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My dear Glad Tidings Church family,

God has been in covenant with our Glad Tidings Church family since its inception. He has blessed us! And we know that His blessings are not just for us--He has blessed us so that we can be a blessing!

After four years of trials and testing, our church family has come through the Refiner's fire! We have made it through the storms and are stronger for having made the journey! We know what has happened in our past has prepared us for God's desired future--to use our church family to be a light and a blessing to our lost world!

Therefore, we are more convinced and more committed than ever to do everything we can to make sure all may know Jesus as Lord! Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we believe God has called us to change the world--one soul, one victory, one blessing at a time!

It takes a generous church to reach the lost.

Therefore, we are renewing God's call to be "Kingdom Builders." At one time, this rallying cry was leveraged so that our church organization could be debt free--but always with the ultimate purpose of being "free" to bless the world! Our new season of Kingdom Builders will be focused on reaching people for Jesus and together... *changing the world!* 

Everything we do will be for Jesus--and that all may know!

Pastor Paul & Cyndi Burke

### plan vision dream

Over and Above the Tithe: We are a "tithing church." We know the tithe belongs to God and is His plan to fuel the mission of the local church. But then, God blesses our faith and obedience! So we have to ask ourselves, "What does God want us to do with the blessings?" Could it be that God might want us to take some of those blessings and invest it in His Kingdom? Absolutely! God has blessed us so that we could be a blessing!

In Jesus' Name, before the end of 2024, we have set the goal of raising \$100,000 for local, U.S., and global missions! We are going to strengthen our ministries and empower missionaries, ministries, and missions organizations who are working to build the Kingdom of God!

### How do you make a commitment to God for Kingdom Builders?

Raising \$100,000 over and above our tithes and offerings will require generosity and sacrifice from all of us. Some giving will be truly sacrificial while other giving will be from abundant blessings. I am inviting every one of us to "Make a Plan," "Write Down a Vision," and "Hold Onto a Dream."

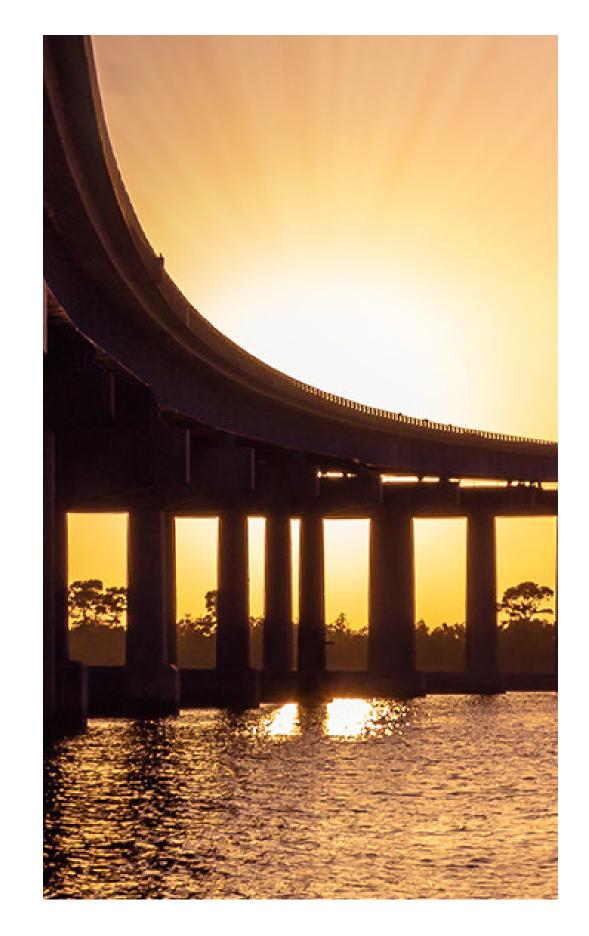
First, make a plan to give. Ask yourself, "What has God placed in my hands?" And then make a plan. When you have plans and are diligent, it leads to plenty (Proverbs 21:5). God will bless your plan to grow in generosity! Whatever amount you decide to give to Kingdom Builders--have a plan and then work the plan! Be faithful with what God has placed in your hand.

Next, invite God to give you a vision for what He could do through you--with His help. This is the "faith factor"--beyond what you can do in your natural income. Ask yourself the question, "What's in God's hands that He might place in my hands if He could trust me to invest it in His Kingdom?" Get a vision from God! Then, Habakkuk 2:2 tells us to write that vision down. Place it somewhere you see it regularly and pray for the vision to become reality! I believe God will supply all of your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19)! Stretching your faith for His Kingdom pleases the heart of God!

