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77' Foot Cross Finally Comes to Kerrville !!!

By the grace of God, on Friday, October 30, 2009, the massive 77' sculpture entitled *"The Empty Cross"* arrived at **"The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden"** in Kerrville, Texas. Weighing almost 70 tons, the monumental open cross sculpture was placed on top of the 1,930 ft. solid rock hill overlooking Kerrville and **Interstate 10**.

The unique Cor-tin steel cross sculpture, valued at \$2 million dollars, has been under construction at **Eagle Bronze Foundry** of Lander, WY since 2007. The unique, hollow cross will be the centerpiece of the evangelical **Sculpture Prayer Garden** that is currently being built on 23 acres of prime land, at the main entrance of the *"Hill Country"* town. The seven story cross will be on permanent display in the Garden park, with more than a dozen other monumental sculptures, created by various internationally collected Christian artists.

Even though the spiritual Garden is not yet finished or open, everyone is welcome at the cross! Currently, **The Coming King Foundation** is trying to raise the money to build concrete roads and parking lots, so the free spiritual Garden can be "officially" opened to the public in 2010.

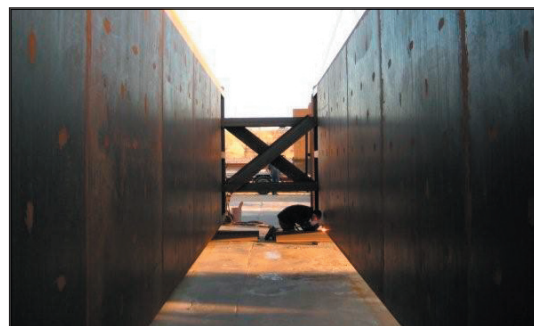
The non-profit arts ministry believes this *"Garden Tabernacle"* has been ordained by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the volunteer **Trustees** believe that God will continue to provide all the funds needed, without having to borrow money, or enter into debt.

To this date, almost two million dollars have been donated by generous Christians from across America. Everyone is invited to "sow" into this Garden, so that glory and souls can come to Jesus Christ!

When completed, the sculpture park will feature the Gospel in multiple languages, engraved on **Scripture Tiles**, which will be placed every 12', in the 300' long cross-shaped garden, at the very top of the mountain. The symbolic cross sculpture will be erected at the end of this 100 yard long, evangelical, flower-lined garden.



"The Empty Cross" sculpture was constructed by **Eagle Bronze Foundry**, owned by Christians, Monte and Beverly Paddleford. The construction process in Wyoming took three years.





Artist/Evangelist, Max Greiner Jr. collaborated with Monte Paddleford, owner of **Eagle Bronze Foundry** of Lander, WY to build the massive 77'7" Cortin steel sculpture, *"The Empty Cross."*

On Saturday, October 24, 2009 Artist/Evangelist and foundation President, Max Greiner, Jr. travelled from Kerrville, TX to meet the owner of **Eagle Bronze Foundry** of Lander, WY, Monte Paddleford. Max was joined by former **Trustee** and professional videographer, Brandt Sleeper of Tucson, AZ, who recorded the historical event.

The Paddlefords are strong Christians. They have generously constructed the magnificent 138,800 lb. cross at their actual production cost, as a gift to God. Beverly is also donating at least four of her life-size Christian bronze sculptures to the Garden. Sculptor, Max Greiner, Jr., along with his wife, Sherry, have also donated their profits, and are giving at least eight other monumental Greiner Christian bronze sculptures to the Christ-honoring Garden.

"The Empty Cross" sculpture has symbolic spiritual dimensions. The Cor-tin steel 77'7" sculpture has a 40' cross arm, a 10' depth, and a 7' wide open center space. Visitors can pray to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, literally at the *"foot of the cross."* This unique hollow design symbolizes the *"Resurrection"*, the *"Open Door"*, the *"Narrow Gate"* and the *"Light of the World."* The beautiful red-brown color represents the shed blood of Jesus, who is the *"Sacrificial Lamb"*, the *"Messiah of the Jews."*

During the three year creation process, over two dozen craftsmen and engineers worked on the contemporary Christian sculpture. The idea of the unusual geometric *"walk-in"* cross design was given to Max Greiner, Jr. during a *"vision"* he had in September of 2002. It arrived as the artist was praying about an unexpected letter he received from a stranger in Beaumont, TX. Marlon Quibodeaux wrote Greiner stating that God wanted him to create a 77'7" cross for Jesus, which would be erected on **Interstate 10**! He said no other artist could do this job.

