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It Is Finished: 77' 7" Cross Raised on IH-10 in Kerrville

by Dr. Bruce Cook

On Tuesday, July 27, 2010 a two-million-dollar, 70-ton, 77' 7" red-brown contemporary sculpture named **"The Empty Cross"**™ was erected by **The Coming King Foundation** (TCKF) overlooking Interstate 10, at the north entrance to Kerrville, Texas. The purpose, according to TCKF Vice President Jim McKnight, *"is to draw people to God and to bless all those who visit the 23 acre Sculpture Prayer Garden in Kerrville, which will be free to the public."*

The week-long cross erection process began on Monday morning, July 26th and was covered in nonstop prayer by TCKF intercessors. **Eagle Bronze** of Lander, WY supervised the raising of the massive cross sculpture, with the help of local welders, steel erectors, and a crane company. An upper concrete base for the cross was poured August 9th by **Cherokee Bridge & Road Ltd.** After a week of curing, the cross was officially declared finished on August 16th. It is now ready to receive visitors on a limited basis, through TCKF guided tours by appointment only, until the main entrance on Benson Dr. is opened.

This historic event capped an 8.5 year epic struggle to raise the cross, which included financial miracles, threats and attacks by atheists and others opposed to the cross, critical letters to the media and local city government, and a lawsuit filed by neighboring landowners, which was settled on March 1, 2010.



(Top photo) Many Christian contractors donated their services to raise **"The Empty Cross"**™ for Jesus.
 (Bottom photo) Left to right: Ralph Gibson, **Debsteel Inc.**; Daniel Wolfe, **Lead welder**; Marvin Ohlenbusch, **Alamo Crane Services**; Monte Paddleford, **Eagle Bronze**; and Max Greiner, **Max Greiner, Jr. Designs**.



Cherokee Bridge & Road, Ltd. of Junction, TX built the massive concrete and steel foundation for the 70 ton cross. (Left to right) Superintendent, Salome Galindo; owner, Harold Dean Martin; Manager, Dean Martin, Jr. and **TCKF** Vice President, Jim McKnight.

Sudie Burditt, Director of the **Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau**, said: *"The Cross really does take your breath away. It's dignified and awe-inspiring. It's extremely difficult to look away from it once you see it."* Burditt added: *"Thanks to **TCKF** for making our world aware of Kerrville, TX. The national publicity it has received for the **Sculpture Prayer Garden** is enormous, and the publicity and awareness of the **City of Kerrville** is great for our economy. As the Garden is developed and the beautiful art is put in place, the rocky, cedar-covered hillside will become a place of beauty and serenity that will attract visitors for generations to come. These visitors will eat, sleep and shop in Kerrville, making a positive growth impact on our hospitality industry."*

The non-denominational Christian Garden and the seven-story hollow cross sculpture are the "vision" of artist/evangelist Max Greiner, Jr., a 1974 architecture design graduate of **Texas A&M University**. The spiritually symbolic, Cor-tin steel cross is the largest sculpture featured in the garden park and the largest sculpture ever created by the artist and his foundry, **Eagle Bronze**, of Lander, WY. **Eagle Bronze** is the largest art bronze foundry in the USA.

"I've been doing this (casting sculptures) for over 26 years," said Monte Paddleford, owner of **Eagle Bronze**, *"and we have cast around 5,000 monuments. This one (**The Empty Cross**™) is different. This one leaves me without words. We are part of something here much bigger than us. It's by far the most significant project we have ever been part of. This is the beginning of something very big for God to begin a new chapter. It's very, very significant. The Cross will transcend the Garden, Kerrville, and Texas. It will have world impact. People will be drawn to it supernaturally. People will feel that they have to go there and see it."*

Greiner stated, *"I think **The Empty Cross**™ may be the most significant sculpture I have ever done. This piece of art has already touched the lives of millions of people and it's only been up two weeks!"* He added, *"People are already getting blessed, saved, healed and set free at the Cross!"*

The spiritual park, located at the main entrance of Kerrville, looks like the "Holy Land" and by God's providence, is at the same latitude as Israel. The "Hill Country" town of Kerrville is home to about 23,000 people. It is known for its beautiful Guadalupe River, scenic views, and abundant wildlife. The area is a favorite of tourists, campers, hunters and retirees. Kerrville is only 60 miles northwest of San Antonio's main tourist attractions, the **Alamo** and **River Walk**, over a thousand people a day are expected to visit the free Garden when it is completed.



