



## **12 Years & Counting**

Emmerie and I are about to celebrate 12 years of being with Tentmakers Bible Mission and in Las Vegas. As we hit this bench mark I would love to share a few stories of how God has been faithful and used our surrender.

2012 | From day 1 we had visitors. From Bible study to Sunday gathering we have had less than 5 weeks with no people attending.

2013 | Tiffany, a young girl, went to CMR with our church and trusted Jesus for salvation and forgiveness. She was the first person we directly shared the gospel who responded.

2016 | We pursued leaving Las Vegas. God shut all the doors for us to stay. As discontent as we felt, God gave us peace.

2017 | East Valley was gifted \$25,000 and every thing a church would need. We received chairs, sound equipment and nursery supplies.

2018 | Two families joined and served alongside us. Both invested into the community in ways we couldn't. One family is now planting another church in Vegas.

2019 | East Valley moved into a church facility which we are still in today.

2020 | We experienced God's love in a very personal way through our house fire. The church and you as supporters helped us in a significant ways.

2022 | We had our first deacons begin serving.

2024 | Our first local elder was appointed.



### **In all honesty...**

I am torn. If you would've told me East Valley Bible Church wouldn't be independent and Emmerie and I would still be missionaries with Tentmakers Bible Mission at year 12, I would've been discouraged.

On the other side, the faithfulness of the Lord and you as the church to support this lengthy of a work is miraculous. We are so blessed.

I feel the weight and responsibility to work hard. I know I am not only serving the church and community of Las Vegas, but I am serving you too.



**Our two steps we need to get East Valley Bible Church to an independent church are...**

**1. 1 more local elder.**

As attainable as this feels, there have been hurdles. We have trained up many men, but thus far one of two things happen. They become inconsistent in their relationship with the Lord or they move away. We believe our investment is valuable. But we are still waiting for that man to fill that role as elder.

**2. Financial independence.**

Our church is generous, but our numbers fluctuate. This past year we have lost 20% of our giving and many families due to various reasons. But as we see losses, God brings new people.

[Check out East Valley's Website](#)

We are really thankful for you!

If you would like more information about this work, my number is 702-287-9927.