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# IMPACT REPORT



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## LETTER FROM PASTOR JAKE

PERISSOS FAMILY,

THANK YOU FOR AN INCREDIBLE YEAR OF IMPACT.  
IT'S NOT LOST ON ME WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT IS TO  
SERVE OUR GROWING CHURCH. FOUR YEARS AGO,  
WHEN JACKY + I STEPPED INTO THE LEADERSHIP OF  
(THEN) MIX, WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH VISION FOR THE  
FUTURE. WHAT WE DID HAVE WAS CONVICTION.  
WE WANTED TO STEWARD A COMMUNITY THAT WAS  
UNAPOLOGETICALLY ZEALOUS FOR CHRIST AND HIS WAYS.  
WE WANTED TO BE A PART OF A MOVEMENT THAT  
HELPED THE LOST MEET JESUS. AND BECAUSE OF  
YOU AND YOUR INVESTMENT, WE'VE BEEN THAT AND  
WE'RE BECOMING THAT. AS YOU LOOK THROUGH THESE  
PAGES, PLEASE KEEP THREE THINGS IN MIND:

- + THIS IS GOD'S CHURCH. ALL GLORY IS HIS.
- + JESUS DID MORE THAN WE COULD EVER DOCUMENT.
- + JESUS IS NOT DONE. THERE IS MORE. SO...

GET READY! - PASTOR  
JAKE

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# PERISSOS<sup>+</sup>

In September of 2025, we changed our name. This is the promise of PERISSOS.

The oldest, most deceptive lie in the world traces all the way back to humanity's origin story in Genesis 3.

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God..." (Genesis 3:4–5)

In other words: **"God's holding out on you."**

There's more than what God has offered...If you obey Him, you'll be settling for less.

It's a lie that's fooled billions—convincing people to chase status, sex, money, significance, and whatever else society labels as "more," instead of trusting the way of Jesus.

The lie whispers:

God is restrictive. God is a control freak. Following Jesus means missing out.

But Jesus directly confronted this deception in John 10:10:

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

ABUNDANTLY.

The Greek adjective for the life Jesus described is PERISSOS — it means more than necessary. Extravagant. Overflowing. Even superfluous. Jesus didn't come to bring us less — He came to bring us more.



Not a timid, watered-down existence. Not a beggar or getting-by mentality. But a passionate life marked by more joy, more power, more purpose and more... life.

If you're wondering what PERISSOS looks like, look to the life of Jesus. Perissos is everywhere:

His first miracle wasn't healing or raising the dead — it was turning water into wine. The party was already winding down. But Jesus made the best wine, in abundance, after everyone had already had enough.

That's PERISSOS.

When a leper took 49 forbidden steps toward Jesus, the 50th was up to Christ. What did Jesus do? Well, He didn't shout healing from a distance. No, He reached out...and touched the man. He didn't just heal a disease—He restored a person.

That's PERISSOS.

Remember what Jesus made of those five loaves of bread and two fish? 10,000 full stomachs and 12 baskets of leftovers. Do you know what the number “12” signifies in the Bible? You guessed it. Abundance. More than enough.

That's PERISSOS.

God could've saved us in a weekend. But instead, He came to live among us for thirty-three years. He chose to walk with us, talk with us, eat with us, laugh and cry with us. He took on flesh and gave away abundant life with every breath He breathed.

That's more than necessary. Extravagant. Outlandish even.

That's PERISSOS.

If perissos is what Jesus promised, then perissos is what we must pursue.

If Jesus came to bring abundant life, then we cannot settle for anything less.

As followers of Jesus, we weren't meant to survive or even manage our faith — we were made to audaciously live it out.

So, we refuse to shrink back. We refuse to play it safe. We refuse to be and build a church marked by moderation and scarcity.