Monte Paddleford, owner of **Eagle Bronze Foundry** and artist, Max Greiner, Jr., created the 77' 7", 70 ton cross sculpture over three years time.





The unique hollow cross symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The “walk-in” cross sculpture is being displayed at the top of a 1,930’ hill, at the end of a 100-yard-long cross-shaped garden. The Garden when completed will display 77 Bible scriptures on 16” etched ceramic tiles, in multiple languages. According to Max and Sherry Greiner, God “called” them on December 9, 2001 to build a “last days, outdoor Tabernacle” as a way of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the world.

In May of 2004, the Greiners formed **The Coming King Foundation**, a non-profit, tax-exempt art foundation, so these meditative gardens could be built across the USA and world. Today, the 17 Trustees of the 501(c)3 organization include leaders from many different Christian denominations. Since the beginning, the non-profit art foundation has trusted that God would provide all the funds needed to build the Kerrville Garden, without debt, public tax money or professional fundraisers.

To date, about two million dollars have been donated by generous Christians across America, for the glory of God. In addition, three million dollars worth of monumental, contemporary Christ-honoring sculptures have been

donated by three internationally-collected Christian artists. The sculptors are Beverly Paddleford of Lander, WY, David Broussard of Dallas, TX, and Max Greiner, Jr. of Kerrville, TX. The 23 acres of valuable land, that fronts IH-10, was donated by the Hershel Reid family, originally from Hunt, TX.

TCKF still needs about \$250,000 to build the main entrance and first two parking lots on Benson Dr. so the Garden can be opened to the public. Around two million dollars more are needed to build the interior roads, side gardens and restrooms for the **Sculpture Prayer Garden**. An additional eight million dollars are needed to build a Visitors Center, Ampitheatre and Chapel. People around the world can currently watch “LIVE” streaming video of the cross at the organization’s website: www.thecomingkingfoundation.org.

Lifelong resident of Kerrville and local physician, William R. Rector stated: *“After much thought and research, it is my opinion that **The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden** will be good for Kerrville! The art will be world class. I feel the Garden will be tastefully done and an inviting attraction for our community. Similar gardens, such as the 190 foot cross and bronze sculptures on IH-40 near Groom, Texas, have been an economic boom for the area, pulling more than 1,000 visitors per day off the freeway. Many who exit to visit the **Sculpture Prayer Garden** will spend time and dollars here that will enhance the prosperity of Kerrville.”*

Many Christian-owned businesses have donated their services to raise the 77’ 7” cross sculpture. These include: **Max Greiner, Jr. Designs** of Kerrville; **Eagle Bronze** of Lander, WY; **Cherokee Bridge & Road Ltd.** of Junction, TX; **Choat Painting & Sandblasting** of Kerrville; **Alamo Crane Service** of San Antonio, TX; **Debsteel, Inc** of Spring Branch, TX; **Equipment Depot** of San Antonio, TX; **Nixalite of America, Inc.** of East Moline, IL; **Cherokee Septic** of Kerrville; **Hill Country Happenings Magazine** of Kerrville; **Town & Country Welding** of Kerrville; and professional welders **Daniel Wolfe**, **Everett Blair**, **Earnest Taylor**, and **Rex Vandiver** of Kerrville.

Max Greiner, Jr., **TCKF** President, said: *“Like the American flag that was raised in **World War II** at Iwo Jima, we believe God will use the raising of ‘**The Empty Cross**’ to energize and inspire Christians across our land to rise up and fight for the Christian principles that founded this great country.”*



Five Christian welders donated their services to finish “**The Empty Cross**”™. Pictured Left to Right: Everett Blair, (**TCKF** President Max Greiner, Jr., foundry owner Monte Paddleford, **TCKF** Vice President Jim McKnight), Pastor Earnest Taylor, Rex Vandiver and Lead Welder, Daniel Wolfe. Not pictured: John Broderick, owner of **Town & Country Welding**.

This project has many well-known supporters. Governor Mike Huckabee, Dr. James Dobson, Franklin Graham, Dr. Pat Robertson, Rick Warren, the late Dr. Bill Bright and Dr. Oral Roberts all prayed for the Kerrville Garden.



