



ONE LIFE

WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

**SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD
ABOVE ALL ELSE, AND LIVE
RIGHTEOUSLY, AND HE WILL
GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED.**

MATTHEW 6:33



Dear Echo Family,

Last Fall, we embarked on an exciting, two-year **discipleship and generosity journey** called the One Life Initiative. Our primary goal was to *engage every person* in the Echo community in taking steps to grow spiritually and stretch their faith.

We spent weeks learning about how God designed each of us to partner with Him in **building His Kingdom**. We explored **God's Kingdom priorities, His amazing faithfulness, and His call to surrender every area of our lives to Him - to live with open hands**. And together, we asked God to **move in us and through us...** and *He showed up in powerful ways!*

Throughout the first half of our journey, **we had over 2,000 households at Echo given** towards Kingdom initiatives through One Life. Out of those, we welcomed many new givers, saw many who had been only occasional givers begin to give consistently, and many of our committed givers are now giving more generously and sacrificially than ever before.

We are so deeply proud of you, Echo Family, for taking steps of obedience and following God's leading.

Together, we are projecting **\$22.7 million** (out of our goal of \$25 million) over two years through One Life. That was our secondary goal: to provide financial resources to advance God's Kingdom, through fueling the areas God is for - He is for **the Church, for the next generation, for the one who is lost and broken, and He is for the future!**

As we approach the midpoint of this two-year initiative, the impact has been **amazing**. I am confident that God is being honored, His Kingdom is advancing, and our hearts and lives are being enriched and blessed.

We are excited about the second half of this journey as well, and for more of us to jump in and join those who have already made commitments!

Wherever you are in this journey, there is a place for you - and we need you - **to cross the One Life finish line together with 100% engagement and meet our \$25 million goal.**

I invite you to pray about your role in One Life - whether by joining this vision God has given us with a first-time commitment, staying strong in your current commitment, or by expanding your commitment.

We believe that **when you make the Kingdom of God your primary concern...** that's when you unlock God's **greatest blessings**. That's when you have unexplainable **peace and joy**. That's when you get to see **God do incredible things**, as you open your heart and hands to let Him use your one life for the things that matter most!

Thank you for your generosity and for the countless ways you have continued to invest into life transformation and eternal impact. Let's continue leaning into how God wants us to **make our ONE LIFE count!**



WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO

YOUR ONE LIFE CAN HAVE IMMEASURABLE IMPACT

Just as water droplets create a movement of outward ripples, our one life can drastically impact thousands of lives and communities all across the Bay Area, as well as around the world.

This is a 2-year journey of **stretching our faith and investing boldly into advancing the Kingdom of God**. Together, we will fuel the things we are for:

PRIMARY GOAL: 100% ENGAGEMENT

Our main goal is for every single person in the Echo community to take next steps in their spiritual journey and grow in generosity – this means growing together to leverage our One Life for God's glory and for the good of others.

SECONDARY GOAL: KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT OF \$25 MILLION OVER 2 YEARS

During these two years, together we're fueling the things we are for:

WE ARE FOR THE CHURCH

\$16M for the ongoing ministry & operations of Echo.Church (our annual two-year operating budget).

WE ARE FOR THE ONE

\$3M for fueling all our Echo Compassion efforts designed to serve the less fortunate and reach those far from God locally, regionally, & globally.

WE ARE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

\$3M for improvements that help us better reach and develop the next generation of kids and students.

WE ARE FOR THE FUTURE

\$3M for expanding and improving our campuses in order to better reach those who are far from God.



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Here's just a glimpse of some ways God has moved through *your* investment and prayers since the launch of our One Life Initiative...



More than **630 people** have said **YES** to begin following Jesus, and more than **170 people** have celebrated their faith in Jesus through baptism!

Hundreds of people have come to Alpha to explore questions about life and faith, many for the very first time. Over **110 people** encountered the **Holy Spirit** during Alpha Weekend Away (our biggest to date)!



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What piqued my interest in joining an Alpha group for the first time was getting to experience an open-ended group to converse about life's important questions. Getting to hear others' curious perspectives and deep dive from one curiosity after another was truly an engaging experience throughout the weeks. The diverse backgrounds of people I got to meet are what also makes Alpha so special.

Jeremy Ilang, Spring 22 Alpha participant

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More than **600 leaders and their ministries** were invested into and equipped for greater impact through region-wide initiatives we hosted, including the Echo Leadership Conference, Echo Leadership Podcast, and Alpha Training Labs.

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[The most valuable aspects of the conference were] the practical tools given that were timely to our biggest struggles as a team right now in this season. What was shared was very relevant to our current needs.

Mike Martindale, Lead Pastor, Epic Life Church

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We've **made great progress on building our Compassion Center**, a space at our North San Jose campus from which we will be able to communally and directly serve under-resourced communities and unleash higher levels of compassion into our city.

We've been able to make **significant improvements to our campus buildings and spaces** to set the table for thousands of people to encounter Jesus and get connected into life-giving community!