During the three day drive in a "mighty rushing wind", from Wyoming to Texas, between two major storm fronts, the mammoth cross passed through "on dry ground." Like the original **"Ark of the Covenant"**, the giant cross came out of the wilderness and went into the **"Promised Land."** This ideal Garden property, located half way between the **Atlantic** and **Pacific Oceans** on **Interstate 10**, is at the same exact latitude of Israel! The 23 acres of valuable land was purchased, thanks to the donation given to the non-profit Christian arts ministry by the Hershel Reid family. This was after God answered Hershel's **"fleece"** with a genuine Biblical **"Sign & Wonder."**

The arrival of the beautiful cross sculpture in **The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden** is a major milestone in a remarkable spiritual journey which began on December 9, 2001. This was when Dr. Mahesh Chavda, a visiting Prophet/Evangelist from North Carolina, called Max and Sherry Greiner out of an audience at **Cathedral of Praise Church** in Austin, TX. He prophesied that they would be involved in the restoration of the last days **Tabernacle** (Amos 9:11-12 & Isaiah 2:2-3). It is happening!



Putting things into perspective, Max and Monte stand in front of the underside portion of the right arm of the *"The Empty Cross"* sculpture!



The 138,800 lb. 77'7" Cor-tin steel cross was transported on three special trucks, 1,155 miles through Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.



This photo shows the length of the special trailer that hauled the bottom section of *"The Empty Cross"*, prior to it being loaded.



Thousands of people witnessed the giant cross being transported to the Kerrville **Sculpture Prayer Garden**. However, few realized it was a cross since it was transported in four pieces.

The Battle Continues As The Cross Arrives !

The battle to raise the cross of Jesus Christ at **The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden** in the Texas *"Hill Country"* town of Kerrville continues to draw state and national media attention.

Since 2005, atheists and others have opposed the unique, 77'7" open cross sculpture, and the 23 acre evangelical Garden park. Despite the fact that the Garden is being built on privately owned land, without public tax money, some people want to censor the message of the cross. This is not surprising to supporters of the non-profit, 501c3 Christian ministry, **The Coming King Foundation** (TCKF). The Bible says that the cross of Jesus Christ will always be offensive to many, because it represents the power of God and the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

Millions of people in the USA and the world are now aware of the Kerrville evangelical project. Ironically, efforts to stop the Garden and cross have generated an abundance of free publicity for Jesus and His cross. Since 2005, the Garden *"vision"* has been featured in newspapers, magazines, on the internet, radio and TV.

The **Sculpture Prayer Garden** is being built in faith, without debt, through the generous gifts of Christians across America. The purpose of the spiritual park is to bring glory and souls to Jesus Christ. The free, world-class sculpture Garden will also bless its community, and be a major financial boon for the local economy. Research indicates that more than a thousand people a day, from around the world, will visit the Garden, once it is finished.

Opposition to the project began in 2005 when plans were first announced in the local newspaper that a beautiful Christian Garden would be built on 23 acres of prime land, at the main entrance of Kerrville. Attacks became vehement when it was announced that a unique, 77'7", hollow cross sculpture, called *"The Empty Cross,"* would be erected at the top of the 1,930 ft. mountain, overlooking **Interstate 10**. The massive cross will be the focal point and centerpiece of the entire Garden.

Fierce opposition has continued to this day, even though none of the more than a dozen Christ-honoring monumental sculptures have been placed yet. Ironically, those who say they don't want to see a cross on a hill do not appear to care that 17 cell phone towers currently can be seen from the Garden property. Many of these unattractive steel towers are at least three times taller than the seven story cross sculpture.

In 2006, atheists joined with a few other local residents, in a relentless campaign to stop the cross and evangelical Garden. The **Kerrville City Council** and **Planning Department** were besieged with calls and letters from a few people demanding that the cross be stopped. The newspapers and San Antonio TV stations even received deceptive News Releases, created by an atheist, designed to turn public opinion against the Christ-honoring Garden. Negative editorials, based on this false information were published. *"Letters to the Editor"*, filled with half-truths and outright lies, were published in the local newspapers. The result was more confusion regarding the purpose and nature of the Christ-honoring project.



Three special trucks brought the massive cross into the **Sculpture Prayer Garden** via the **Mesa Vista Ln.** back entrance.



Marvin Ohlenbusch, owner of **Alamo Crane Service** of San Antonio donated his profits as a gift to God, so the 69.4 ton cross could be unloaded at the top of the 1,930 ft. mountain in **The Coming King Sculpture Garden**.



