

# BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

Total Commitments:  
\$720,251  
Total First Fruits Offering:  
\$227,992



**“By faith** Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. **By faith** Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. **By faith** he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. **By faith** he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.” Hebrews 11:23-28 (NIV)

**By faith** Crossroads Church is following the mission that God has laid before us to **Connect, Grow, and Go**. This is the reason why we’ve launched **Building for Tomorrow 3.0**.

**By faith**, we will see God’s house filled with 1,500 people each week.

**By faith**, we will see people in need being assisted.

**By faith**, we will see funds in place as we make an investment in the future.

**By faith**, we will see trained people on mission.

**By faith**, we will see an expanded and renewed facility.

I am thankful that so many of you have joined us through prayers, actions, and giving. **By faith**, over 164 families and individuals have made financial commitments to BFT 3.0. I know many of you are still in the process of considering your commitment. Crossroads leaders are praying for you as you consider your decision.

Matthew Kelly, in his book, *The Long View*, says, “Most people overestimate what they can do in a day...and underestimate what they can accomplish in a month.” Just remember that our campaign is for **two years**. What could you give, not tomorrow, but over the next two years with God’s help? With a **little faith** in a **big God**, it will surely surprise all of us! Blessings and see you Sunday!

Pastor Ed Jenewein

“Because of your **FAITH** in **HIM** we **DARE** to have boldness, courage, and confidence in coming to God with freedom and without fear.”

EPHESIANS 3:12

# CROSSROADS FAITH STORY



Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Sh' and the second is 'B'.

My name is Sarah Pelangka. My story starts about 27 years ago, when I was just 5-years-old. That is when my parents divorced. After my parent's divorce, we moved to Perris, CA. If you aren't familiar, it's not the safest place. Perris is ridden with drugs, crime and little education. We were the only Caucasian family in my neighborhood, but I learned Spanish pretty quickly so no one really knew I was White. Five is also the age I was when I had stepfather number one, Steve.

Steve was a raging alcoholic. He was verbally, mentally and physically abusive. I have memories of him taking me on drives, to show me things that weren't real while he was drunk. He would break things, yell and scream all the time, sleep all day on the couch while my Mom was at work.

My Mom finally left him a few years later, and met my second stepdad, John. He moved in and couldn't handle my mom. My Mom has mental health issues and was abusive. John threatened to punch me in the face, and he kicked me out on occasion. He and my Mom had a baby, my sister. He left us on Christmas day, when my sister was 6-months-old. I was twelve and left to raise her. I lost my virginity at age twelve, non-consensually. My Mom let me go on an overnight trip with my boyfriend, in 8th grade. That same person raped me in 9th grade.

After John came Randy. Randy told me I should be in Playboy and tried convincing my Mom we should move to a farmhouse, where he could grow cocaine and sell it. She thought it was viable option; I was in 10th grade.

After Randy, there was Tom. Tom sat in the front room watching porn all day and was abusive. My house was a living hell! I still vividly recall coiling up in my room, yelling out, "Why! Why did you [God] let her have children. She never should have had children!" I "knew" there was no God, for if there was, none of this would be happening to me.

Fast forward to 2014, I was 29. After the birth of my second child, I developed severe Postpartum Depression and Anxiety. My husband also went on his first deployment since we had been together, when my son was 7-months-old. From then until very recently, I suffered Anxiety on and off. After the last bout of anxiety started, while my husband was on his second deployment, he suggested, "Why don't you go buy a Bible. Just try, you have nothing to lose." I got in my car and drove to Barnes and Noble and started reading it nightly.

Simultaneously, I started trying out Church. The first church I tried was not Crossroads. Although I felt better, it wasn't quite the right fit. I started attending Crossroads in September 2016 and haven't looked back! Although I can't say I am a 100% believer YET, I have never felt better in my life. Having experienced all that I had in life, I was a very negative person, always waiting for the worst to happen, and always judging others, due to my own insecurities. I am a completely different person now, so positive and comforting and compassionate. I feel so happy, thanks to Pastor Ed. He truly is one of the most amazing individuals I have crossed paths with, and he is instilling in me the Faith I never had.

I should also add that I am now a doctor. I knew my only way out of that hell was to move. I actually graduated high school as Valedictorian, and I was my school's first 12-time scholar athlete. I was a five-time captain of three different sports and lettered all four years, in all three sports. I made it to UCLA for undergrad and went to UCSB for graduate school. I now own two business, run a non-profit, have two beautiful kids, and the most amazing husband! God must have had a plan for me.

# BECAUSE YOU GIVE...

Crossroads and our Missions Team was presented the “Philippians Award” for being the largest supporter of the Rescue Mission’s Lighthouse for Women & Children.

The Lighthouse for Women & Children serves homeless single women and mothers with children through their Life Recovery Program in 1998 which offers a transitional living environment that includes a drug and alcohol recovery program. With an overall capacity of 112 beds, the Lighthouse offers a full range of care specifically tailored to the needs of homeless women and children, including shelter, substance abuse recovery, case management, education, life skills development, vocational training, transitional housing, and referrals.

The money we gave them came out of our missions fund. Ten percent of all tithes and offerings that you give go into that missions fund.



The Crossroads Missions Team

## HOW TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO BUILDING FOR TOMORROW 3.0



Pastor Mike and John Saltee, director of the Rescue Mission

- Give on Sunday. You will find envelopes in the seatbacks each week. You can also give at the Giving Kiosk in the café.
- Mail. Use one of the self-address envelopes and BFT 3.0 commitment cards to mail it in.
- Go to [icrossroads.org](http://icrossroads.org). Look for “GIVE” at the top of the page, then select BFT 3.0.

# NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!

Thank you for being part of the **Building for Tomorrow** vision to fulfill our five God-inspired FAITH goals. It's because of your sacrificial generosity that these dreams are possible. Your sacrifice is literally changing thousands of lives in our communities and around the world. Remember our motto, "**Every Sacrifice, Big Impact.**"

To start giving to **BFT 3.0**, make a commitment, or simply learn more about how Crossroads is making a difference, visit [icrossroads.org](http://icrossroads.org).

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