Finally, dream a God-sized dream! Ask yourself, "What would be a dream amount for you to give?" Hold onto that dream! This number is between you and God alone. (Don't share it with anyone!) As you begin taking steps of faith, watch God move you closer and closer to that dream! God can do exceedingly abundantly more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20)! And if you ever get to live out that dream... we'll celebrate together!

Please remember, every gift given in faith and love matters to God. It's not the size of the gift that matters, but obedience to the Holy Spirit's leadership. Make a plan. Have a vision. Hold onto your dream. Watch what God will do as you step out in faith!

We are blessed to be a blessing!



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Kenya

FireBible / Light for the Lost

# SCRIPTURE & DISCIPLESHIP translation

#### Providing Bible Translation in Heart Languages, and Pentecostal Theology for Pastors and Church Leaders

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# One of the MOST POWERFUL THINGS we can do to advance the gospel is to PLACE A FIREBIBLE in the hands of a LOCAL CHURCH PASTOR/LEADER.



Louisiana Adult and Teen Challenge

## RECOVERY Ministry

Winnfield Women's Training Center Project: Renovate Bathrooms

Louisiana Adult & Teen Challenge is a faith-based residential program for individuals struggling with addiction and life-controlling issues. LATC offers short and long-term treatment services that take a holistic approach, addressing the mind, body, and spirit to help individuals achieve stability in all areas of their lives and restore their relationships.

Putting hope within reach of every addict.

Adult & Teen Challenge is one of the largest and most successful accredited programs of its kind with over 1,000 residential locations worldwide. Louisiana Adult & Teen Challenge was founded by Greg and Abigail Dill in 1987. Over the last 35 years, LATC has grown to 8 campuses statewide, with the ability to accommodate men, women, and women with their children.

Louisiana Adult & Teen Challenge offers faith based, residential programs to help individuals overcome their life-controlling issues.



"Drugs were an outward reflection of what was going on inside, a coping mechanism. I needed the inner healing that only Jesus could give me. Once I received my healing and deliverance at Teen Challenge, through discipleship they taught me how to walk out my salvation and continued sanctification by teaching me spiritual disciplines."

MANDI CONRAD TEEN CHALLENGE GRADUATE

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GLOBAL: Kenya Water Well



We will be making renovations to the Family Life Center to facilitate a more secure children's church area and to provide a greater peace of mind for our families.

### GT Next Gen CREATING A SECURE SPACE

"Every service and event is an opportunity for us to make the next generation feel loved by our church, safe in our care, secure in their salvation, and certain that they are valuable to the kingdom of Heaven"

> KAMERON TAYLOR GT CHILDREN'S PASTOR

# WATER WELLS in Kenya

It can be hard to imagine, but there are still communities in the world that do not have access to clean water.

We will help provide clean water in communities where the Gospel is being preached and the church is being built.

"To provide clean water in remote areas is to offer **life itself.** This water is a gift that quenches your physical thirst. But in meeting that basic need, it **opens the door** for them to meet the very one who quenches their spiritual thirst; **The living water.**"

STEPHANIE DOMENGEAUX MISSIONARY TO KENYA



Hillcrest Children's Home

# ORPHAN & compassion CARE

The Modern American Foster Care Crisis: America's children are increasingly at risk due to the breakdown of the American family. It has negatively affected the nation morally, socially, educationally, behaviorally, and economically.

