
THE
Hope Project



Epic Family,

Every year, I'm reminded that the good news of Jesus is never meant to stop with us. The hope we've received in Him is the same hope our city and our world are longing for. The Hope Project is our annual initiative to put that hope into action alongside our local, national, and global partners. Through it, we serve neighbors right here in San Francisco, help plant new churches in strategic cities across the U.S. and around the world, and bring relief and hope to people who need it most.

"When we give generously and sacrificially, we join God in what He is already doing in the world, and that will take every one of us doing our part."

God has been so faithful to Epic this past year. We've already celebrated 58 baptisms, launched our new Young Adults ministry, and opened the Center for Sacred Vocation. When I look at all He has done, I'm moved by the words of Paul: "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). God doesn't bless us so we can hold on tightly. He blesses us so we can be a blessing.

This year, our goal is to raise **$700,000** to support our current partners. In this booklet, you'll find details about each organization and ministry our generosity will reach, and the real people whose lives will be changed.

The Hope Project brings together two of our Epic values: *Impact is Local and Global* and *Generosity Overflows*. Jesus Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). I believe that as we give, God will not only meet needs through us but will also shape us to look more like Him.

So I want to ask you to do what I'm doing: pray and ask God what He would have you give, over and above your regular giving, to The Hope Project this year. Let's see what God will do through a generous church.

For the world,

Ben Pilgreen

Ben Pilgreen
Lead Pastor, Epic Church San Francisco





Opportunities to Serve

SF FOOD BANK

Volunteers assist in setting up food items and pre-packing grocery bags for distribution to families and individuals in SoMa every Thursday.

COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY

Volunteers visit San Francisco's County Jail to worship, support, and pray weekly with incarcerated women.

BECAUSE JUSTICE MATTERS

Volunteers play a vital role in sustaining BJM's ministry programs by serving as program assistants, teachers, mentors, and coaches.

TL CONNECT

TL Connect is a ministry of YWAM that visits neighbors living in the Tenderloin's SRO hotels every Sunday.

MOBILIZE LOVE

Volunteers assist with running the ML Kids after-school program, which provides children with food for the body (Food Truck), food for the soul (Stage Truck), and food for thought (Stories Truck).

FOSTER THE CITY: SUPPORT FRIENDS

Support Friends care for foster families in our church community in various ways, such as babysitting, providing meals, and offering prayer.

OPEN DOOR LEGAL

Are you an attorney, a designer, or a marketer? Skilled volunteers are needed to help provide access to legal aid for those who can't afford it.

Visit epicsf.com/servethecity or email **keegan@epicsf.com** to sign up to serve.

Global Trips

GUATEMALA: September 2027
VIETNAM: October 2027

Opportunities to Serve


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For God so loved the world...

COLOMBIA

ONEHOPE

OneHope's mission is to affect destiny by bringing God's eternal Word to every child and youth in the world. Using research to understand each culture, they create innovative, contextualized programs that help young people engage Scripture in meaningful ways.





GUATEMALA

VIDA REAL

Vida Real believes that Jesus is the center and the reason for everything they do. They are working throughout the country to accelerate the end of poverty in Guatemala. They work to mobilize communities to care for neighbors in need, consolidating efforts and resources for the transformation, sustainability, and development of Guatemala.

VIETNAM

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

Lighthouse Church is focused on equipping church leaders, discipling the next generation, and reaching communities with the gospel. Epic is supporting the Lighthouse Ministry Course, equipping adults and teenagers for ministry as well as investing in biblical discipleship and leadership development for children and young people.

ENGLAND

SAINT CHURCH

Saint Church, led by Al Gordon, is equipping and training leaders to use creativity and innovation to transform lives and communities in East London and around the world.

ENGLAND

STREAMS STUDIO

Streams Studio creates compelling video content to reach those who have drifted from faith, helping reawaken curiosity and restore hope in Jesus. Epic partners with Streams to support their mission of engaging the spiritually disengaged through storytelling and digital ministry.





JAPAN

MUSTARD SEED NETWORK

The Mustard Seed Network is a network of churches across 12 cities in Japan. Their mission is to glorify God by making disciples through planting gospel-centered churches. Epic is helping MSN fund its ministry school, which trains more leaders.