Foundation Trustee, Dr. Bruce Cook of Austin, said: *“Cities and nations have destinies and identities just like people. The city of Kerrville has long been associated with art, music, wildlife, fine foods, the scenic Texas Hill Country, and retirement. Tourism is a natural outgrowth and outcome of the local heritage and natural scenic inheritance of the area. Kerrville is destined to become a destination attraction!”*

“The Empty Cross”™ Time Line

The following is a brief historical chronology leading up to the raising of “The Empty Cross”™ in Kerrville on July 27, 2010.
Edited by Dr. Bruce Cook & Max Greiner, Jr.

- **April 1956** – Kerrville, TX celebrated its 100 year founding and issued a **Centennial Plate** which featured a giant, hollow, three-dimensional cross on a hill in the background! God predestined **“The Empty Cross”™** for Kerrville!
- **December 1, 2001** - Max and Sherry Greiner visited **Cathedral of Praise** church in Austin, TX. Guest Pastor from Charlotte, NC, Dr. Mahesh Chavda “called” them out of the congregation and prophesied they would be involved in the “restoration of the Tabernacle” and that other Christians would help them.
- **August 22, 2002** – Greiner received an email from a stranger, Marlon Quibodeaux, of Beaumont, TX. The businessman said God had selected Max to create a 77’ 7” cross to be erected over IH-10, which he believed at the time would be in Beaumont, TX.
- **September 15, 2002** – At the Greiner home, Max shared with Quibodeaux, the “vision” of the **“The Empty Cross”™** and the cross-shaped **Sculpture Prayer Garden** with scriptures. Marlon shared his “vision” of a giant 77’ 7” cross.
- **February 24, 2003** – Max and Sherry Greiner, and **Eagle Bronze** foundry owners, Monte and Beverly Paddleford agreed to donate all their profits to place monumental bronze sculptures in the Kerrville **Sculpture Prayer Garden**.
- **March 18, 2003** – Max shared the evangelistic “vision” with Randy and Nancy Scoggins at a Kerrville restaurant. Hershel Reid walked over to their table and Max revealed the project to him. After Reid walked away, Greiner said: *“God is going to use that man to help us build this Garden!”* The Reid family later donated over \$600,000 to buy the land and pay for the engineering drawings.
- **May 2, 2003** – God directed Cathy McKenzie to drive up and down IH-10 to pray over the area near the Kerrville main entrance. She said the Holy Spirit was *“about to do something big there”* along the highway. Cathy knew nothing about the **Sculpture Prayer Garden** “vision.”



TCKF learned of the **Centennial Plate** on July 20, 2010.



Dr. Mahesh Chavda prophesied over the Greiners on December 9, 2001 at **Cathedral of Praise** in Austin, TX. Pictured: Max & Sherry Greiner, Dr. Mahesh Chavda and Dr. Bill Hart, Pastor.



In August 2002, stranger, Marlon Quibodeaux of Beaumont, TX prophesied to Greiner that God wanted him to create a 77’ 7” cross on I-10.



God brought the Greiners and Paddlefords together to cast Greiner's bronze sculptures at their foundry in 1990.