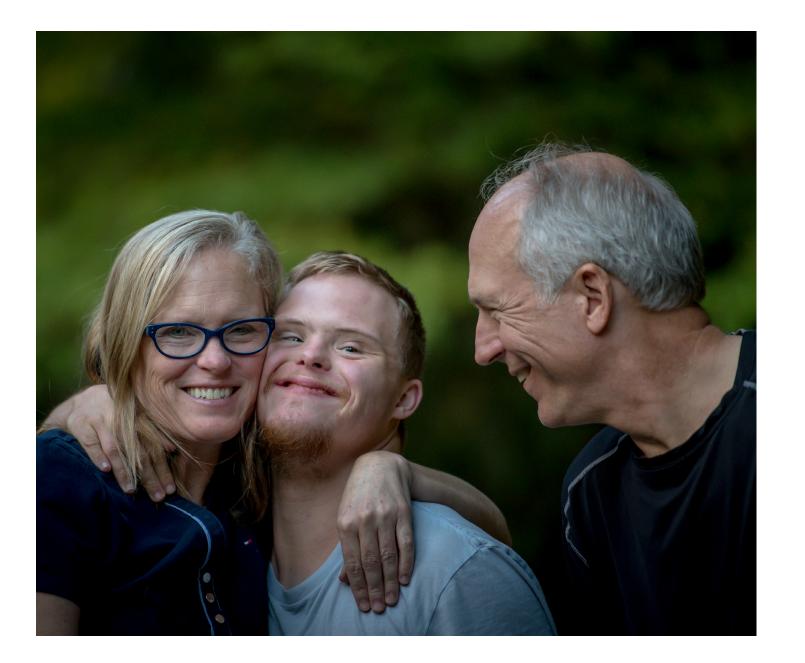
#### Providing Godly, Loving Care for Orphans

Hillcrest Children's Home is a licensed and professional Christ-centered ministry that redeems vulnerable children and provides family services through compassionate action to the glory of God.

Hillcrest provides family style cottages for foster children and youth, including kids with developmental disabilities. Vulnerable children come to Hillcrest from state, court, church and other referrals.



"We believe that 'THERE ARE NO THROW-AWAY CHILDREN IN THIS WORLD,' And our Qualified Residential Treatment Provider is helping heal deep hurts in some of the most precious, but maltreated, youth. The Qualified Residential Treatment Provider gives them the extra care they need."



LOCAL/GLOBAL: Convoy of Hope

### **CONVOY OF HOPE**

- Disaster Recovery
- Feeding Children
- Empowering Women
- Impacting Communities



#### **Changing Lives Through Kindness**

Convoy of Hope is a Christ-centered humanitarian organization with a driving passion to feed the hungry and bring help and hope to the communities that need it most. Convoy of Hope's areas of focus include: children's feeding initiatives, community outreach events, women's empowerment, and disaster response.

"AS A NONPROFIT HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION, CONVOY WORKS ALONGSIDE COMMUNITIES TO BRING SOLUTIONS TO THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY AND HUNGER."

### HAUS ANTIOCH a place of rest

Haus Antioch is a missions' house for our missionaries serving in the most difficult regions of the world. It is an 8 bedroom, 8 bath, hospitality house that will provide respite care for these missionaries and their families.

## "IF WE CAN **STRENGTHEN** AND **SUPPORT** OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES, WE CAN HELP KEEP 'BOOTS ON THE GROUND' IN DIFFICULT PLACES." -AMY PRIEST



Kirk & Amy Priest, over 20 years in Germany, now Area Directors for Central Europe

Twin Lakes Campground
FUTURE

### TWIN LAKES CAMPGROUND

Woodworth, LA





There's something about a vibrant, Spirit-filled Christian summer camp or retreat experience that changes the world! So many Christian leaders can trace their salvation, baptism in the Holy Spirit experience, or calling back to a moment at an altar at a Christian summer camp or retreat. That's why at Twin Lakes Campground we say, "What happens here changes the world!"

### "RELATIONSHIPS AND MOMENTS HAPPEN HERE THAT CHANGE LIVES AND IMPACT THE WORLD!"

CHARLIE ALLO FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR, LOUISIANA NETWORK A/G

The Twin Lakes Campground in Woodworth, LA is our strategic partner in providing Spirit-filled camp and retreat experiences for children, teens, and college students.

The Twin Lakes Campground in Woodworth provides a unique opportunity to invest in the FUTURE of the Kingdom!

Glad Tidings Food Pantry - Lake Charles, LA

### ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY in our Community

One in five households in Louisiana is at risk of hunger. Across our state and region, the rising cost of food, housing, and utilities, coupled with high unemployment and low-wage jobs have increased the need for emergency food assistance. Many families are asking for help for the first time. When bills loom and impossible decisions must be made, grocery lists are often cut first. Meals are skipped. Parents go without to make sure their children are fed.

The **Glad Tidings Food Pantry** provides families with supplemental groceries once/month to help carry some of the burden of FOOD INSECURITY.



"WEEKLY WE GET TO MEET A PHYSICAL NEED WITH SPIRITUAL BACKING, PRAYERS, AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY. LITERALLY BEING THE HANDS, FEET, AND HEART OF JESUS"

> PASTOR GUS RODRIGUE GT FOOD PANTRY DIRECTOR

