



Fall 2022

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."*

### **First, a ministry report from our live presentation team...**

Featuring big and bold in this year's live presentations is our nearly 8 ft. lighthouse. We always relish the "ooo's" and "aaah's" when, usually after days of anticipation, the switch is thrown and the lighthouse is actually lit! The application is, of course, a reminder to followers of Jesus to build our lives on His firm foundation, grow "tall" spiritually through His word and then, filled with His Holy Spirit, shine forth the light of His love and truth. But being a "lighthouse" can be a lonely job. You'll never see a group of lighthouses all standing together. One might imagine that the most encouraged lighthouse would be the one that could look far down the coast and decry the familiar light of another lighthouse feeling comforted that they weren't in this light-shining business alone. God gave Christians community. Although He is our sufficiency – our "all in all" – He designed believers to function as a body and to encourage one another. Our travel team experienced just that kind of encouragement during our summer tour. We felt the camaraderie of working alongside other believers in camp and church ministries as together we shone forth the gospel light. For us, the partnership provides a facility and outlet for the message God has laid on our hearts. For those we serve, the partnership lifts significant parts of the load of ministry allowing them to focus on the relationship aspect. Together, while we were building each other up, we saw Jesus draw children to Himself! What a wonderful design of God! Many times we found a secondary ministry in giving a listening ear to other believers who just needed to talk. At one point we were able to fill in for a fellow speaker when he had a family emergency. One whole week of our summer was dedicated to the whole idea of encouragement as we participated in a convention geared toward building up teenagers to serve the Lord. Lighthouses may stand alone, but believers shouldn't. Think of a different source of light. Alone, the embers of a fire burn out and die. Together, they burn brighter and the fire grows. In truth, we are God's Helping Hands. We love serving Him alongside you!



### **...meanwhile, back at the home office with our president, Jeff...**



In 2020 we realized that the front of our existing building needed some TLC since wind and water were taking a toll on it and causing damage inside the front reception area. The necessary steel supports were built and delivered several months later by a friend and supporter who has a metal fabricating business. But in getting plans together for a building permit, it was discovered that we needed to go through an architect and engineer before getting the permit. The Lord led us to a missionary organization, Tech Team Advantage, that was able to provide us with what was needed at a fraction of the cost. By that time, however, the approaching winter weather made it necessary to postpone starting the project until spring of 2022. On May 17, we started the renovation on the front. By now the Reach More project was underway and working on and coordinating both projects kept me busy every day. The contractor who was putting up the Reach More addition loaned us the scaffolding needed to work on the front. This was the first of many times he and his workers helped me. Multiple times I would check our security cameras from home to find our contractor and his men helping with my renovation of the building front, putting me weeks ahead while they were simultaneously putting up the new 50'x104' building addition! One of my dear friends volunteered his time almost weekly to help remove and dispose of the old brick and we accomplished that by late July. During the next couple of weeks, I installed new plywood on the front and removed and reinstalled the windows so there is a better seal. Our plan was to match the new and the old building fronts facing the road with faux stone. Though I had never done it before, I had planned to put it on the new building myself to help cut some costs. But one morning in mid-July, I checked the security cameras and the workers had put the plywood and Tyvek on in preparation for the faux stone. Arriving as soon as possible, I was just in time to have one of the carpenters teach me how to install the stone which was a great help. By the end of the day, the stone was finished, and the steel siding was completed 20 feet up. When I was able to get started on the faux stone on the existing building, I finished it in two days...all on my own! The Lord's help and provision was seen throughout this project, and we praise Him!



# Construction has Begun!



April 25, 2022 - Groundbreaking Day!

May 19 - Materials arrive

June 7-10 - New building posts placed



June 18 - Overhead door headers built

June 22-23 - New building trusses set

June 29 - Connecting Annex construction

July 7-9 - Steel roofing installed

July 13 - Annex and new building roofs connected

July 15 - New building siding begun

July 18 - New construction fully enclosed



## An Unexpected Plot Twist:

In the very short time this building was built, material costs have *skyrocketed*. The inflation the entire country is feeling hit home when we received the final bill for this phase of construction. At the time of this writing, we find ourselves with a \$20,000 balance owed before we can move to phase 2. For us, it was an unpleasant surprise. But for God, it's just another opportunity to demonstrate His faithfulness!

**We greatly appreciate your prayers and financial support for this project. Here's what's coming next:**

### PHASE 2

- Plumbing = \$4,900.00
- Foam for under floor = \$3,500.00
- HVAC PEX for in-floor heat = \$4,500.00
- Mesh for concrete floor = \$4,500.00
- Concrete and finishing = \$15,000.00

**TOTAL = \$30,000.00**

### PHASE 3

- Dividing wall between studio and vehicle garage.
- Interior walls for office, equipment room and restroom.
- Joist and flooring for mezzanine and stairway.
- Interior walls for second-floor annex area.

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## All Hands on Deck! A Call For Volunteers.

Would you like to take a "hands on" role as a God's Helping Hands volunteer? There are many opportunities to lend a hand. From facility maintenance and new construction to office mailings and computer filing. Whether you can help for an hour or a whole week, we believe that with God's help, "many hands make light work." If you, your family or church group want to volunteer, send an email to [office@ghhinc.org](mailto:office@ghhinc.org) and include "volunteer" in the subject line. We will respond and open a conversation to find a fit for your time and skill set! Or feel free to call our office at 269-628-5185.