- **May 5, 2003** – John Meder, a Dallas businessman prophesied the first Garden will be in Kerrville, not Beaumont, TX as assumed by Quibodeaux and Greiner.
- **May 28, 2003** – Evangelist, Richard Schumann of Oklahoma City, OK prophesied that the “vision” WAS from God and that it was to be built without debt.
- **June 26, 2003** – Richard Schumann prophesied when he visited the Greiners that the first Garden would be located at the “**Gates of the City.**”
- **November 21, 2003** – Jeff O’Neal, of Conyers, GA prophesied to Max: *“The world will come to this Garden. People will not come to be trained, but to be ministered to. They will be changed. This will be the Tabernacle of the New Covenant! ‘God has called you to build last day tabernacles of the New Covenant, to be repeated around the world.’”* This confirmed Mahesh Chavda’s 2001 “word.”
- **December 11, 2003** – God revealed to Max the property in Kerrville for the first Garden saying: *“Look up! This is the mountain I will GIVE you for the Garden!”* The owner of the 23 acres of prime land on IH-10, located at the main entrance to Kerrville was Clifford Reeh of Pipe Creek, TX. The Reehs had purchased the property for resale 19 years before, but God never let them put it on the market. Reeh was also a Greiner art collector, though the two had never met!
- **April 5, 2004** – Prayer Intercessor and real estate agent, Randy Scroggins informed Greiner that the Reeh property happened to be located in the special “**Gateway Zone**” of the City, at the main entrance to Kerrville from IH-10.
- **April 24, 2004** – Greiner (52) and Reeh (62) met for the first time on the property to discuss and pray over the “vision” and prophecies concerning the land.
- **May 6, 2004** – Seven Christians formed **The Coming King Foundation** as a 501c3 Texas nonprofit “art museum” organization for the purpose of developing free **Sculpture Prayer Gardens** globally. The original Trustees were Pastor David Danielson, Pastor Jack Rothenflue, Rebecca Jons, Randy and Nancy Scroggins, Max and Sherry Greiner.
- **May 9, 2004** – Stranger, Chad Meadows, stopped Max at church and prophesied: *“God wants to put up a garden with your sculptures, in contrast to the Stonehenge park in Hunt (TX).”* Chad did not know Max or about his Garden “vision.”
- **May 24, 2004** – Greiner employee and Prayer Intercessor, Jose D. Mendoza prophesied to the artist: *“God is going to GIVE you the land.”*
- **May 26, 2004** – Jim Beard of College Station, TX prophesied that future gardens would be self-funded by selling, or leasing, one acre “pad-sites” to the restaurant chains so admission could be free to the public.
- **August 16, 2004** – As Max drove onto IH-10 from Kerrville, with his daughter Diana Shay, Max suddenly proclaimed, *“Thank you God for delivering that land into my hands for Your Prayer Garden!”*
- **August 27, 2004** – Max went to the land to pray and a neighbor of a nearby house came out and confronted the artist about why he was there. Greiner said he was just looking. The neighbor, Frank Clark, said that they wanted to buy the land and then exclaimed: *“We want to erect a giant cross on this property so everyone can see it from the Interstate highway!”* Greiner prayed with the Clarks and immediately reported the incredible “confirmation” to the Trustees of **TCKF**.



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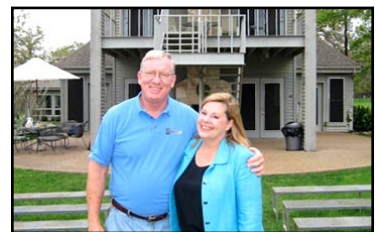
On June 26, 2003, Richard Schumann prophesied that the first Garden would be built without debt at the “**Gates of the City.**”



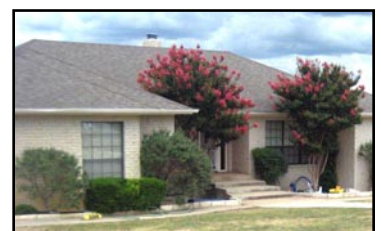
The Reeh land is located in the “**Gateway Zone**” of the city and was never put on the market by Clifford Reeh.



Seven dedicated Christians served as the first Trustees for the nonprofit art foundation. Pictured: Max Greiner, Jr., Jack Rothenflue, David Danielson, Randy Scroggins, Becky Jons, Sherry Greiner and Nancy Scroggins.



Jim and Danlynn Beard, on May 26, 2004, prophesied the cross must go up first.



Stranger and neighbor, Frank Clark told Greiner on August 27, 2004, before they knew of the project, that God wanted a giant steel cross on that hill!

