

- It is time to expand to facilitate the wave of growth in our family God is providing to us. We feel this is an act of stewardship to move, to invest and to establish deeper community.
- The kids' areas need more room (currently we are squeezing them in). Kids, nursery through high school, are 56% of our population each Sunday (about 250). Adult attendance averages 450-500.
- We desire to host our main services that can support 500-600 seats. If you were here for Easter, we had about 450.
- We need more facility rooms to use during the day for Bible teaching and groups.
- We have an excellent low cost opportunity to expand our lease with the connecting building that will give us an additional 13,000 square feet.

### Why do we need to raise \$1.2 million?

This amount will allow us to accomplish several objectives:

- Transform 161 Plaza la Vista into an amazing ministry facility. We are going to use our expanded facility to make that mission a reality. We will be doubling the seating capacity of the auditorium, doubling the size of our café and bookstore, expanding our children's and youth ministry areas, adding additional adult meeting space, and providing a recreation area for the whole family. This will allow us to continue our tradition of discipleship and community.
- 10% of the total funds raised will be used to fund local and international missions projects that will help us reach our goal of 1200 souls for Christ.
- We will put a portion of the funds into additional staff to meet our growing needs.
- We will include all operating costs associated with the back unit into the campaign so it will not be an additional burden on the general fund of the church.
- Because the new facility will better allow us to grow, so will our resources increase.

### Where is the money going?

- \$920,000 will go towards construction and building improvements
- \$120,000, or 10%, of the total given will go towards Missions
- \$85,000 will go towards rent and utility costs for the new back unit
- \$75,000 will go to additional staffing

### Important Considerations

We plan to have a 24 month capital campaign that will first, raise awareness of the need for increased space to help accomplish the vision. Second, enlist the financial and leadership commitment necessary to complete the project, and third, take the congregation on a spiritual journey of sacrificial giving.

**The first part** of the financial plan allows us to occupy the entire facility and satisfy all occupancy codes. The money to do this would come from three sources. One, the "First Fruits" offering, where people bring as much of the commitment at one time to a very special Sunday on June 12. Second, borrowed funds from our denomination, the Missionary Church. The third source is our current "Building for Tomorrow" funds in savings. Our goal is to have approximately \$550,000 ready to start construction.

**The second part** is completion of the project. We will "pay-as-we-go" and "celebrate-as-we-go". For example: we might start out in the auditorium without carpet. As funds are received, we will purchase it, celebrate and then go to the next priority. The Elders will establish the priorities of the build out.

Please consider how you can personally affect the growth of the body of Christ. This is an opportunity of everlasting significance. You can directly impact our immediate community in an eternal way! We are a church family that wants to yield to God in providing a safe, nurturing location and facility that allows Christ's love and power of change to be proclaimed and demonstrated.



## THE VISION

Twenty-six years ago, God planted a new church in Camarillo. A church birthed with the specific vision of reaching the "lost" of our community. Jesus was clear about the mission of His church – to seek and to save those who are lost. God has called Crossroads to **CONNECT** people to God and others, to **GROW** people to be like Jesus and to have people **GO** and serve their church and world. Best estimates conclude that only 5-10% of the people in Ventura County attend a Bible teaching church on any Sunday.

At the same time, we also recognize that our church building is a big part of who we are as a church family. Within the walls of the building, much ministry takes place. It is a place of equipping, fellowship and outreach. Crossroads happens not just on Sunday but every day of the week. In many ways, the church building is for our church family what a home is for a biological family. The home doesn't *make* the family, but the home supports the life of the family.



We want to continue now on that mission and reach 1200 more people (souls) for Christ over the next five years.

- "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'" Luke 14:23 (NIV)
- "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

## The Roadblock

It's been three years since we moved into our present location. The new facility has expanded our relationship with our community from being an "invisible" church that everyone has heard about, to a church that everyone can see and know. The new location and facility has taken us from a "Mission Oaks" church to a "regional" church.

Our original plan was to remodel the entire space to fit our needs but due to the struggling economy and our commitment to take on as little debt as possible, we divided the remodel into two phases. The first phase is what you see today. Our present auditorium is actually the original Student Center and our original large café area is presently both our Café and Student Center. Our present nursery and pre-school area was originally the foyer to the auditorium.