GHANA

THE PEARL HOUSE

The Pearl House was founded in 2013 to provide hope for girls in rural Ghana. The Pearl House protects, supports, educates, and disciples at-risk young women in underserved communities throughout the country. Epic helped launch the group's new Senior High School, Pearl College, and will continue to build more classroom blocks for students to learn and grow.



AUSTRALIA

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH

Neighbourhood Church is a new church plant in Perth, Australia, working to see neighborhoods transformed by the love and hope of Jesus. Epic's support allowed the church to launch strong, start Alpha, and begin a weekly outreach program for moms and their children.

THAILAND

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

IJM works to end modern-day slavery and protect the vulnerable. In Southeast Asia, they've helped identify and support nearly 500 victims of forced labor in scam compounds. By partnering with churches and local governments, IJM helps rescue and restore survivors, prosecute traffickers, and build stronger justice systems so that lasting freedom and care are possible for all.

NORTH INDIA

GOD FOR NATIONS

God For Nations is dedicated to spreading God's Word to the unreached people groups in North India. This year, Epic partnered with GFN as they equip pastors, empower women, and educate children. Recently, they saw God answer prayers as they gathered 80 women to have open discussions around the burdens they carry.



"The spiritual warfare surrounding this work is real and intense. But we believe God is opening eyes, breaking chains, and bringing hope into places where it has been desperately needed."

– God For Nations

Global


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Love your neighbor
as yourself.



MOBILIZE LOVE

Mobilize Love is a citywide outreach program that aims to engage children, youth, and families. Through special events and musical performances, volunteers provide services, such as haircuts, clothing giveaways, food distribution, and school supplies. Epic's generosity has helped give ML the confidence and resources to commit to more programs, more ministry days, and greater investment in children and families.

TL CONNECT

TL Connect is a ministry of YWAM where members visit neighbors who live in single room occupancy (SRO) hotels in the Tenderloin to connect, learn about their lives, and love them.

BESSIE CARMICHAEL

Bessie, one of Epic's original partners, has been a cornerstone of our outreach for the past 16 years. Bessie serves as the sole public school in the SoMa neighborhood. It educates nearly 700 students from kindergarten through 8th grade across two campuses. Epic actively supports students with snacks and cares for educators with monthly wellness lunches and a yearly teacher appreciation celebration.

OLD SKOOL CAFE

Old Skool Cafe supports at-risk youth in San Francisco through job training and paid work experience in all aspects of the restaurant business.

COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY

The County Jail Ministry provides weekly worship services to incarcerated women. This ministry is a reminder that God extends love, grace, and mercy regardless of how we see ourselves or what we have done.



FOSTER THE CITY

Foster the City is a coalition of Bay Area churches committed to providing a loving home for every child in the foster system. Caring for children in the foster system is a powerful way to proactively address issues like homelessness, substance abuse, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and teen pregnancy.

RISE PREP

Rise Prep is committed to uplifting its diverse community through education. Epic helped Rise successfully relaunch its middle school in 2026. With a thriving middle and high school, Rise continues to pursue a 100% success rate for its students.

