

MARTA | HAITI

IT was so good to see Marta laughing and playing a game of tossing pebbles into a bucket with other children. We are not sure, but we think she is about 13 years old. Laughing, or for that matter smiling, was not a part of her existence when she came to HopeStart, the Rock sponsored orphanage, two years ago. There are not many services for mentally handicapped orphans in Haiti and it was obvious that Marta had at best been ignored, if not abused, when we got her. She would hide in corners and avoid human contact. Today she is part of a community that loves her and cares for her. And she smiles and plays games! Her life is forever improved thanks to the supporters of Rock Church who have made God's work in Haiti possible.

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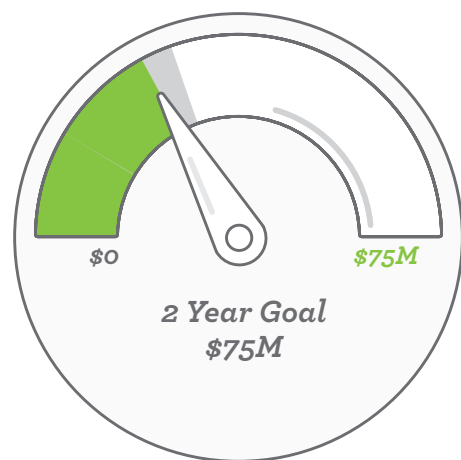
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UPDATE

December 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016

ACTUAL TO DATE
\$16.2M

GOAL TO DATE
\$17.6M



NOTE: All gifts to the Rock Church count towards the ALL IN goal.
THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE ALL IN MOVEMENT!

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Pervasive Hope Starts With Me

JUNE 2016 UPDATE

Dear Rock Family,

In Genesis 13, the Bible records an astonishing story of Abraham giving his nephew Lot first choice of the land to live in after they decided they needed to part ways. When reading the story, this decision on the surface seems wrong. After all, God had promised the land to Abraham, not Lot. And as might be expected, Lot decided to take the most fertile portion of the land.

Abraham had something that I long for in my life: an unwavering trust in God and His goodness. He was confident that God was directing the events of his life and God faithfully gave Abraham abundantly more than he would have gotten if he had tried to outsmart Lot on his own. Trusting in God is necessary for us to be **ALL IN** in our walk with God. When we trust in God, we let go of our need to try to control things. We live at peace with an abiding comfort that God works all things together for good and we become free to do amazing things for the Lord; things which on the surface may seem daring.

People are often amazed when they learn that Christians give the first portion of what they earn back to the Lord by bringing an offering to church before paying bills or buying groceries. This unwavering trust in God allows people to give generously, not needing to hold onto everything for themselves and believing that God is the one who provides in the first place.

The result of this bold giving is that amazing things happen. People are saved, the hungry are fed, and widows and orphans are cared for. Please enjoy reading the stories inside which are a direct result of people from Rock Church living out the "faith of Abraham" by being generous and going **ALL IN** for Jesus.

Your Pastor,


Miles McPherson



ROCK CHURCH

Save, Equip, Send in action

The most diverse church in California

Rock Church
IMPACT AT A GLANCE
2016 all campuses

1,118
LIFE CLASS ATTENDEES

538
LIFE GROUPS

20,227
AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

10,471
CAMPUS SALVATIONS

201,167
SALVATIONS FROM ONLINE EVANGELISM

Rock Church's vision is to establish Pervasive Hope throughout San Diego. One of the most practical ways to begin is within our own community!

On Easter Sunday, Rock Church gathered across all five campuses to celebrate our Risen Savior! Our Campus Pastors selected a few volunteers and members whom they knew could use some extra

love in this season. Through your ALL IN contributions, we were able to bless THIRTY people with gift cards, getaways, groceries, and more to let them know they are loved and appreciated not just by God, but also by their Rock Church family. Thank you for being ALL IN for our church and your community! Here are a few of the stories from this special Sunday.