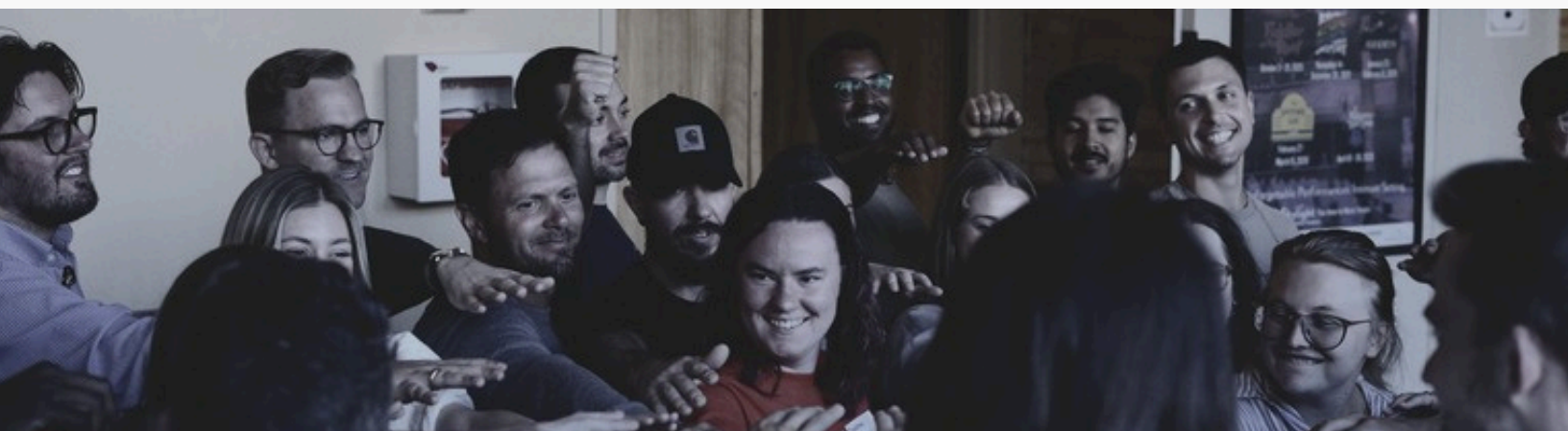
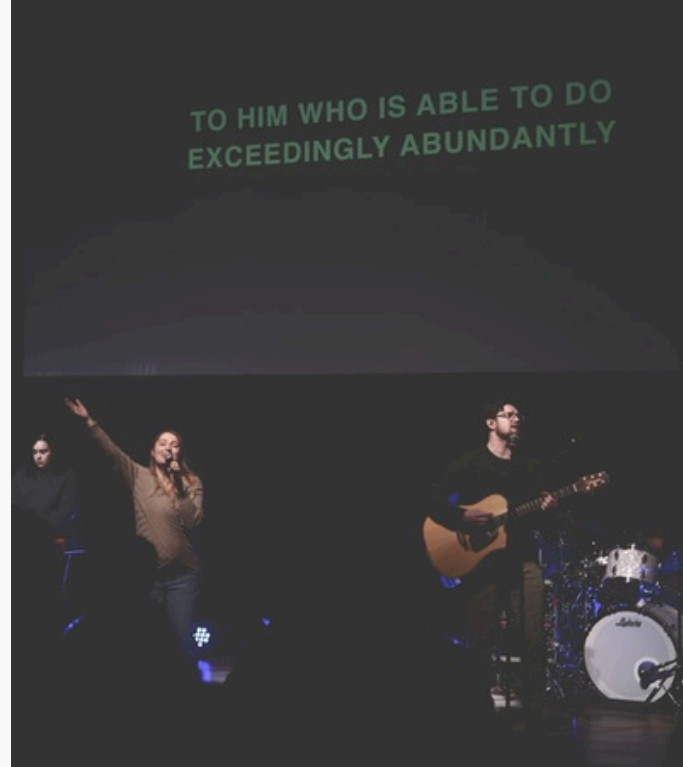
Instead, we will exist to point people to perissos by embracing a culture marked by perissos.

- + A culture of **extravagant zeal for God**.
- + A culture of **relentless pursuit of the lost**.
- + A culture of **uncommon community**.
- + A culture of **radical generosity**.
- + A culture of **vigilant hope for heaven**.

This is the life God promised to provide. This is the life Jesus died to redeem. This is the life the Holy Spirit empowers us to live. This is the life our world is desperate to experience.

Less is a lie.

**Life+Life Abundant in Christ** is the promise.





## VIGILANT HOPE FOR HEAVEN

# ANDY THOMSON

I started going to PERISSOS seven years ago. My very first memory of walking into the Lincoln Center of the Arts was feeling a sense of **HOPE**. I *hoped* that I would find a community of believers and I did. I walked into the building carrying a lot of weight. I had started a new job, moved to a new city, and wanted to connect. When I got to the top of the stairs, I saw Austin Grandlich's face and on it was the smile that made me feel so welcome.

The last year has been the shift that I was looking for and needed. My faith has changed from one of struggle to one of freedom. I had spent my whole life struggling to find the freedom I saw in other people.

