



**January 4, 2007**

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

**THE LORD PROVIDES FOR LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH!**

Each week, since last July, I have reported to you the amount of money raised toward the \$150,000 goal for starting Lake Cities Community Church. This has not been a major focus of attention, yet it is an important and necessary part of starting a new church. We started with just a few hundred dollars, which increased over time to **\$6,700** at the beginning of October and **\$15,473** at the beginning of November. Last time I wrote to you, just prior to Christmas, that number had increased greatly to **\$69,903**.

Well, the Lord has continued to work through the generosity of so many people. As of the end of December **\$118,682** has been given to the church plant. Praise the Lord!

But hold on, there is more! Last night many of you were able to join us for the benefit recital, where John Hendricks and Sarah Petrroy delighted us with their gift of music and opera. Several months ago John offered to do this recital to benefit the church plant and the Lord blessed the evening greatly. We had a very good turnout and John and Sarah sang and entertained everyone wonderfully! It was truly an evening to remember. (Go to our web site [www.LakeCitiesCommunity.org](http://www.LakeCitiesCommunity.org) to see a picture from the benefit recital! *Go to church plant / pictures*)

How much was raised? An additional **\$10,160!** This brings the total toward starting Lake Cities to **\$128,842!** When the goal of \$150,000 was set last summer, no one knew how much the Lord would allow us to raise toward that goal. Great glory and praise to God for providing for this ministry so well. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of this new church.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- January 7, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm. Topic: Assimilation.
- January 14, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm. Topic: Administration / Policies and procedures.
- January 21, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm. Topic: Evangelism, outreach.
- January 28, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm. Topic: World Missions.
- February 4, Sun – FIRST Preview Worship Service. Time/Location TBD.
- February 11, Sun – Preview worship service.
- February 18, Sun – Preview worship service.
- February 25, Sun – Preview worship service.
- March 3, 2007, Sat. – Rowlett Outreach. Crown Ministry: “Journey to True Financial Freedom” workshop. Location: Rowlett Community Centre, Room B. (register at [www.Crown.org](http://www.Crown.org)). Nursery provided.
- March 4, Sun – Preview worship service.
- March 11, Sun – Preview worship service.
- March 18, Sun – Preview worship service.
- March 25, Sun – Preview worship service.
- **Easter, April 8, 2007, Sun. – Target date for FIRST SERVICE of Lake Cities Community!**

Pray for the Lord's direction and that His will would be done at each activity. Guests are welcome at our core-group meetings and preview services. Come see first hand what the Lord is doing!

### **WHAT IS A PREVIEW WORSHIP SERVICE?**

You will see on the calendar of events that we will soon transition from Sunday night planning meetings to holding preview services. These (Lord willing) are going to be simple worship services where the core-group can worship together and work through the mechanics of planning and running weekly services. These will mostly be held on Sunday nights, so as to not conflict with continued Sunday morning attendance.

Continue to pray for the core group, as things will become increasingly busy as we move closer to the launch date. Pray for peace and trust in God, and deeper relationships and love for one another.

### **CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

- The estimated non-Christian population of the United States is 200 million.
- Six million French Canadians make up the largest unreached people group in North America (1 in 200 is Christian).
- North America is the only continent where Christianity is not growing.

Source: [www.ChurchPlantingVillage.net](http://www.ChurchPlantingVillage.net)

### **CHURCH PLANTING WEB SITE OF THE WEEK:**

[www.churchplantingvillage.net](http://www.churchplantingvillage.net)

For those of you who would like more information about church planting, there are some web sites I have found helpful. In this new section, I will share them with you, and if you have time I'd encourage you to explore them to expand your own vision for church planting.

Church Planting Village is run by the Southern Baptist's North American Mission Board. It has good information and resources. I receive their weekly church plant e-mail from this site.

### **E-MAIL LIST INFORMATION:**

The purpose of this e-mail list is to encourage prayer for the planting of Lake Cities Community Church. The anticipated launch date is April 8, 2007, Easter Sunday.

Each week new people are added to this list. If you are one of these – **WELCOME!** It is our desire that this letter will help you to pray effectively and stay up to date on the happenings of Lake Cities Community Church!

With a living faith in a gracious Lord,

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