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Echo Students camp was the highlight of my summer. I got to experience things I had never done before. I am so grateful to have been out in nature with my friends, but the best part was worshipping God around the campfire every night.

Kaylee Smith, Echo Student

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Hundreds of students had had powerful encounters with Jesus, learned to live by faith, and have been building lasting friendships through weekly gatherings, camps, events, and more!



Teams of people were able to cook and deliver **hundreds of meals to women and children** at LifeMoves (homeless shelter) and Teen Challenge (recovery center) in San Jose.

We partnered with CityTeam's Hope on Wheels to serve **over 200 meals**, distribute **over 200 care and supply kits**, and pray for **over 230 unsheltered neighbors in San Jose**.



Through our partnership with Josiah Venture, **more than 5,500 Ukrainians were evacuated** out of danger and war zones and given **more than 600 tons of food, medical aid, and biblical literature**.



We were able to send a team to Mexico to support our ministry partner's **meal distribution program**, build up a **rehabilitation center**, and fuel efforts that led to **more than 40 people being baptized!**

We were able to equip and encourage our ministry partners in the Philippines, helping **hundreds of kids and teens** take steps to follow Jesus, as well as providing **meals and activities** for local ministry communities.



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Because of the generosity of those who participated in One Life, the vision trip to the Philippines was made possible. The experience and memories continue to be transformational for me.

While the region is materially poor, the hospitality, compassion and generosity of the Filipino people was above and beyond. There are many challenges that Filipinos face daily that I personally take for granted. Despite hardships, there is a joy, bold faith and compassion that is absolutely inspiring to see from the Filipino people, particularly our Filipino brothers and sisters in Christ.

I was so encouraged by the leadership of our ministry partners from both Jesus Is Lord Global Ministry (JILGM) in Anunas and Balitucan, as well as Kapilya Pag-asa (Hope Church) in Olongapo. They are purpose-driven, God-fearing, neighbor-loving communities, and I am so excited to explore ways for us to learn from, support, and grow in fellowship with these amazing people.

Ryan Lopez, Echo Compassion Director

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Through our partnership with Wings International, orphans at a conflict-torn home in Myanmar were able to have **expanded rooms**, a long-awaited **water reservoir** for a Bali village was finally completed, and **many doors were opened** for sharing the gospel with unreached communities.

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What has God been teaching you through One Life this past year?

After the One Life Commitment night, through prayer, fasting, daily quiet time with Jesus, obedience, trust, giving, surrender and releasing.....God continues to teach to me....**He's not done yet!**

He's not done....showing His faithfulness through really hard times. When I feel like I want to give up, I continue to put my faith in Him, trusting that He has it ALL, He continues to put this song on my heart.... "I've got miracles on miracles. A million little miracles" – reminding me, even though this is hard, God's still working and there are miracles all around me, by His provision, peace, wisdom, joy, love and so much more.

He's not done....moving and working through me, reminding me "...For you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, **God's very own possession.** As a result, you can show others **the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light.**" 1 Peter 2:9

He's not done....moving and working in and through my family. I had the privilege of baptizing my two boys, Jacob (8 yrs old) and Logan (6 yrs old) this past March!! Through their baptism God showed the true power of His Holy Spirit and how **the Spirit can move and work beyond what we can imagine in us through our surrender, forgiveness and release.** A huge foundation was made that day, in my boys, in me and other family members that came to share in that special day!

For those of us who believe, we are called to be a good steward of ALL we have our finances, our families, our time, our talents, everything. . . . and be a good steward of what we have right HERE, right NOW and what we have TODAY – by surrendering tomorrow and knowing by faith.....that **He's NOT DONE YET!**

"Trust Him so thoroughly that you can relinquish all your concerns and decisions to Him, defaulting to His guidance above all other inclinations. Know that the Master will use you not only for the good of the Kingdom, but also for your own good. There is absolutely nothing to fear in His service.

When you abandon all to Him, you receive all from Him." *From The One Year Heaven on Earth Devotional: 365 Daily Invitations to Experience God's Kingdom Here and Now.*

Tanya Ortiz

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**WHERE
WE ARE
GOING**

The vision God set in our hearts is in reach! He has been so good to us, and we believe **He is continuing to grow our ripple effect, fuelled by the generosity of His people.**

As each of us surrenders at a deeper level, we will see our collective efforts continuing to make an impact – both locally and globally – for God's **eternal** purposes!



Your generosity has enabled us to partner together with local and regional organizations such as CAP-SV, CityTeam, Healing Grove Health Center, a network of other Bay Area churches, and the city of San Jose on a **long-term effective poverty release initiative in the Bay Area.** So far, we've been able to invest **\$50,000 into these efforts to alleviate poverty** one neighborhood at a time.

We have been able to invest **\$30,000 into sponsoring and building a unit in an apartment complex** called Grace Village with CityTeam, which will **provide shelter for unhoused communities in San Jose.** We are also continuing local partnerships with CityTeam, LifeMoves, Healing Grove, Teen Challenge, and more to **provide food, supplies, care, and prayer for underserved communities.**



More foster children will be brought into loving homes across the Bay Area, Southern California, and Northern Nevada through our continued close partnership with and support of Foster the City.



