

# Greater Impact

*For: The Lost, The Seeking, The Growing*

A Greater Impact update for the Phillipsburg Alliance Church family

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## God's Story in Phillipsburg

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When we first started talking about our fellowship purchasing a bigger building or purchasing land to build on, there were a number of reasons for taking this faith-filled risk. The pragmatic or physical reasons were clear. The buildings we had were over-used and no longer able to meet the growing needs of our church family and its ministries and "room for growth" was non-existent. We desired to reach the community around us and were already doing three Sunday services. With almost unanimous consent, we joyously started a life-changing spiritual journey together.

Most of us know the road block we encountered just months after and it seemed that we would not be able to continue in the direction we were convinced God was leading us. After 10 years and much engineering and working with the NJDEP we were given permission to build on the land God had given us. Over those years many things have changed including the purchase of the Crossbar and a turnover of people through a number of factors. Many today do not know much about why we are moving forward and many have never even visited our spacious property although we have held many worship services there. It is my hope in this to share why we "press on" in this Kingdom work. And I think that you will find that the vision is the same as it was 90 years ago when the Christian and Missionary Alliance came to Phillipsburg.

## Impactful Prayer

### Upcoming Prayer Meetings:

Wednesday, July 27th

Tuesday, August 30th

### Capital Campaign

### Prayer Request For The Week:

*"Pray for stamina of the people of the Phillipsburg Alliance Church. That we would not grow weary of doing good!"*



## Phillipsburg Alliance Church Vision is to...

*Effectively communicate God's grace to all people*

*"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." 2 Corinthians 4:15*

# 5 Major reasons why we need to join together in this new Building Project...



1.

## We do this for God.

It is He who answered our prayers over and over again concerning not only if we should build but where. We laid out 5 difficult fleeces that we would take, if answered positively, as God's confirmation that we were to move forward. Each was answered clearly. We are to do all that we do to the Glory of God and we believe that God is in this and will be glorified in it. Some say that God does not care about brick and mortar, buildings and the like. That is a

nice platitude but it isn't Scriptural. God is a builder from the first verse of Genesis to the last chapters of Revelation. He delights in building and has even commanded his people to build building for him. We are told that his glory resides in the Temple of Solomon and in the Heavenly Temple. We build that God might somehow receive glory in every use of this facility.

2.

## We do this for Us.

Often it is said that the "lost matter to God". That is true. But so do the "found". It is our expectation and desire to use this larger and newer facility to help the body of Christ grow closer to Him and to each other. The restrictions of our current facilities are often felt throughout the week as more and more types of ministries are begun. In

addition to that, we are also restricted in things we would like to do but the confinements of our buildings will not allow them. Jesus told us through the writer of Hebrews that we (the family of God) were not to forsake the gathering together. This will become even more critical as the return of Christ draws near.

3.

## We do this for those who have never known Christ in our area.

Over 61,000 people live within a 5-mile radius of our new site. Most of them are unchurched and have never heard the name of Jesus. With a multipurpose room that will allow for basketball/volleyball/large gatherings and a

unified worship, many of those who have never entered a church before will have a new reason to "come through the doors." It will be a facility that can reach our community in ways that are not available now.

4.

## We do this for our Society.

We all know that our communities are moving farther away from godliness and that the impact of churches on their larger communities is shrinking. It is our vision to be a "hub of influence" that will be respected and looked to for direction. Such was the case in the early years of our nation and up to the last few generations. The change

was not so much that people didn't need what the church was sharing but that the church started to isolate from the communities for a number of reasons. That has to change immediately or our influence on our culture and our immediate region will continue to shrink.

5.

## We do it for the World.

From the first day this church existed, its heart was for missions. With every expansion that we have made, the impact we have had in supporting those who serve in other parts of the world has increased

greatly. As a result, many who otherwise would never had heard the name of Jesus are being saved and disciple. We expect that this will continue to be the pattern as long as our hearts remain in tune with His.

*The affect that we can have with this project is far reaching and long lasting. It is our hope that you will be led by the Lord to join in yet another life changing spiritual journey and may we all draw ever closer to the Lord through it.*

The vision of Phillipsburg Alliance is a clear and concise expression of why we are what we are as a part of the Church of Jesus. The Mission statement tells us how we fulfill that calling to vision.

From this people should understand that the Liberty Road project is not the end in itself, but that it is a means to reach the vision. It is one tool that He gives us so that the ministries of the church can fulfill our God given call.



# Phillipsburg Alliance Church Mission is...

[our articulation of the Great Commission/Commandment—"why we exist"]

*God changes people through us...*

*"From Him the whole Body grows...as each part does it's work" Eph 4:16)*

## God uses Ministries of Teaching/Discipleship:

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Sunday School	Young Adult Group
VBS	Theological Round Table/Seminars
Victory in Freedom (Youth Ministry)	Small/Cell groups
Celebrate Recovery "Step Study"	Men & Women ministries
Worship Services	New Members Class
Counseling	Mission Trips
Mission Committee	Mission Conference
Prayer Meeting	Financial Peace University
Capital Campaign	

## God uses Ministries of Fellowship:

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Young Adult Group	Small/ Cell groups
Men & Women ministries	Deacons—Trustees—Elders
Ushers	Choir Ministry
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## God uses Ministries of Worship:

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Worship services	Baptismal services
Choir Ministry	Praise Team
Ushers	Corporate Prayer
Capital Campaign	

## God uses Ministries of Outreach:

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CR "Main meeting"	Walk with Jesus
Victory in Freedom	Hospital Visitation
Deacons—Trustees	Ushers
Greeters	Gun Shoots
Community Breakfast	Family Promise
Mission Trips	AWOL
Nursing Home Ministry	Movie Night
Financial Peace University	Capital Campaign

*All ministries of the local church must come under at least one of these four biblical definitions and all must align their ministry with the vision and mission of the congregation.*