

OVCF LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

On behalf of the leadership of OVCF, I'd like to thank you for being here this morning. I speak as a representative of the leadership team and not just as the pastor. We have been announcing for several weeks that we would let you know what God is doing at OVCF, and we want this to be a praise report of God's goodness, not of our ingenuity or wise planning.

Please allow me to give you a brief history lesson first, primarily for those who are new to OVCF and as a refresher to the "oldies."

In October of 2004, Owen Valley Christian Fellowship became a reality and soon began worshiping in its first semi-regular meeting place, the OV Sports complex.

As OVCF grew, efforts were made to possibly secure a more permanent home for our growing family, and in 2010 we were able to purchase this property and call it our home. We knew it would be small but considered it God's gift to us.

In January of 2011, and the subsequent months which followed, we weathered a financial crisis of monumental proportions. Through it all, we witnessed God's incredible goodness and the generosity of the family called OVCF.

God's blessings were so incredible we were able to remodel our current facilities in the summer of 2012 totally debt-free. Not bad going from having \$810 in the bank to our name.

In February of 2013 Ryan and Hope East began their full-time youth ministry with us. The growth of both the youth, and subsequently the adults, was beyond our expectations. Spurred on by that, the Building Team proposed an addition on the west side of our auditorium, which would have a seating capacity of over 300. While the leadership definitely feels a larger auditorium is important, we did not like the idea of borrowing such a large amount of money a commitment we wanted to make.

So after a middle of the night dream of "where will we put the kids?" I called the Building Team back together and found out several others had the same dream. Can you say confirmation? It was decided then that we would pursue a children's

addition first, and then the auditorium. After many discussions, we settled on the addition you see on the wall. The price tag for the classroom addition is around \$140,000. But all along we have been committed to building the addition debt free, so while we investigated the building, you continued giving to the Building Fund. You have given in so many ways to keep that figure inching upwards on our thermometer. God has also intervened.

In January of 2016, the church received a donation of \$10,000 from a foundation in Arizona that was to go toward the Building Fund. Then, in late 2016, we found out we were the recipients of an inheritance. To further enhance our excitement, on Christmas Eve we received another \$10,000 donation from the same foundation that sent us the earlier donation!

So, here is where we are. Except for a small amount kept in cash reserves (at the encouragement of the financial company), the inheritance money will allow us to do several things. First, we will take 10% and put it aside for missions or outreach of some kind. We do know a small amount will be used to expand a school that exists in a Muslim dominated area of Liberia. A church that is supported by Revive Liberia administers the school. Muslim families are allowing the church there to provide for and raise local children as Christians. Existing facilities are bursting at the seams and we are blessed to have an opportunity to provide assistance.

Second, we will be paying off our current mortgage as soon as we liquidate the monies. This will enable us to be totally debt-free.

Third, all monies left will then be allocated to the Building Fund, allowing us to complete the classroom addition in its entirety (debt free), which also includes renovating the current children's area and moving Ryan's office. Hopefully it will also give us some seed money as we look forward to a building program in the future. We are unsure at this moment what that amount will be, but we will let you know when we do. We fully intend, in God's timing and with His blessing, to pursue an addition which will glorify Him in its usefulness but also allow our church family to worship as one body.

God has been phenomenal in His blessings to OVCF. You are to be commended for your faithfulness to our weekly needs and also to the funding of the Building addition. It has taken us a couple of years to accomplish this stage of our church life, but it has been done intentionally because we truly want to honor God and

minister to people along the way. Thank you so much for being a part of the OVCF family and ministry. We also want to thank the Finance Team who work diligently to keep us on track with our budget and being good stewards with all God has given to us. We anticipate great things in the future and can't wait to see what God will bring about.

We will field a few pertinent questions if you have any.