More of the next generation will say **YES to Jesus** and passionately follow Him as we keep investing into our **echoKIDS** and **Echo Students** programs, campus spaces, and funds for camps and experiences.

More guests will be able to come and encounter Jesus as we continue developing our campus buildings and spaces – from continuing to build the Compassion Center, to having more parking spaces at Fremont.



Updates to our campus' **production equipment** will help more people every week to be able to worship Jesus in distraction-free environments.



Regionally, we're continuing to **support church plants and thriving faith communities** for people to take steps closer to Jesus all across the Bay Area – including New Valley Church in Evergreen, Tekoa Church in San Jose, City Center Church in Berkeley, and more recently HUE Church in Santa Clara – launching in 2023.

On a global level, we will keep sponsoring **relief and outreach efforts to those in impoverished and war-torn areas**, through partnering with organizations such as Wings International, Compassion International, and other ministry partners in Brazil, Mexico, Ukraine, the Philippines, Taiwan, Myanmar, Indonesia, and more.



We are investing more resources into **raising up more Kingdom leaders all around the Bay** and bringing aboard key staff leaders to more effectively care for our community, oversee priority initiatives, and reach more people for Jesus!

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Throughout the challenges of the past few years, **God has done amazing things for us and through us** to our community and the world! He's given us every reason to trust Him, and our response is to honor Him with our first and our best.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine." Proverbs 3:9-10

HOW IS GOD LEADING YOU?

NEW COMMITMENT

Perhaps you recently joined our church family and are wondering, "What is the One Life Initiative, and how do I become a part of it?" The One Life Initiative is for anyone who calls Echo their church home, and we welcome you to the family!

We're excited for you to join us on this journey as we live surrendered lives, putting our faith in a limitless God – and consider **making a 12-month generosity commitment to the One Life Initiative.**

FINISH STRONG

Perhaps you made a commitment last year, but this journey may have been difficult – or more difficult than you envisioned. Maybe you went to an entirely new level in your generosity and are still adjusting your life to it. Or perhaps you have experienced job loss, a career change, or unexpected financial expenses.

Whatever you have been through, **persevere to finish strong in this journey you started!** We are standing with you, encouraging one another. We know that God is faithful, and He will provide. **Finish strong in your commitment to the One Life Initiative,** as we continue to demonstrate our trust in God and obey His leading.

INCREASE

For others of you, you made your One Life Initiative commitment a year ago, and perhaps God has entrusted you with an increase in your finances – or you've experienced an increase in your faith. Keeping your commitment may not have been easy, and it has likely required many sacrifices, but even now, you may be sensing God

stretching you to take an additional step of faith in your generosity.

If this is you, we challenge you to **respond to God's generosity by increasing your commitment**. Generosity is a **journey** – not a one-time event.

Consider asking yourself:

Am I giving in a way that challenges me? Am I treating the resources God's entrusted to me as His steward, instead of an owner? Am I living my life for what matters most?

We invite you to pray and ask if God is inviting you into another step of faith in Him by **increasing your commitment**.

HAVE YOU AUTOMATED YOUR GIVING?

No matter where you are in your journey, a great way to ensure you consistently follow up with your commitment is simply by **automating your recurring giving**.

No need to worry about forgetting, and you can always update your giving any time.

You can set this up easily through our online giving platforms.

Scan the QR code below to learn more.



You can also visit **echo.church/giving** or email **giving@echo.church**.



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During this two-year season and beyond, we believe that **every person in our church will be impacted**, as we calibrate our lives to becoming people that want to live for what matters most.

We believe this initiative will have an impact that echoes across our city, region, and world as we increasingly live into the vision of our church – to urgently lead people to say YES to Jesus and passionately follow Him!

NEXT STEPS

Mark your calendars for these key dates:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 - NEW SERIES

Launch of the **Here for Good** series.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – COMMITMENT SUNDAY

This is the day each of us will celebrate what God is doing in our life by putting pen to paper and turning in our **MID-POINT Commitment Card**. This card is for everyone, not just those new to the One Life Initiative.

In the time leading up to Commitment Sunday, **pray about how God might be calling you to respond** as we move together to accomplish what God wants to do through our engagement in One Life!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 – CELEBRATION SUNDAY & ANNIVERSARY GIVE

We are praying for 100% engagement with the One Life Initiative, and that God will continue to move more than we could ever imagine!

Start praying about what God might be calling you to bring for the Celebration Sunday and Anniversary Give as an offering to represent ***your first and your best***.

For those new to the One Life Initiative journey, this is **the starting line for giving in faith and obedience!** For those already on the One Life Initiative journey, this is a chance to renew your commitment and **respond to God's faithfulness**.

We can't wait for all that God has in store, Echo Family.

Let's make our ONE LIFE count!



