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LAUNCH YOUR FAITH

SAILING TOGETHER INTO GOD'S AMAZING PURPOSE



Greetings!
I am writing on behalf of our LYF leadership team to bring you up-to-date on some of the exciting initiatives that are currently

underway on our *Launch Your Faith* journey. Since many of these initiatives will be occurring over the summer, we thought we would utilize a newsletter and include a brief synopsis of each activity along with some current updates. We trust that this will be an encouragement to you and that we can, together, thank the Lord for His rich provision through the faithfulness of His people. As always, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your participation in this significant kingdom endeavor!

Doug Olsen, Executive Pastor

LAUNCH YOUR FAITH GIVING

We continue to be thankful for the faithfulness of God's people in fulfilling their pledges. At the two year mark, **\$4,960,888** has been received in total giving as of the end of June 2006, representing a collection rate of 77% including both pledged and non-pledged gifts. This includes 156 donors who have already completed their pledges. Thank you for your faithful, generous giving!



LAUNCH YOUR FAITH TITHING

The allocation of a 10% tithe of all LYF donations continues as an expression of gratitude to the Lord for His provision for WVC and its overall vision. As of the end of June, \$236,040 has been committed to a variety of ministries around the world. A committee reviews the initial grant requests' received from our tactical and strategic ministry partners, along with other evangelical ministries, and makes specific recommendations to the Elder Council. Recent grants have included a Youth for Christ prison ministry, translation and distribution of Christian books throughout Eastern Europe, local evangelistic outreaches and continued assistance for Katrina victims in Colorado Springs.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more about *Launch Your Faith*, please contact the Finance Department at 388-4932.

Mike Biedermann, Pastor, Director of Finance

ORGANIZATIONAL INSIGHTS



Behind every great vision, there must be a carefully designed organizational structure. In order to facilitate the variety of current initiatives regarding the development activities of Woodmen Valley Chapel, the Elders have authorized the formation of a separate, Colorado, non-profit/501(c)(3) organization. When approved by the IRS, the new organization, known as *The Center for Strategic Ministry* (CSM), will serve as a clearinghouse for the variety of ministry and business activities that will include the overall Woodmen Heights build out. Although a corporate structure, the main purposes of the CSM will be to:

1. Facilitate current and deferred fundraising opportunities to support Woodmen Valley Chapel, the worldwide missions strategy of Woodmen Valley Chapel, and various strategic ministry projects and partnerships organized or supported by Woodmen Valley Chapel or this corporation.
2. Support, encourage, and facilitate the spread and growth of the Christian faith throughout the world.
3. Support other organizations, projects, and initiatives that are organized and operated for similar purposes.
4. Facilitate business activities to produce ministry revenue and to oversee the stewardship of all development initiatives.

Currently, the Elders are approving a Board of Directors and a management team to facilitate the work of the Center, allowing the Elders to continue to focus on the spiritual aspects of our overall WVC community.

Dave Wayman, Pastor of Global Impact



Rockrimmon Community Site Improvements

ROCKRIMMON ADDITIONAL SITE IMPROVEMENTS

We have started the last phase of our current site improvements to complete landscaping around our corner monument sign and our Stone Chapel. Please pass by and see how our corner of Chapel Lane has been improved!



WOODMEN HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT

One of the primary focuses of the LYF campaign has been and continues to be the development of the Woodmen Heights property. Although the eventual goal is the completion of new Woodmen Valley Chapel Facilities and Ministry Partner Facilities, present initiatives are focusing on completing the many planning activities required to facilitate these goals. These include, but are not limited to: the creation of a Master Plan for the property, which is required by the City of Colorado Springs, before specific building projects can be considered; the installation of the initial infrastructure (roads, water, utilities, etc.) as well as an overall funding plan which would utilize the lease or sale of land to finance ministry projects.

In regard to our purchase option for the remaining 50 acres of the 113-acre parcel, we have received an extension of our closing date from September '06 to July '07. This is truly an answer to prayer in that it allows us a greater amount of time to formulate our funding plan for the purchase, while the land continues to significantly increase in value with the passing time.

Our present partnership with Colorado Springs Christian Schools (CSCS) continues to benefit both the church and school. Recently, we have reached agreement on the installation of a second modular to be installed by this fall. This will not only allow for the continued expansion of CSCS, but will meet the critical need for more children's education space as a result of the growth of the Woodmen Heights church attendance. We also continue to be in discussion regarding the possibility of selling land to CSCS.

Les Krohnfeldt, Planning and Development

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY

One of the original designations of planned funding was to support the initial creation of a Southwest WVC community. Although funding for this initiative could not be pursued in light of not meeting the original goal of \$15M, dialogue continues with interested parties regarding the possibilities of some WVC presence in the Southwest area of Colorado Springs. Although no formal plans have been initiated in regard to a geographic location or facilities, several meetings and activities are occurring with families from the SW area.



FALL CELEBRATION

We are planning another celebration update this coming October. The focus of the activities will allow new families of our WVC community to get involved with the overall LYF campaign. Stay tuned for further details and dates.