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Horizon's Ministry Expansion

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[Frequently Asked Questions]

What is the Ministry Expansion?

We are expanding the discipleship, recreation and education facilities of the church.

What is the MIRACLE?

A Miracle is something only God can do, and the power behind it is unlimited. What God has done through the work of the ministry at Horizon is nothing short of a miracle! He has impacted countless lives, one person at a time. Please share your Horizon miracle, and read others, at www.mymiracleathorizon.org.

Why are we calling the Ministry Expansion MIRACLE?

We are celebrating all that God has done through this ministry in the last 15 years as we step out in faith and expand the ministry to claim what He has planned for us in the future.

Why Horizon?

What began as a small church gathering at a local hotel in 1993 has grown into an internationally recognized ministry that impacts tens of thousands of lives around the world.

Why Here?

God's provision of a debt-free, fully permitted 30-acre parcel in the heart of Rancho Santa Fe allows for the ministry to reach the local community with the expansion of spiritual facilities to expand worship and fellowship opportunities, recreational facilities to support myriad sports, teams and clubs, and the building of permanent education facilities to serve 750 students.

Why Now? Why take on this Ministry Expansion project in this economic climate?

God has opened the door for Horizon to step out in faith. The slow economy resulted in a drop of construction costs by nearly 30% and we received very favorable financing to begin the first phase.

Who will benefit from the Ministry Expansion?

Our church families, Horizon Prep students and families, and the whole community.

The new multi-purpose gym and satellite worship center will comfortably accommodate our high school ministries, serve as overflow sanctuary seating, and host multiple sporting events.

Both the renovated church classrooms and the new classroom buildings can host Sunday school, small groups, school students, and community groups.

The fully graded turf fields will serve our youth ministries, school and community sporting clubs.

How can I pray for the church and the Ministry Expansion?

First, give praise to God for our church family, ministries, and the opportunity to serve Him through Horizon Christian Fellowship. Second, pray for the ministries that we are investing in to reach new families and students in our community for Christ. Then, pray and ask God how He would have you give of your time, talent and treasure to the Ministry Expansion to create these ministry spaces for His purposes. More specific prayer requests are available by joining our Prayer Partners by contacting Jeanie at jeanbots4d@sbcglobal.net.

How can I help serve?

There will be numerous ways to get involved in MIRACLE and help serve. There will be opportunities to help plan MIRACLE events, be on the prayer team, and more. We will publicize these in the church bulletin, or you can email Susan Ferrari, Development Coordinator, to get involved at sferrari@horizon.org.

***What is being raised to fund the expansion?***

At this time, the total estimated need is \$15 million over 2 years. This helps us reduce debt from what's been completed to date and raise funds for the next phase of building. It will be funded by congregational, school family, and community giving over 2 years. Capital improvement funds are not taken for the weekly offering. Weekly offering supports the day-to-day operations of the church.

What is a pledge and how could I give?

A pledge is the outcome of a prayer-led decision to give over a period of time. It is not a legal obligation, but it is a good-faith intent to give to the MIRACLE. MIRACLE pledges will be held in strict confidence. Please use the commitment card provided.

I would like to donate assets to the project. How would I do that?

We are equipped to handle your gift of stock, real estate, gift annuity, life insurance or other assets. More information can be found on the MIRACLE page on our website. Please contact Lauren Grizzle, the Director of Development, for further information and assistance at lgrizzle@horizon.org.

How do I know that any funds I donate will be used for the Ministry Expansion and not diverted for other expenses?

All funds received are held in a restricted account and may only be used for the Ministry Expansion project.

How will the church steward the funds that are being raised and provide for the maintenance and future needs of the facilities?

Horizon Prep tuition will support the maintenance of the new school facilities. The church ministries are in sound financial health and have sufficient assets and reserved funds to address any additional needs that arise.

Tell me about the overall financial health of Horizon?

The Lord has provided for the needs of the church, even through the recession. The church is in sound financial health and has sufficient assets and reserved funds for emergency needs. Horizon's financial statements are audited on an annual basis and the ministry is accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA.org), which maintains standards of accountability and financial stewardship that convey God-honoring ethical practices.

Are any of my tithes and offerings used to pay for tuition for Horizon Prep students?

No, the cost of the education of the students at Horizon Prep is borne entirely through tuition and fees. Horizon Prep operates in the black and any excess funds are given back to the church for use in other ministries.

Can the project be paid for through weekly offering?

The Ministry Expansion is a long-term investment in our 30-acre campus. The funds for capital development are not taken from our weekly offering. Weekly offering supports the day-to-day operations of the church. Therefore, separate funds must be raised to make these capital improvements.

How is a gift different from a tithe?

A tithe is a scriptural directive for giving to support the church and its leaders. A gift offering is our response of love and gratitude to God's blessings and goodness. In giving tithes and offerings we worship God and advance His mission to make disciples in the world.

What are the project phase costs and priorities?

Three new buildings and 2 new sports fields are finished and in use during the school day, with Men's Ministry on Tuesday nights and small groups on the weekend. Projects to come include an outdoor stage, back road improvement and repurpose of church gymnasium for additional classroom space for youth ministries.