- **September 16, 2004** – Clifford and Dorothy Reeh decided to GIVE their 23 acres on IH-10 to TCKF, in exchange for a one acre “pad-site on the property.”
- **December 31, 2004** – The Greiners made their largest gift ever to a charity and donated \$200,000 to TCKF after Prayer Intercessor and employee, Jose D. Mendoza told Max: *“God said you must sow the first seed in the Garden.”*
- **February 23, 2005** – Reeh changed his mind and told Max he could not give the land, since his grown sons wanted \$500,000 for land, as their inheritance.
- **February 24, 2005** – TCKF Board voted unanimously not to make a counter offer but to pay for Reeh’s “asking price” of 500,000.
- **March 23, 2005** – TCKF signed an “Earnest Money Contract” for the purchase of Clifford Reeh’s 23-acre property for \$500,000, believing somehow God would provide, but standard fundraising efforts by TCKF failed to bring in the money.
- **September 14, 2005** – Dr. Michael Guido (90) from Metter, GA prophesied over the telephone to Greiner, *“On Friday we will have all we need, plus more left over! God will work around the world to transform Gardens into places where souls will be saved.”*
- **September 16, 2005** – At 9:35 AM, Max received a false “word” from a Prayer Intercessor who said the money was not coming and the first Garden would NOT be in Kerrville. This was followed immediately with an email that came in from a total stranger named Iretta Kidd, from Greensboro, NC. The stranger told Max to pray for a million souls and that God would provide all the money in time.
- **September 16, 2005** – 19 Prayer Intercessors gathered on the Reeh property and asked God to give them the valuable land and millions of souls for Jesus. A 3” scorpion charged a small cross when Max planted it in the ground. Sherry Greiner crushed the scorpion and the sky filled with 9 to 11 **Northern Harrier** wild hawks. Afterwards, that night TCKF Board voted unanimously NOT to borrow any money, or make a counter offer, but to trust God. Max surrendered his “vision” at that meeting and it died. When the Greiners arrived home, a message was on the telephone recorder from Hershel Reid, one of the people who had attended the prayer time. He said that God told him to give the \$500,000 to acquire the land! The Trustees would later learn that Reid put out a “fleece”. He asked God to “put a hawk in the sky” over his head when he opened his eyes from praying, if he was to donate the money to buy the land. When Reid looked up at least nine wild hawks were floating over his head! The Reid family donated the land to TCKF.
- **December 13, 2005** - Heavy equipment contractor Basil McKay unloaded his equipment to begin work at the Garden and was threatened with a lawsuit by some neighbors living north of the Garden on Mesa Vista Ln.
- **April 4, 2006** – While viewing the newly acquired property with Max, Kerrville banker Gregg Appel prophesied, *“The cross will be the offense.”*
- **May 5, 2006** – The first negative letter appeared in the **Kerrville Daily Times**, written by a well-known Kerrville businessman, which stimulated organized opposition to the cross and the evangelical Garden, by atheists and others.
- **June 22, 2006** – After the land was claimed for God, Basil McKay showed Max trails in the dust where the snakes were leaving the property!
- **June 28, 2006** – Contractors Basil McKay and Vic Meyers told Max that a pure white dove landed right in front of Vic. It stayed for 20 minutes staring at them.



Dorothy and Clifford Reeh saved the their 23 acres of land for God's purposes.



The Greiners donated their time, money and art to see the Garden “vision” fulfilled.



19 Prayer Intercessors “claimed” the Reeh land for God’s kingdom and asked for a million souls. Miracles followed immediately after their prayers.



Max planted a 17” cedar cross, which was immediately attacked by a 3” “scorpion!”



After God answered Hershel’s “fleece”, his family bought the land for the Garden.



Contractor Basil McKay did most of the earth moving work at the Garden.

- **July 2007** – Jim Beard of Bryan, TX prophesied that God wanted to raise the cross FIRST, before the roads and parking lots were finished. **TCKF** Trustees prayed and agreed. Therefore, all construction stopped and all donations were directed toward building and raising the cross.

- **August 2007** – The Greiners donated \$325,000 to **TCKF** to buy the steel for “*The Empty Cross*”. Owners of **Eagle Bronze**, Monte and Beverly Paddleford, agreed to build the 77’ 7” sculpture at their actual cost, as a gift to God.

- **December 4, 2007** – Over a dozen Prayer Intercessors gathered at the Garden to pray on **Hanukkah**. Photographs taken showed the air was full of “Angel Orbs” (Ez 1:15-22). The “Shekinah Glory” dust (Ex 34:29-34) also repeatedly formed on the hands and faces of visitors to the unfinished Garden.

- **September 9, 2008** – Right after a false “word” that God did NOT want “*The Empty Cross*”™, an unexpected \$100,000 anonymous donation was received to pay for the concrete foundation for the hollow cross sculpture.

- **October 15, 2008** – **Cherokee Bridge & Road** started work on the \$100,000 concrete foundation for the 70 ton, 77’ 7” “*The Empty Cross*”™ sculpture.

- **December 8, 2008** – Mesa Vista Ln. landowners, north of the Garden, filed a lawsuit to stop the cross from ever being erected. All construction ceased. To resolve the dispute in a Christ-like way, **TCKF** participated in three Mediation sessions. All failed since the Plaintiffs demanded the cross NOT be erected.

