



# A Gaining Ground Journey: The Morris'

We knew we would encounter challenges on our Gaining Ground journey that would test our resolve and our faith, but we are committed to Gaining Ground and the mission of Compass to help people find their way to God. Success isn't measured by financial numbers alone, so we continually reassess our commitment, seeking God's will as we also seek to grow in faith and love. The *Collide* series challenged us as we considered how to apply those lessons in the book of James. Are we just listening to the word or are we also doing what it says (James 1:22)? How are we caring for the vulnerable around us (James 1:27)? Are our faith and actions working together (James 2:22)? Inside Out made us even more aware of the huge needs in our community and we want Compass to continue to be a part of the solution, as we love those around us by being a true light to our neighbors. We look forward to seeing what God will do next!

- Shaun and Jessica Morris



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To learn about what is happening at Compass, go to [compasschurchaz.com](http://compasschurchaz.com)

Head to [ggcompasschurch.com](http://ggcompasschurch.com) for monthly updates on how we are Gaining Ground for God and for the Valley.



# Gaining ↑ Ground

QUARTERLY UPDATE



*Grateful.* I am so grateful for you, the people of Compass. I am grateful for your desire to pursue God and help others to do the same. I am grateful for your passion for our community as you give of your time to be a part of something greater than yourself. And I am grateful for

your trust in God's plan and provision as you have responded to Gaining Ground with remarkable generosity.

Paul in his letter to the church in Colossae said:

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. **Colossians 2:6-7***

As we move forward to make the vision of Gaining Ground a reality, I encourage you to allow your roots to grow deeper in Christ, growing in your faith and being built up in Him! Gaining Ground is about so much more than a building - it is about *people*. As we live out our faith, we have the opportunity to be light and life to those around us so that our friends, family, neighbors and coworkers might discover Jesus for themselves! There is work to do, and we're only getting started.

*Ronn Smith, Lead Pastor*

→ Inside Out

# 485

participants worked on **31**  
**different projects** across  
Goodyear and Avondale.



*We love serving  
the Valley!*

→ Baptisms

# 30+

people **publicly declared**  
**their faith in Christ** at our  
last Baptism on February 11!



*We celebrate  
each and every  
transformed life!*

→ Missions

We financially support the

## O'Bannons

in Papua New Guinea and

## Dee Cook

with Indigenous Ministries in Egypt.



*We are reaching  
people near and far!*

# Gaining ↑ Ground

Current Giving

Our two-year goal

# \$6 Million

(12.03.23 - 12.03.25)

Giving to-date

# \$1,425,172

(12.03.23 - 03.31.24)



## Commit to Gaining Ground

Want to start giving to Gaining Ground? Head to [ggcompasschurch.com/commit](https://ggcompasschurch.com/commit) to learn more about how to take that next step.

Want to see realtime updates for your giving? Scan the QR code or open the church app, go to **Give**, tap **My Giving** and select **Pledges**.

If you have any questions regarding your giving, please reach out to [office@compasschurchaz.com](mailto:office@compasschurchaz.com).