I struggled because I ran after the 'good' things that I thought would bring me closer. It wasn't until this past summer that God's **GRACE** forced me out of that struggle to a place where my mind was being renewed. I was baptized on December 7, 2025. It was a commitment that allowed me to look and see freedom in **CHRIST** and run after it. I see the light that PERISSOS Church sees in Milwaukee and I can't wait to see what God does in our city.

I've been able to experience both the struggle and the freedom because of the church. When I started attending, I joined the LILO team. Serving on LILO gave me the opportunity to meet some great people and new relationships grew. I've served alongside my strongest friends and I now experience the joy in their lives with them because I showed up to serve, sometimes at 6 am. Serve Saturday got me out and into my community to serve with my friends. Serve Saturday has allowed me to forge stronger relationships and connect organizations with my school. Most impactful has been serving in PERISSOS Kids. Service in kids ministry has strengthened my patience, widened my view of the future of our PERISSOS community, and has changed the way I lead, coach, and teach.

I pray that those that read this would breathe, wait, and go.



# SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

**196** Average Attendance

**329** Largest Attended Sunday

**91** Worship Experiences

**13%** Attendance Growth



**23** PERISSOS Kids  
Avg. Attendance



**247** Prayer  
Engagements



**135** Serve Team  
Enrollment

OUR MISSION:  
TO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCE  
LIFE+LIFE ABUNDANT IN CHRIST

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INDICATIONS OF DECISION  
TO FOLLOW CHRIST

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BAPTISMS

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CHILD DEDICATIONS

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9

SERVE EVENTS

971

SERVE HOURS

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## RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF THE LOST

# LEE GUK



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## GOING TO OUTLANDISH LENGTHS TO HELP PEOPLE MEET JESUS

On September 14, 2025, God answered my prayer of asking Him to lead me to the church meant for me. Upon attending my first service, it was clear that I was in the right place. “The Man don’t miss!” is a line I often tell others when it comes to the power of God, and he certainly came through, sending me to PERISSOS.

It was quickly made evident that just because I had been getting stronger in my faith on my own, I still desperately needed the community, fellowship, support, and guidance of all those at PERISSOS. Life had been good, before coming to the church, but it was quickly made great, as each Sunday came and went. I am forever grateful to have been exposed to people of such great faith and devotion, that have helped me set goals, and walk an even better path to Jesus. For the first time I had role models in faith, people to show me that any of my “old ways” I was holding on to, were pointless and outdated. PERISSOS has shown me how enjoyable and “not boring” the road to Christ truly is!

Upon first arrival, I knew I wanted to become part of a serve team, and give back to a group that had so quickly given to me. I was hesitant, but God, once again, told me to just “jump” and get involved. Serving helped me get to know other members of the church on more than just a “hello” level and has been beyond personally rewarding.

As I write these words, there will never be enough time or different ways to tell or explain the joy that belonging to PERISSOS has brought me, it has given me such a better opportunity to be obedient and in service to Jesus. Now, as I look at the future, I get so excited in the anticipation of God leading us all to a permanent home. One in which More Nights, Bible studies, prayer groups, etc. can meet regularly and strengthen ALL of our faith.



# MOVE OF GOD UPDATE

**\$1,400,000**

Goal

**\$914,211**

Pledged Donations

**\$1,521,695**

Total Giving

*(Mar 2024 - Dec 2025)*

The Move of God Vision is a 2-year initiative focused on seeing a move of God in our:

## **+ CHURCH**

Permanent Home | Staff Expansion | Weekly Ministry

## **+ CITY**

VBS | Leader Initiative | Strategic Partnerships

## **+ WORLD**

France Missions | Sex Trafficking Rescue | PERISSOS Worship

RADICAL GENEROSITY

# STEWARDSHIP

**108**

First Time Givers

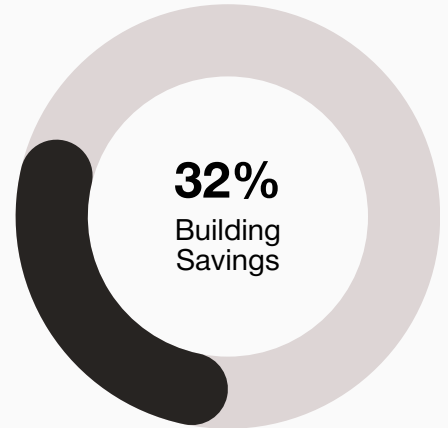
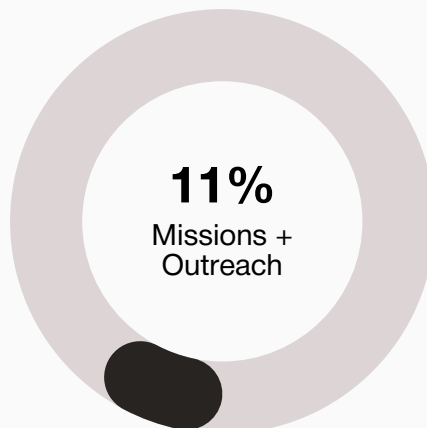
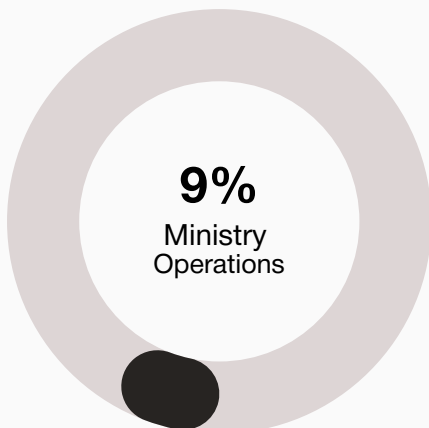
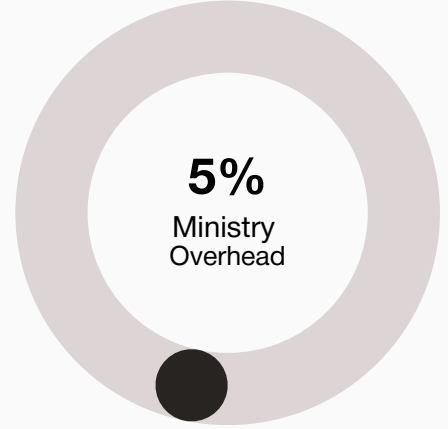
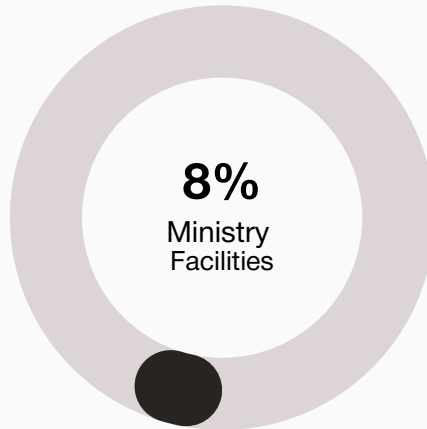
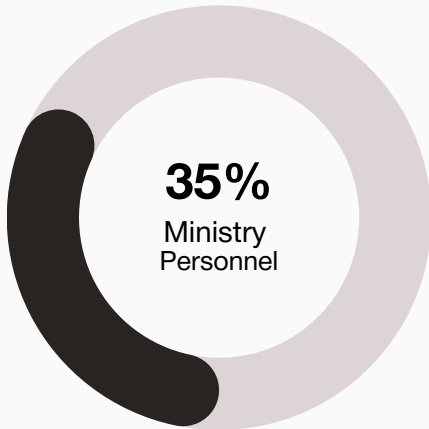
**\$829,085**

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**259**

Total Givers

## FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS



# THE BALDWIN FAMILY

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Growing up Emily and I attended church regularly. My parents were devoted church members who served, and that meant I also had to serve—not because I felt called to, but because I was almost forced to in order to improve my parents' image at the church. Emily never felt connected to her church growing up or to the churches she attended as an adult.

I don't think we will ever forget the first time we visited the church. The message that day was simple: "Hey, my name's Jake. I'm the pastor of this church, and today is going to be different." The service was a worship session. It was something we never experienced, but loved. About a year later we came back and knew pretty quickly that this was the place for our family.



Coming here didn't feel just like church but a community. The greetings were genuine, those serving in PERISSOS Kids were truly happy to be there and pour into Melody and Lucas and people wanted to get to know us.

The last three years have been tough for our family. The guidance from Pastor Jake's messages and the safety we have felt to lay all of the things at His feet have allowed us both to have so much peace. I have cried many times and have never felt judged and have always been unafraid to let my guard down. Emily got baptized here which is something that has always been an important decision for her because not only is getting baptized an important decision, but having somewhere where we could continue to raise our family was important for her.

We are excited to continue to grow closer to God, to serve and have our children grow up in this church environment. Thank you to Pastor Jake and Jacky and thank you to each of you. We are now at a church that we call home.



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