- **October 30, 2009** – The cross was transported for five days by **Eagle Bronze** to the Garden and placed on the ground about 40’ from its concrete foundation.

- **March 1, 2010** – The Plaintiffs’ **Motion for Summary Judgment** was denied and the case was ordered to Trial by State District Judge Keith Williams. A last minute **Settlement** offer made by the Plaintiffs was accepted by **TCKF** since it allowed for the cross to be raised. Therefore, a **Trial** was avoided, ending the 15-month lawsuit.

- **April 24, 2010** – Owners of **Choat Painting & Sandblasting**, Randy & Becky Choat and volunteers from **Living Waters Assembly of God** church, donated the sandblasting of the cross to prepare the Cor-tin steel metal “skin” for its red/brown patina. Other contractors began to donate their services to raise the cross.

- **May 6, 2010** – **Cherokee Bridge & Road** resumed construction on the \$100,000 concrete foundation for the cross after a 17 month delay.

- **July 6, 2010** – **Eagle Bronze** owner Monte Paddleford arrived in Kerrville to determine the strategy to raise the cross and meet with contactors and volunteers.

- **July 26, 2010** – Prayer Intercessors began a 24-hour a day, week-long prayer vigil to raise the cross. Christians across the world watched “LIVE” streaming video of the historic event. After each work day ended, worship and praise services were held four nights in a row, at the foot of the cross. Prayers, worship, prophecies, signs and wonders occurred each night and were documented.

- **July 31, 2010** – After all the steel work was finished, Sherry Greiner was lifted up to the center of the 77’ 7” cross where she blew the Shofar in celebration.

- **August 9, 2010** – The top structural concrete slab was poured and finished to cover the metal footings at the base of the cross, securing it forever.

- **August 16, 2010** – On the 35th wedding anniversary of the Greiners, the cross was declared finished by **TCKF** when the concrete cured.



“Angel Orbs” appear and are photographed frequently at the Garden.



Tiny sparkling “Shekinah Glory” particles appear on the hands of Garden visitors.



Eagle Bronze of Lander, WY transported the giant cross using three special trucks.



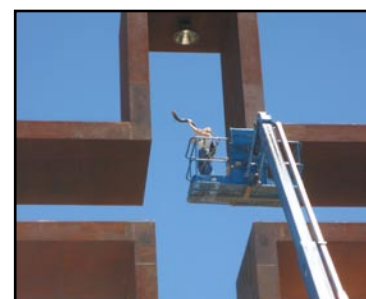
Christian attorneys Rit Jons, Kevin Young, David Brock and Missy Kauffman defended **TCKF**, with surveyor Lee Voelkel, in the 15 month lawsuit filed to stop the cross.



The 77’ 7” cross was erected on July 27, 2010, as people watched “LIVE” on **TCKF’s** website around the world.



Four nights in a row, worshippers praised God as the cross was raised and finished.



On July 31, 2010, Sherry Greiner blew the Shofar horn in celebration of the cross going up!

1956 Kerr County “Centennial Plate” Foreshadows “*The Empty Cross*”™

by Rev. Fern Lancaster

Have you ever come across something in your Christian walk that you “felt” was almost as significant as John the Baptist’s foreshadowing of Jesus? Something so prophetic you wanted to “shout it from the rooftop,” but you knew you could not say a word until all the facts were gathered and the time was right? Well, that’s what this story was like for me.

This journey began when **TCKF** President, Max Greiner Jr. needed to replace a flat tire that happened on Sunday, July 18, 2010, during his drive back to Kerrville from Dallas. On the following Tuesday, Max & his wife Sherry headed to a local Kerrville tire store to purchase a replacement tire. When Max and Sherry came to the store’s driveway, Max heard that “still small voice” say, “*Don’t buy the tire here; go to A&A Tires in Ingram.*” Of course that sounded illogical and made no natural sense because going to Ingram was 10 more miles, round trip. However, Max is well acquainted with the Holy Spirit, so he instantly obeyed. (“Obedience is better than sacrifice.” **I Samuel 15:22**)

When the Greiners arrived at **A&A Tire Service**, Max went inside to the counter to ask about buying a tire. A woman, Sandy Weinheimer, who they did not know, introduced herself. Sandy told Max she had been hoping and praying for six months that he would come into the store because she had something he should see. It was a rare 1956 “**Centennial Plate**” with a cross on it that she had received from her mother. Her father and mother, Francis & Jean Dreiss, own **A&A Tire Service**. Sandy is the Manager. After purchasing the tire, Max made an appointment to come back the next day to actually see the plate. Just hearing that Kerrville chose to place a cross on its 1956 **Kerr County Centennial Plate** was a major “confirmation” of God’s sovereign will regarding the cross at the Garden.