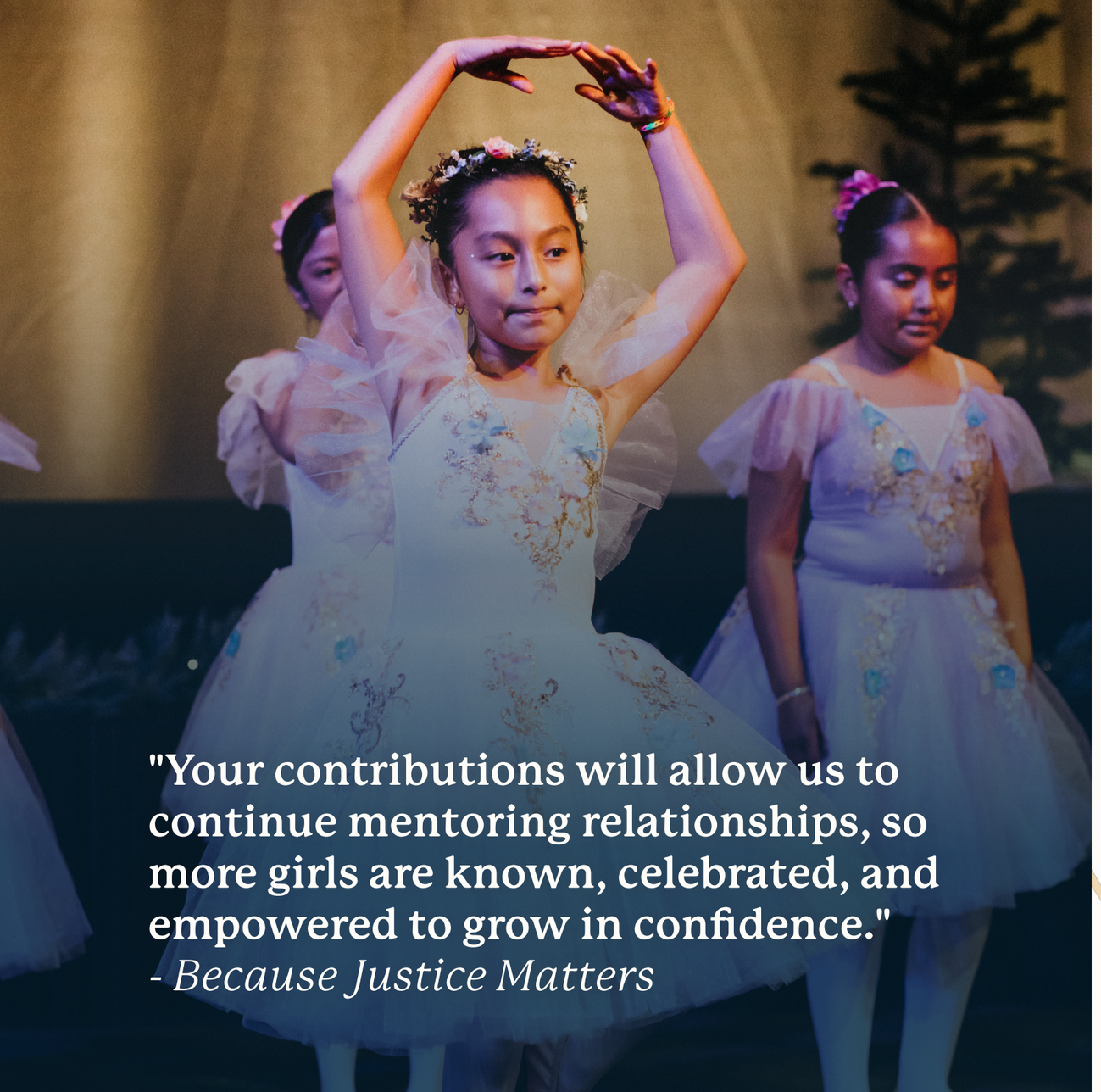


OPEN DOOR LEGAL

ODL is pioneering the country's first system of universal access to legal help. With the support of Epic and other congregations, ODL was able to prevent hundreds of people from becoming homeless, including a local construction worker facing an unlawful eviction. The group is also hoping to raise funds to hire a new immigration attorney.

CITY IMPACT

City Impact exists to intervene on behalf of the people in the inner city of San Francisco through 14 service programs. For over 30 years, they have accomplished this by bringing relief to those in urgent need, rehabilitation for those wanting a way out, and development to ensure the cycles of poverty and despair are not repeated.



"Your contributions will allow us to continue mentoring relationships, so more girls are known, celebrated, and empowered to grow in confidence."
- Because Justice Matters

A WOMAN'S PLACE

AWP is San Francisco's only 24-hour residential program providing safe, supportive housing for women facing significant life challenges. Each holiday season, Epic donates 70 gift bags filled with winter clothing and fun essentials to help residents feel seen and cared for. These thoughtful gifts bring joy, dignity, and a sense of connection during a difficult time of year.

BECAUSE JUSTICE MATTERS

BJM is building brighter futures for women and girls in San Francisco's Tenderloin. Part of their mission is to cultivate safe and creative communities through dance, mentorship, and social outings. In addition, our partnership gave SHINE, their trauma-informed, curriculum-driven mentorship program for girls ages 10–15, the opportunity to expand.

WELLSPRING

WellSpring supports pastors and nonprofit leaders in nurturing their emotional and spiritual well-being, recognizing that healthy leaders foster thriving communities. Epic supports WellSpring's SoulCARE ministry, providing a safe space for leaders to slow down and reconnect with God.

UNITED PLAYAZ

United Playaz is a violence prevention and youth development organization that has worked in San Francisco for 25 years. Together, United Playaz and Epic are building safer, stronger futures for San Francisco youth. This year, over 175 youth will experience the joy of a meaningful Christmas celebration. Many will receive gifts they personally wished for during a season when they might otherwise go without.



