

#### APPEAL #487

BAYSIDE COVENANT CHURCH 10020 FOOTHILLS BLVD. ROSEVILLE, CA 95747

## **Bayside Covenant Church**

In June 2005 our family arrived in Roseville, California, to plant a Bayside Covenant Church. We started with fifty people in our core group and grew to 250 at our "preview" services. We met at Silverado Middle School for four and a half years, where we grew to 600 in attendance. We have seen hundreds give their lives to Jesus and be baptized. Our mission is to "Lead people into a life-changing and growing relationship with Jesus Christ."



In the fall of 2009 we began to sense that we needed to be in a permanent home. We had hit a ceiling in the numbers of people we could serve, and we were also losing people due to the demanding work and instability of a setup/tear down church.

We explored various possibilities, none of which adequately met our needs and mission. By February 2010, we had run out of options. We prayed, "God, we have nowhere to go, we have no options. Please open the door to where you would like us to put down roots in this community." Two days later we were informed that a church in our area was selling their eight-year-old building of 27,000 square feet, on nine acres of land. After praying about it we pressed the "go" button and launched a successful building campaign. We moved into our new building on August 29, 2010, with more than 850 people in attendance. Praise the Lord!

Currently we are in need of funding to help purchase, lights, sound, and video equipment, because the former church was unable to leave this behind. We are using the same sound system we had in the setup/tear down church auditorium, but it no longer meets our facility's needs. In addition, we are planning a kitchen upgrade that requires cabinets and appliances. Our goal is to develop a café to help us reach out to local businesses and provide ministry space for our youth, adults, and children. These projects will help create a welcoming environment and enhance our ability to reach our community.

## **Prayer Requests:**

**Pray that God will move in a mighty way** in the West Roseville region. This year we are praying for 200 decisions for Christ.

**Pray for wisdom** for our leadership team and staff as we transition from a setup/tear down church to a permanent facility.

**Pray for our equipment and facility needs.** We need to significantly improve our sound gear and lights in order to facilitate worship in our Sunday morning services. We are also in need of kitchen cabinets and appliances for our kitchen upgrade.

**Pray for our children and youth ministry.** We are in a staffing transition in our children's ministry, and we hope to raise up and equip more leaders in order to accommodate the influx of new children, youth, and families.

**Pray for our finances.** We have developed a twelvemonth stewardship plan. Our stewardship campaign raised \$1.2 million in pledges, and now we are in the challenging follow-up phase of making sure everyone continues to follow through on their commitments.

# DeerGrove Covenant Church

### Palatine, Illinois

### APPEAL #435 & 480 — FUNDS RAISED: \$39,190.62

Having a building to call our own has been a blessing for DeerGrove Covenant Church in many ways. Instead of expending energy to



unpack and load a trailer every Sunday, we now are able to focus on outreach and preparing our hearts for corporate worship. Since we moved into our building, more and more residents of the Palatine area have noticed and been attracted to a church with a permanent home. Neighbors are becoming members, some of whom literally walk to our building every week. We are able to warmly greet our visitors and welcome them into space that has been thoughtfully designed.

Just as important, having our own building has encouraged us to identify the importance of community involvement as a priority for our future ministry to help expand Christ Kingdom in the Palatine area. This past summer we began strategizing creative ways to "Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World."

This December will mark two full years of occupancy in our building, which we know was a gift from God. We thank Kingdom Builder members for helping us to see our dream unfold. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we seek to maximize our potential to bring more people to know God and serve him fully.

## Kingdom Builders: Helping build God's Kingdom since 1952

#### What is Kingdom Builders?

Kingdom Builders, formerly Frontier Friends, is a ministry of the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism that provides grants to churches purchasing property or building a facility.

#### Who are Kingdom Builders?

Kingdom Builders are committed Covenanters who want to help build God's Kingdom through prayer and the sharing of their resources.

How does the program work? Members receive a number of appeals per year, with information about the church seeking support, an update on a past project, and prayer requests. Members set their own giving levels, with the most common gift ranging between \$1 to \$100 per appeal and member.

How do I join? If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Kingdom Builders, or would like more information about donation options, please contact the Kingdom Builders coordinator at kingdom.builders@covchurch.org, or by phone at 773-907-3355, or by mail to the address below.

How can I give to Kingdom Builders? It is important to us that you are able to give to Kingdom Builders in the manner most convenient for you. To that end, we offer the following giving options: (1) by appeal; (2) monthly; (3) quarterly; (4) annually. We also accept electronic transfer of funds. If you would like to change your donation plan or open an electronic transfer of funds, please call 773-907-3355 or email kingdom.builders@ covchurch.org.

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**Questions? Comments?** More information is available at the Covenant website. Visit www. covchurch.org, and click on the Kingdom Builders link.