"The Empty Cross," has many spiritual dimensions. The sides of the hollow 77'7" cross are 10' wide. The center space is 7' wide. The cross arm is 40' in length.

When criticism directed toward the city government and the secular news media failed to stop the cross and Christian project, an atheist filed false charges with the **IRS**, and other state agencies. (**TCKF** has since been cleared of all charges.) Sub-contractors were also contacted by the atheists, in an effort to find any violations which could delay or stop construction of the Garden. The personal background of **TCKF** founder and Christian Evangelist, Max Greiner, Jr. was investigated all the way back to high school, in an effort to discredit the Artist/Designer and the evangelical, Christ - honoring project.

Since no unethical, immoral or illegal behavior was uncovered, atheists began to flood the non-profit Christian ministry with email pornography. At the same time, **TCKF** received unsolicited products and bills, ordered in its name by someone. However, the evangelistic Christian arts organization "*turned the other cheek*", choosing to forgive and pray for their enemies. This expression of love is ongoing, despite the actions of those who want to violate their civil rights of "*freedom of speech*", "*freedom of expression*" and "*freedom of religion*", not to mention private property ownership rights in Texas.

The battle intensified on December 8, 2008, when a lawsuit was filed in the **216 th District Court** of Texas, in an effort to permanently stop the erection of the seven-story cross sculpture on its foundation. At the time, the \$100,000 concrete foundation was half completed. The **Trial** has been tentatively scheduled for February 2010, since two **Mediation** sessions, requested by **TCKF** so far have failed to resolve the matter.



The 77'7" Cortin steel 69.4 ton cross arrived in the Kerrville **Sculpture Prayer Garden** on October 29, 2009, without fanfare, due to threats by atheists to destroy and vandalize the cross.



On September 15, 2009, **TCKF** Vice President Jim McKnight (right) received a \$50,000 "*Challenge*" donation from Patsy and Lyle Jordan. Major Gifts from the Jordans, Hershel and Shannon Reid, Monte and Beverly Paddleford, and Max and Sherry Greiner made it possible to bring the magnificent cross to the Garden.

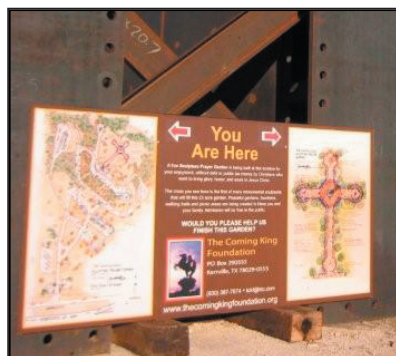


October 30, 2009
(left to right) :
Monte Paddleford,
President Max Greiner Jr.,
Secretary Sherry Greiner,
Vice President Jim McKnight,
Treasurer Fern Lancaster,
Trustees: Johnny Sharp,
Ryan Huff, & Volunteer Jose Mendoza.



"*The Empty Cross*"™ is a sculpture by Christian Artist, Max Greiner, Jr. The copyrighted composition communicates the Resurrection. Its hollow design allows light to pass through, symbolizing the "Light of the World." The openness communicates all are welcome at the foot of the Cross.

A sign has been affixed to the foot of the cross until it can be erected, showing the location of the giant cross in the **Sculpture Prayer Garden**.



TCKF Trustees met on November 3, 2009 to pray and discuss the lawsuit filed against the non-profit ministry. Following the meeting they went to the site of "*The Empty Cross*" to pray and anoint the Cross for the work of God's Kingdom. Those present walked around the cross 8 times praying and proclaiming God's Victory!

Other Sculpture Prayer Gardens Take Root !!!

Two new evangelical **Sculpture Prayer Gardens** are *"taking root"* right now! They need your support and prayers! The original *"vision"* was that many Christ-honoring Gardens would be built across the USA and world, as an effective means of bringing glory and souls to Jesus. The original Kerrville Garden on **Interstate 10** is the first "working model" and proto-type for all other Gardens.

On August 16, 2009, Dr. Tim Peterson, pastor of the non-denominational **Christian Family Church** announced to his two Minnesota congregations, his desire to build a soul-winning **Sculpture Prayer Garden** on 22 acres of church land, which faces **Interstate 35**. The ideal property is located about 40 miles south of Minneapolis, in the town of Owatonna.