EMBER PAULEY | NORTH COUNTY CAMPUS

About two years ago, Ember was on her way out of an abusive relationship. With no money, no car, and three kids, she knew she needed to find God, which is what brought her to Rock Church. After attending the "Breaking Free" class and the "Financial Freedom" class, she knew she wanted to start serving and giving back. On Easter Sunday, Ember was brought on stage and she remembers being so shocked at the gift she received of grocery cards and other practical items. "I felt so blessed. The one thing I was robbed of in [the past relationship] was the feeling of importance and of love. It was amazing. I walked away feeling incredibly blessed and loved again. I was given an opportunity to build myself back and build relationships with people."

Despite the challenges Ember has faced, she continues to serve faithfully and wants to use her testimony to help other women who are dealing with abuse. Confidently, she knows God has always been there for her, even in her darkest moments and that is a lesson she wants to share with others.



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CRISTINA INISS | SAN YSIDRO CAMPUS



He is with me all the time

Cristina, a single mom of three beautiful girls, has been a part of the Rock Church family for more than six years. In this season she is struggling financially, still dealing with a divorce from years ago, and constantly battling with the enemy. Despite these discouraging circumstances she continues to serve each week and when Pastor Travis asked if she would join him on stage Easter Sunday, she was definitely not expecting a gift.

Full of gratitude and surprise, the basket let her know she was not alone. "He has showed me He is with me all the time and said 'you have the family of Christ as well.' This was just a blessing. I was short for my rent, but with the gift card I was able to complete it. My daughters and I could go eat out at Cheesecake Factory and go to the movies (with the gift cards provided). They were so happy and that made me happy too. What else I can say? God is good!" God has continued to transform her life since Easter Sunday. She says her faith has grown from this experience and how her community surrounded her during a difficult time.

RON & VICTORIA LAWSON | EAST COUNTY CAMPUS

Ron and Victoria are no strangers to Rock Church. As volunteers, they give their time, talent, and treasure faithfully. Between LIFE Groups, volunteering on Sundays and as marriage mentors, they spend most of their time serving the church and community. They are also raising four of their 17 grandkids.

On Easter Sunday, Ron and Victoria were asked to come on stage to talk about doing ministry as a family, but Victoria was ready to hide away if they were trying to trick her. "Pastor Ricky said, 'I know you think you're up here for...' that's all I heard, and I knew they got me and I thought, 'I'm about to whoop you.' I'm still floored," she said. Pastor Ricky and the East County community gifted the Lawsons with a weekend getaway here in San Diego to thank them for all the hours they put into serving at the church, but also to have a rest from raising and homeschooling four grandkids. Ron celebrated with a victorious fist in the air. "We want to do all that we can do make the next family feel encouraged and build them up. That's what it's all about. Be about our Father's business."



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MARTHA FLORES | POINT LOMA CAMPUS



i didn't think they'd call me on stage...

Shortly after her baptism at Rock Church, Martha found herself losing her home, her job, and caring for her young son who needed an emergency appendectomy. She was overwhelmed with all that was happening, especially as she realized how deeply her kids were hurting as well. Feeling like she hit rock bottom, she reached out to the church and asked Pastor Marcus to pray for her. "I was just going through stuff. I didn't know what was going on, but I knew inside me that God had a plan for me. I trusted Him the whole time."

On Easter Sunday, the last thing Martha was expecting was any sort of gift. She remembers not being sure they could even make it to church that day because they were so low on gas with no money to fill the tank. "I didn't think they'd call me on stage and bless me with this basket of gifts. I can't thank [the church] enough. We all went home and cried. That morning I was so sad I couldn't give my kids an Easter basket and then look what we came home with!"

MILAGRO DIAZ | CITY HEIGHTS CAMPUS

Milagro joined the Rock Church family in 2013 and has most recently begun serving at City Heights. On Easter Sunday, she had no idea Pastor Micah was preparing to bless her. "I thought I was going to say 'thank you' to everyone for taking me into their family. I also thought that Pastor Micah just wanted to say thank you for serving."

Leading up to this special Sunday, Milagro and her family were under heavy spiritual attack. They were not getting along and she recalls being so busy serving that she forgot her first ministry should be her family. "I forgot how much they needed me," she said. "My life with my kids was on soft ground and I was not so sure if we were going to make it." Reluctantly, one of her sons joined her at church and was completely shocked himself when the City Heights team gifted them with a trip to Disneyland. "I got to be a princess for the entire trip. I got to be a kid at 39 years old. I got to be with my kids like a family."



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