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Church Planting

Around 20 churches helped Epic Church get started almost 16 years ago, and Epic has the privilege of helping other churches get started in strategic cities.



STRATEGIC LAUNCH NETWORK

SLN exists to see spiritual renewal across North America by planting churches in strategic cities. Over 5,000 people have been baptized across SLN churches so far in 2026. They are launching 13 new churches this year. Epic helps SLN connect church planters with the resources their churches need to succeed, and SLN walks with them for a lifetime through coaching and community.

REVITALISE TRUST

The Revitalise Trust exists to serve, resource and revitalise the Church in its mission to reach the unchurched, make disciples and transform society. Epic is helping to launch a new church in 2027 as well as invest in Accelerate, which prepares leaders for church planting and is the foundation of Revitalise's global training school.




CONVOY OF HOPE
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Your Kingdom come,
your will be done...

ALPHA USA

Alpha offers content and guidance for churches, ministries, and individuals to create a space for honest and open conversations about life's biggest questions. Everyone is welcome, and no question is off-limits. Epic is committed to seeing 100 people attend Alpha each session and helping other churches run the course. This year, we helped Brave Church in NYC launch their first Alpha just weeks after starting their new church.

CONVOY OF HOPE

Convoy of Hope is a faith-based nonprofit with a driving passion to feed the world through children's feeding initiatives, community outreach, and disaster response. It is expanding its impact through a new Food Manufacturing & Packaging Center at its global campus. In partnership with Epic and with the continued support of generous partners, the facility opened in 2026 and will significantly increase the number of meals produced for those in need. It will support Convoy's goal of feeding 1 million children by 2030 and providing hundreds of millions of meals to food-insecure communities worldwide.




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Partnerships

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GLOBAL

- Ghana
- Vietnam
- Japan
- Australia
- Colombia
- Guatemala
- India
- England
- Thailand

LOCAL

- Because Justice Matters
- City Impact
- Bessie Carmichael School
- A Woman's Place
- Mobilize Love
- TL Connect
- SF Food Bank
- Foster the City
- Old Skool Cafe
- Open Door Legal
- United Playaz
- Rise Prep
- County Jail Ministry
- WellSpring

CHURCH PLANTING, NATIONAL & CRISIS RELIEF

- Strategic Launch Network
- Alpha USA
- Convoy of Hope
- Revitalise Trust

How to Give

Please pray about how you will give to this special offering. All gifts to The Hope Project are tax-deductible.



There are several ways to give:

GIVE ONLINE

Give online at epicsf.com/give. Under "giving type," choose "The Hope Project."

BY CHECK

Mail a check made out to "Epic Church" and include "The Hope Project" in the memo line.

Epic Church
PO Box 77604
San Francisco, CA 94107

THROUGH YOUR BANK

Use your bank's Bill Pay feature to have a check mailed to Epic Church. Be sure to include "The Hope Project" in the memo line.

MOBILE

Give through the Pushpay app.

THROUGH STOCKS

Donate appreciated assets such as stocks and mutual funds directly to Epic Church. Please contact Will Moraza at **will@epicsf.com** for more details.

SCAN TO GIVE

FAQ

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REGULAR OFFERING AND THIS SPECIAL OFFERING?

The regular offering is the proportional amount to be given throughout the year. However, the Old Testament includes times when God asked His people to give a sacrificial offering, such as a freewill offering or thank offering. The Hope Project should be over and above what you regularly give so that Epic Church can be in a position to make a greater impact in our city and around the world in 2027.



HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

Reaching our $700,000 goal will take all of us. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Some in our church will be able to give thousands to this, others will be able to give hundreds, and there are some for whom $25 would be a major sacrifice. The goal is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice.

WHEN SHOULD I GIVE?

You may give anytime between now and January 31, 2027. We're challenging our staff and leaders to give by December 1. Please pray about making your best gift by December 1, as well. We are aware that some people will need to wait until January to give because of year-end bonuses or other unique circumstances.

WILL MY COMPANY MATCH MY GIFT?

Many companies (Google, Apple, Salesforce, Microsoft, NVIDIA, Intuit, Morgan Stanley, Genentech, Kaiser, Figma, etc.) financially match donations that their employees make to nonprofit organizations. Check with your employer or contact giving@epicsf.com to find out if your company will match your gift.



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