paired each gift card with an invite to Christmas at West Side and distributed to moviegoers at the theater.



Do you have a Christmas invite story? Share it with us at **wschurch.org/stories** or email **stories@wschurch.org**.



RECORD ATTENDANCE!

Thanks to your personal invitations, **8659** people celebrated the birth of Jesus during Christmas at West Side. Westsiders, God is using your selflessness and fearlessness!

CHRISTMAS AT WEST SIDE 2019

SINCE THE START OF
FEARLESS, HUNDREDS
OF THOUSANDS OF
DOLLARS HAVE BEEN
RELEASED TO OUR
LOCAL AND GLOBAL
MISSION PARTNERS,
BRINGING A FRESH WAVE
OF HELP AND HOPE TO
**EVERYONE! THIS IS
ONLY MADE POSSIBLE
BY YOUR GENEROSITY!**

For 2020 mission trip info, visit wschurch.org/missions

**LOCAL & GLOBAL
COMPASSION**



WINTER GEAR FOR THOSE IN NEED

In December 2019, we provided coats, hats, and other winter gear to the under-resourced and often overlooked in our community through our local mission partners.



MENTORING AT THE OUTLET

In honor of our 1000th Rooted graduate, we sent a \$5,000 gift to our mission partners at The Outlet, a ministry to fatherless boys in our community.



NICU UNIT IN INDIA

Proper medical facilities are not easily accessible in India. Our continued partnership with Central India Christian Mission helped provide a modern neo-natal unit for mothers and babies in Damoh, India.



PHASE 1 GRAND OPENING

West Side's new Main Entrance opened on Sunday, December 15! The additional concourse space and indoor playground are now used daily to build community at West Side.



MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

On January 5, 2020, the Multi-Purpose Room opened as the new home for our traditional worship service. Since then, groups, dinners, First Step and more have found new energy and capacity in this space.



PHASE 1 DEDICATION

On November 3, 2019, hundreds of Westsiders gathered to worship, write prayers on floors and celebrate the ministry that will soon happen in our new kids space. We're continuing to pray **BOLDLY** for the kids and families who will be introduced to Jesus at West Side in the years to come.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



PHASE 2 GROUND-BREAKING

Construction on West Side's new worship center, café and additional concourse space began on December 16, 2019. With God's help, our goal is for West Side to impact 10,000 people a week. Join us in praying that this new space will provide an opportunity for those without hope to be introduced to the truth, grace and love of Jesus Christ.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

COMING SOON!



CONCOURSE

New lobby space featuring a nursing mom's room, large family worship area, and additional restrooms



FIRESIDE CAFE

Additional cafe serving and seating areas including an outdoor patio



WORSHIP CENTER

New worship space where we hope thousands will come to know and follow Christ in the decades to come

E-GIVING

Hundreds of Westsiders have found recurring e-giving to be a helpful tool in their generosity journey. Ready to create a more regular giving pattern? It takes less than 5 minutes and you can start and stop at any time.

To set up a recurring gift to help fulfill your FEARLESS commitment, visit **wschurch.org/enroll**.

GIVING UPDATE



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\$29,065,548

COMMITTED

\$14,870,436

TOTAL GIVEN

December 1, 2018 - January 31, 2020

If you have questions regarding your giving record, contact West Side's Director of Finance, Brenda Lavin at: **BrendaL@wschurch.org** or **217.793.2800**

Set up a consistent weekly or monthly giving schedule at **wschurch.org/Give**

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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