That night, Max secretly hoped that the image would look like “*The Empty Cross*”™ design God had given him in 2002, but he told himself just having a cross on a hill in Kerrville was more than enough. Max notified the **TCKF** Board of Trustees by email about the amazing divine appointment. The Board began to thank God for His marvelous works!

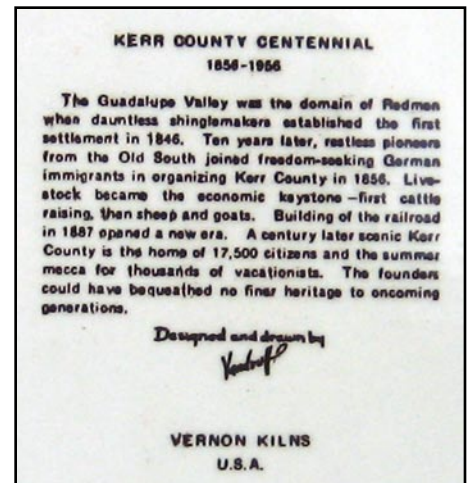
On Wednesday, July 21, 2010, Max invited **TCKF** Vice President Jim McKnight to join him to see and photograph the plate at **A&A Tire Service**. Upon arrival, Sandy invited Jim and Max into the office where many of her family members were gathered.



On July 21, 2010 President and Vice President went to **A&A Tire Services** in Ingram to see the rare 1956 “**Centennial Plate**” of Kerr County. (Left to Right) Jean Dreiss, Sandy Weinheimer, Jim McKnight, Max Greiner, Jr. and Francis Dreiss.



Sandy Weinheimer, a stranger to Max Greiner, Jr., prayed for six months that he would come into her tire store so she could show him the 1956 “**Centennial Plate**” of Kerr County. Sandy understood the prophetic significance of the ceramic plate to **TCKF**.



Back of the 1956 Kerrville “**Centennial Plate.**”

Max and Jim were stunned to see that the cross depicted on the ceramic plate was a three-dimensional design, with a hollow space in the center! The scale of the cross appeared to be 77' tall!

When Sandy was asked later what her first reaction was to seeing the plate, she said, *"I knew it had great prophetic significance. I told my Mom, 'I've got to show this to Max Greiner. We knew about the Garden and have been praying for it for quite some time,'"* she added.

Sandy's grandmother, Katherine Snyder, had purchased the plate from a downtown store in Kerrville during the **1956 Kerr County Centennial Celebration**. After her death, the plate was given to Jean Dreiss who kept it until it was passed on to Sandy. Only God, in His providence, knew the significance of the plate and who would keep it safe until the appointed time.

This discovery was not just a "confirmation" for Max, but also for Marlon Quibodeaux, the stranger who emailed Max "out of the blue" in 2002 from Beaumont, TX, to tell Max he was the artist God had hand-picked to create a 77'7" cross for Interstate 10. While praying about this strong prophetic word, Max received the "vision" for **"The Empty Cross"**TM design and the **Sculpture Prayer Garden**.

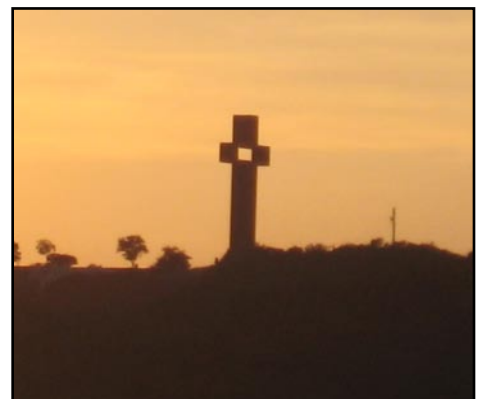
The plate, by the providence of God, was issued the same year that US President Dwight D. Eisenhower adopted our national motto: **"In God We Trust."** In 1956, at the 100 year celebration of the Hill Country community, Kerrville chose to put a cross in the center of their plate! The cross depicted looks exactly like the cross that was erected by **TCKF** on the top of the hill on July 27, 2010, 54 years later! Coincidence? Not hardly! Those who walk by faith can recognize and discern the footprints and fingerprints of God in this situation. ("This is the Lord's work and it is marvelous in our eyes." **Psalm 118:23**)

