

# Praise Report!

## The Recognition of God's Fingerprints & Provision; our faithfulness to follow!



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After 23+ years of prayer for property to minister to the communities of Lake California and Cottonwood, Our God provided the 7 commercial lots and adjacent acreage (a total of 4.63 acres) for \$105K. Closing for the property was April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We ended our fiscal year March 31<sup>st</sup> with a surplus of @ \$15K; the offering for the Building Fund on April 7<sup>th</sup> was in excess of \$90K. Our God provided such that we did not pay out of our Building Fund Account which had a balance of @ \$335K.



As we began our planning for strategic ministry and the design of a "tool" to facilitate ministry, our consulting engineer/designer found a civil engineer that would cost @ \$10K less that the firm we were using.



Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we formally launched our Fundraising for the new ministry facility. We asked people to pray and make commitments before the Lord to fund this. Our anticipation was that the funds would come in 24 to 30 months. When the tally was made, it confirmed that time frame.



The Lake California Architecture Committee and POA have been very helpful as we have navigated the community CC&R's and processes. They have been supportive and providing encouragement along the way. LCCC have always fostered a good relationship with the community and board and we look forward to future symbiotic events and opportunities.



In meeting with the County Planning Department, we explained why we desired to rezone the acreage from NR (Natural Resource) to provide a better use of the property for ministry and community access. After hearing our explanation, the Planning Director said, "That make sense. Let us tell you what we would suggest." The suggestion saved us about \$2,500 and a county-wide zoning review and related costs.



A couple months after we formally began fundraising in January, 2018, for the future church facility, the Elders received an anonymous letter from someone in the church which stated that they had prayed and made the commitment to give to the project in a way that would stretch them a bit financially in January. Now, in March, they had received some unexpected funds and, in praise to their Lord's faithfulness, gave ½ of the amount to the building fund.



Terry and Debbie Fenwick were mounting the "Future Home of . . ." sign. They had just set, plumbed and squared the supporting frame in the ground and were about to begin hand-mixing concrete to fill the post holes when a cement truck pulled up and asked if they wanted any concrete. The driver had @ 1/3 yd of concrete to get rid of - it filled the holes exactly to ground level!

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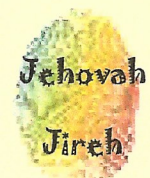




August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Tehama County Planning Department voted unanimously to recommend for rezone our NR acreage to R4. There was no one speaking in opposition. This zoning allows us to place the church buildings, ballfields, picnic areas, parking, or any other church related facility or landscape as we desire. A savings of money and labor and an effective and attractive site plan!



Twice an anonymous donor has offered up to a \$50K matching donation for funds collected between Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and Easter in 2020 and 2021. We have met and exceeded the match both times!



Our Lord continues to provide ~ sometimes through costs coming in lower than expected on some of the Ballfield work; ~ sometimes by people in the Body able to perform aspects of the project; many people working on rocks, weed abatement, irrigation, etc. ~ sometimes in cost overruns, we have the funds and He continues to provide through YOUR faithful giving!



More than a few times, some of our people have anonymously shared how they have received an unexpected financial blessing and have shared a part of it with the Building Fund! The one time God tells us to test Him is Malachi 3:10. As we are faithful, He is faithful (we not talking 'prosperity gospel' here).

*[If you have a story for the Praise Report, please contact Pastor Jim!]*