As you know, we continue to grow. We now have three services with the second at capacity. In addition, space is extremely limited for middle-school students, adult ministry, nursery and children's activities. In short, our present facility cannot adequately meet our present needs - much less allow us to expand the vision God has given us.

### Why do we need to make a change?

Our vision for the past 5 years has been to find a facility that would meet our intermediate or long range vision. We originally thought the front unit of our facility would be enough but even with the build out of Phase Two, we now feel the vision would be limited.

Therefore, we believe the solution is two-fold:

**First**, we would finish building out the auditorium, café and coffee bar, bookstore, and new foyer areas.

**Second**, we would occupy the entire building. The back unit is 13,000 square feet. We would create a new area for our children or youth as well as create a new family center which would have ample space for ministries, breakout and game areas, a volleyball court and half-court basketball.

This campaign is truly about building for the benefit of not only our generation but "**Building for Tomorrow.**" Will you join us on a journey that will stretch our faith as individuals and as a church family?

## How will completing BFT Phase 1 and expanding our facility fulfill our Vision?

### Question 1: How will this new expanded facility allow us to better connect people to God and others?

- The auditorium will have flexible seating for 500-600 people. We believe God's vision for Crossroads is to continue growing and reaching Ventura County for Him. Additionally, the auditorium will be designed to accommodate Christian concerts, seminars and other community events.
- As you walk into our new facility, you will see a newly expanded café area and a new larger book store. This new entrance allows room to talk with friends and newcomers before and after services. Our desire here is to create a "3rd Place" for you to have a comfortable place to meet people throughout the week, not just on Sundays. We have dreams of mini-concerts on Friday and Saturday nights here.
- The high school, middle school and children's areas will all be expanded or moved allowing for comfortable growth. Currently students and children make up one third of our congregation. This is very important for parents to know our commitment to our kids.

### Question 2: How will this new facility help people grow to be like Jesus Christ?

- Our desire is that the church body will be the most loved, best spiritually fed, and most practically equipped people on the planet. We know that spiritual growth happens best in small groups, whether they be traditional adult Sunday school, new believer, mom's, or even activity groups. This new facility will provide us with the space to be a base camp for many of them.
- This new facility would provide the space and location needed to reach the young people in our city.
- A larger bookstore filled with discipleship resources will facilitate part of this need.
- Life transformation is what happens as we grow closer to Christ's likeness. Discipleship at all age levels will happen more effectively through new opportunities created by this expanded facility.

### Question 3: How will this new facility enable people to go and service their church and their world?

- Because the new expanded facility will better allow us to grow, so will our resources increase. Today, Crossroads gives over \$100,000 annually to missions. This is possible because our attendance and budget has more than tripled in the last 10 years. This facility will allow that to continue. As our church grows, so do the opportunities for many more people to use their gifts and be involved in the work of ministry. The opportunity to meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged is tremendous. Our new expanded facility will be a hub for that outreach activity.
- Ten percent of the BFT 2.0 funds will go to missions. Here are a few projects we are working on: **Oxnard** - We are raising up leaders to launch a satellite congregation! **Thailand** - We are partnering with missionaries to start a new disciple making church! **Mexico** - We are providing a large tent for crusade evangelism meetings! **India** - We are partnering with ministries to multiply churches in North India! **Camarillo** - We are exploring the possibility of a Spanish language congregation! Each of these projects will help us reach our goal of 1200 souls for Christ.
- As we discussed this building and its unique location, many new opportunities have been mentioned. How many new ministries are in the hearts of our people that God will unleash? God is preparing "good works" for us to do.

### Question 4: Are these the best changes to make to fulfill our vision?

There is a time and season for all...

- We are seeing new hungry hearts that are seeking Christ. We feel God is letting us know in no uncertain terms. We see some 20-30 new faces each week. We have had over 400 people make commitments and recommitments to Christ since we moved to our new location. Baptisms are held every two months and we have observed 10-20 each time. Our ultimate goal is to partner with God to win 1200 souls for Christ in the next 5 years.