The artist of the **"Kerr County Centennial Plate"** in 1956 was Olive Vandruff, who worked in several media including pastel, watercolor, casein and oil. She lived in various places in Texas, but operated a sheep ranch near Kerrville during the 1950's. In 1961 she married western artist H.D. Bugbee and relocated to Clarendon, TX. After Bugbee's death in 1963, Vandruff succeeded him as Curator Of Art at the **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum**, retiring in 1982. Vandruff became a renowned painter of animals, birds, and horses. Her personal art collection is exhibited at the museum. The **Centennial Plate** was fired by **Vernon Kilns**, a well know collector plate manufacturer at the time.

According to Max, this rare **Centennial Plate** will occupy a special place of honor in the future Visitor's Center & Museum at the **TCKF Sculpture Prayer Garden**. Until then, it has been placed in safekeeping. But in the mean time, we can see the photographs!



God knew from the beginning of time that an empty, hollow "Resurrection" cross would be erected on a hill in Kerrville one day.



"The Empty Cross"TM looks exactly like the cross on the **"Centennial Plate"** when viewed from the east on IH-10.

Donations Needed to Open the Garden!

Please consider donating now to build the roads, parking lots and landscaped areas so this free Christ-honoring park can be “officially” opened to the public! \$250,000 is needed now to build the Garden entrance pictured below.

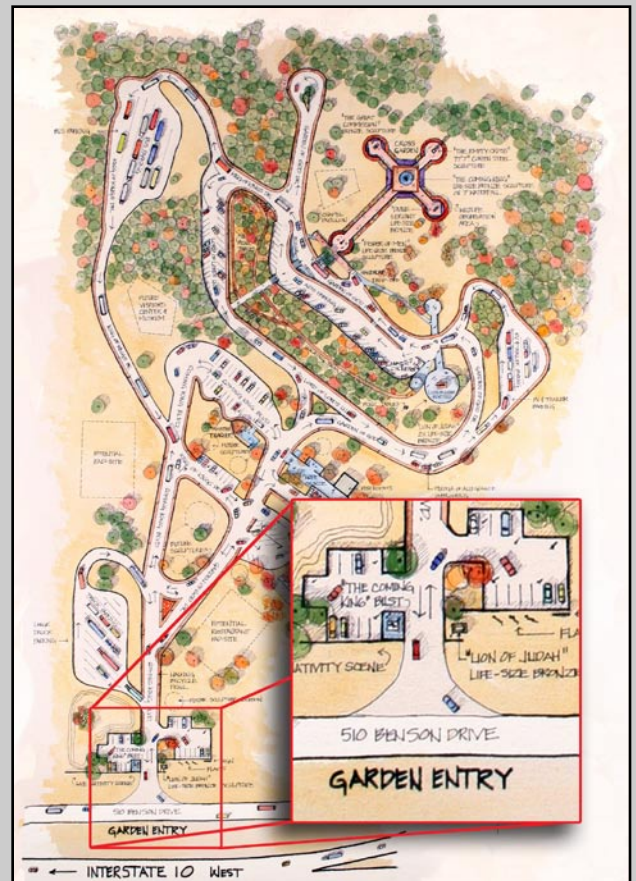
We also need your help to finish the entire **Sculpture Prayer Garden on Interstate 10**, here in Texas! We estimate that approximately two million dollars are still needed to complete the roads first-class. A gift of 10,000,000 would allow a beautiful **Visitors Center**, museums, a chapel, amphitheatre and many side gardens. More than a dozen Christ-honoring, monumental sculptures have already been donated worth over \$3,000,000. However, we need to finish the roads and landscaping first!

*Thank you for helping us 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 or public tax money. And, the Garden 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.*



This picture of the unpaved IH-10 entrance area was taken in 2008 before the Kerrville Cross was raised.



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