



November 30, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

TAIWAN TRIP WAS INCREDIBLE!

Tammy and I had the opportunity to visit missionaries and speak at a retreat in Taiwan over Thanksgiving. The retreat was an annual time for the missionaries throughout Taiwan to gather for refreshment and fellowship. God used this trip to broaden our view of the world and to remind us of the importance of missions.

Over the past 20 years, Taiwan has transformed itself from a third-world country to a modern nation. Boasting the world's tallest skyscraper (Taipei 101) and an unbelievable integration of technology, Taiwan is a country of contrasts. The new affluence contrasts against centuries old idol-worship that holds the people in great fear of evil-spirits and an endless striving to "please" their gods. Only 3% of the country could be considered "Christian."

Our greatest blessing was meeting Taiwanese Christians and missionaries from TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance of Missions) and Morrison Academy (a missionary school) These missionaries (from America, Canada, Australia and Japan) are true heroes of the faith, having left the comfort of their culture to minister faithfully in Taiwan. Thanks to all of you who made this trip possible, and for your prayers!

WEB SITE UPDATE:

We are continuing to work on a stand-alone web site for the church plant, which will be at www.LakeCitiesCommunity.org. Design work is underway, and hopefully the new look will be ready for unveiling in the next four to six weeks – probably sometime in January 2007. Currently, the Lake Cities web URL points to the church plant information at Trinity Fellowship's web site, which is updated weekly.

INCORPORATION UPDATE:

Another important step in the church plant process is becoming incorporated. The legal paperwork has been filed and is waiting approval. This will lead to establishing Lake Cities' bank accounts and its ability to accept tax-deductible gifts from church members in 2007. Thanks to Chuck Hendricks, lawyer and chairman of Trinity Fellowship's elder board who helped us with this process.

BUDGET UPDATE:

The draft budget for 2007 is in the process of being developed for Lake Cities. The budget includes estimates of one-time start-up costs as well as regular operating expenses. As you can imagine, it can be difficult to project what will occur in the first year of a church plant. Special thanks to Mac and Debby Duvall, from the core-group, who are working with Trinity Fellowship's finance committee on this process. Mac and Debby (who own their own accounting firm) will serve as the treasurers for Lake Cities next year. Thank you!

LOCATION UPDATE:

The location committee is meeting next Wednesday night, December 7th. There are a couple different options being considered. Please pray for wisdom and direction as the committee weighs the pros / cons of each possible direction. Many people from the core-group and from Trinity Fellowship have been faithfully looking into location options – Their work and creative thinking is appreciated!

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

THANK YOU to those who have already given to the church plant. If you sense the Lord leading you to give, simply place a check (made out to **Trinity Fellowship Church**) into a white Lake Cities giving envelope, and mail to Trinity Fellowship Church at 932 S. Greenville Ave. Richardson, TX 75081.

If you need an envelope, just contact the church at (972) 690-9535. They are also available in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Fellowship Church.

- **Progress:** \$31,963 (increase of \$5,205 over the past two weeks). 21% of total!
- **Goal:** To raise \$150,000 by the end of 2006 to supplement the 2007 budget for Lake Cities (including start-up and operational expenses).
- **Gifts are tax deductible** and should be above and beyond your normal giving to Trinity, or the church you attend.
- **Note:** Although I report the increase each week, I do not see or have knowledge of any individual giving. All giving goes through Trinity Fellowship's excellent finance people and is confidential.

Please continue to pray for the Lord's financial provision for both the church plant and for Trinity Fellowship's budget, which is currently behind for 2006.

UPCOMING DATES:

- December 3, Sun – Core Group Meeting 6:00-7:45pm. Guest speaker Dr. Tim Ralston, "Theology of Worship."
- December 7, Wed – Location committee meeting. 7pm @ Honea's.
- December 9, Sat – "Friends and Neighbors" Church Plant Christmas Social. 7pm @ Hilber's.
- December 10, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00-7:45pm. Worship / Service planning.
- December 17, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00 -7:30pm. Adult Education / Small Groups.
- December 17, Sun – Craig preaching at Trinity Fellowship. 3rd week of Advent.
- No core group meetings: 12/24 or 12/31. Merry Christmas!
- January 3, Wed night – LCCC Benefit Recital, featuring vocalist John Hendricks. At Trinity Fellowship Church.
- February 4, Sun – FIRST Preview Worship Service. Time/Location TBD.
- 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)
- 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.

CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Church Planting Myth: You have to be a large church to reproduce.
Fact: 80% of church plants are started by churches 100-500 in size."

- Evangelical Free Church of America, "Reproducing Factors in Church Planting," training module.

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. 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!

Serving our Lord together,

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