The Coming King Foundation President and Artist/Evangelist, Max Greiner, Jr., shared the "vision" with both congregations, after praying over the site with Dr. Peterson and his wife, Cherrie. Greiner also prayed with the church elders that millions of souls would come to Jesus through this Minnesota Garden.

About the same time, the artist was contacted by Rev. Doyle Roberts, pastor of the **International Praise Church of God**, in Elgin, South Carolina, that has 26.14 acres right on **Interstate 20**. Pastor Roberts and his wife, Sylvia met the artist and learned of the Garden *"vision"* at the **2008 Church of God International Convention** in San Antonio, TX. They realized their location, just east of Columbia, was ideal for a Garden, since their church property faced the highway. During their prayer time together at the convention, the Holy Spirit sprinkled everyone with the **Shekinah Glory** dust (Ex 34:29).

Back in 2006, the Holy Spirit revealed through Jim Beard of College Station, TX, how the **Sculpture Prayer Garden** "vision" could be self-funded. Virtually all evangelistic outreaches throughout history require donations from Christians to function. However, Jim said the multimillion dollar **Sculpture Prayer Gardens** could be "self-funded", without charging admission, selling things or soliciting donations!

This is possible because each soul-winning Garden will become a major tourist attraction in its area. As a result, the major restaurant chains will want to locate their businesses near the Gardens. Over one thousand tourists a day are expected to visit the sculpture parks, and will spend one to four hours there. Therefore, the Gardens will be perfect locations for restaurants and other businesses that depend on a steady stream of customers. Adjoining commercial "pad-sites" can be sold (or leased) to the restaurant chains, as a means of funding and maintaining the Gardens.

Research indicates that one acre "pad-sites", located on interstate highways in the USA, frequently sell for around one million dollars each! In the case of Garden "pad-sites", people will not just be driving by at 70 MPH, but will actually be stopping. Income from "pad-sites" can generate enough funds to build and maintain the entire **Sculpture Prayer Garden**, while providing additional money for other worthy ministry needs!



Owatonna, Minnesota will be the site of the second **Sculpture Prayer Garden**. The **Christian Family Church**, pastored by Dr. Tim and Cherrie Peterson recently acquired 22 acres of land right on **Interstate 35**, 40 miles South of Minneapolis.



On August 16, 2009, Dr. Tim and Cherrie Peterson "claimed" their new church property for a **Sculpture Prayer Garden** and "planted" the 17" juniper cross that was originally planted in the Kerrville Garden, on September 16, 2005.



Dr. Oral Roberts prayed for the **Sculpture Prayer Gardens** with the Petersons on August 25, 2009. Dr. Roberts joins other well-known Christians who have prayed for the Garden "vision" including Franklin Graham, James Dobson, Pat Robertson, Rick Warren, Paul Crouch and Mike Huckabee.

Therefore saints, please pray that God the Father quickly raises up these two new Gardens for His Son, Jesus!

If you would like to help build these two Gardens, or develop a restaurant pad-site at these locations, please let us know! Thanks for your prayers and support!

TCKF Treasurer (left), Fern Lancaster prayed with Pastors Doyle and Sylvia Roberts at the 2008 **Church of God International Convention** in San Antonio, TX. Everyone, including Natalie Spradley (right) was sprinkled with **Shekinah Glory** dust when Artist/Evangelist, Max Greiner Jr. prayed for them.



Donor Information:

*We need your help to finish the first **Sculpture Prayer Garden** on **Interstate 10** here in Texas! The magnificent cross is now in Kerrville, thanks to your gifts, and recent major donations from Patsy and Lyle Jordan, Hershel and Shannon Reid, Monte and Beverly Paddleford, and Max and Sherry Greiner. Now we need to build the roads, parking lots and landscaped areas, so the free Christ-honoring park can be "officially" opened to the public!*

*We estimate that approximately two million dollars are still needed to complete the Garden with "first-class", no maintenance, concrete roads and parking lots. More than a dozen Christ-honoring monumental sculptures have already been donated, but we need to finish the roads and landscaping! We could build an evangelical **Visitors Center** with an additional five million dollar gift!*

*Thank you for helping build this "last days" **Tabernacle Garden** so others might know the love of Jesus Christ. This soul-winning Garden is being built by the **Body of Christ** without debt, and will be here when Christ returns! Gifts are tax deductible in the USA and will be acknowledged on a "**Servants Wall of Honor**," located inside **The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden** in Kerrville, TX.*

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God."

Rev. 19:11-13 (NIV)



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