"FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN"

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Greetings in the name of the Lord!

This is Jim McKnight, **TCKF** Committee Chairman for **Ministry Relations & Prayer Support.** You are now reading the very first, **''FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN!'' Newsletter**, which has been created to update you on the actual construction progress of the first **Sculpture Prayer Garden**, that is being built right here in Kerrville, Texas.

This first "proto-type" Garden is being built right now on faith, without

debt, entirely from funds donated by Christians who share our desire to bring millions of souls to Jesus Christ, through these Bible-based, evangelistic Gardens. Your prayers, help and financial support are sincerely appreciated.

Here is an update about our efforts:

The Cross - Good news! Money has been donated so we have purchased the steel and started the construction of the giant 77' 7" Cor-tin steel cross sculpture! The *"The Empty Cross"*, symbolizes the Resurrection, and is the centerpiece of the entire Garden. It will be seen by millions of people, as they drive between California and Florida on **Interstate 10**.

Contractor Work - Various contractors are currently working to help us raise the cross and build the first Garden:

Eagle Bronze, one of the largest and best bronze sculpture foundries in the world, is building this unique cross right now in Lander, Wyoming. When completed, the monumental cross will be transported by seven trucks to the site in Kerrville. Monte and Beverly Paddleford, Christian owners

of the foundry, are graciously constructing this sculpture at their cost, without profit. Assuming more money is donated by other Christians, the foundation hopes the cross will be raised for Jesus in early 2008.

On Friday, August 31, 2007, **PSI**, a structural engineering firm from San Antonio, drilled a "core sample" which confirmed what we already believed was true. Indeed, God has placed solid rock at the exact spot where the giant cross will be raised! While soil material is all over 95% of the 23 acres site, God knew we would need a solid formation of limestone rock, as the foundation for the heavy metal cross, at the top of the hill. Photos are included here, which show the "core sample" being taken. Notice that the 77' 7" cross will be about three times the height of the drilling rig. The 10' x 10' cross "foot print" can be seen in one photo, marked out in orange paint on the ground.



Engineers test the rock. Of course, we know the rock is solid under us.





Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rains came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house: yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Jesus Christ (Matthew 7: 24)

Other contractors working on the job right now include our surveyors, **Voelkel Engineering**, **VEI** civil engineers, **McKay's Construction**, **AllTex Landscaping**, **Rock Scapes** and **Harper Ranch & Game Fencing**. We believe the Holy Spirit selected all these Christian owned companies to build His Garden. This Garden *"tabernacle in the wilderness"* is being built by the children of God for Jesus! We thank God for all of them!

Ten Commandments Lion Sculpture - The artist and President of the foundation, Max Greiner, Jr. recently returned from delivering the (1/6 life-size) clay "maquette" model of the "*Lion of Judah''*, to the art foundry in Wyoming. A 1 1/2 life-size version of this composition will be sculpted by Max and his assistant, Jose Mendoza, during 2008. The first monumental bronze casting will be placed in the Garden, at the round rock fortress, which is visible from the intestate highway and city of Kerrville. While most people have incorrectly assumed that the cross would be placed at this location, the truth is that a magnificent 22' bronze lion sculpture will be displayed in this spot. It will be mounted to a rectangular base, with the **Ten Commandments** and the names of God inscribed on the sides.

Volunteers Needed - We are arriving at the time when we need volunteers to help us build and promote the evangelistic Garden "vision", in the Hill Country and beyond. If you feel God is "calling" you to help us in any way, please contact me, Jim McKnight, through the foundation office, so we can become aware of your gifts, talents and interests. Here are some of the tasks that need volunteers:

Distribution of information on the Garden "vision." - News releases, brochures and DVDs are now being prepared that can be used to explain the soul-winning purpose of **THE COMING KING GARDEN**. We need Christians who are willing to share this exciting, evangelistic project with their churches and community.

The **Public Relations Committee**, chaired by Brandt Sleeper, is also seeking journalism and media savvy people, to help spread the word. As the Garden construction progresses, more extensive publicity will be needed, especially in the form of free **Public Service Announcements** (PSA) and community interest new releases.

Brandt also heads the committee on **Fund Raising**. He is seeking people to help him locate potential donors and write grants. It is our desire that the Kerrville Garden someday have a **Visitors Center** too. If you would like to help us build this first Garden, please prayerfully consider making a gift of your time and financial resources. Your contributions will last forever, through this Christ-honoring Garden, that will be around when Christ returns! Please note that 100% of all donated funds are going to the construction of the cross and Garden

itself. None of the donations are being used to pay any administration costs, which are being underwritten by the Greiners, as a gift to God.

Landscaping Committee - Professional landscaping and plant expert, John Lenard is heading the foundation's **Landscaping Committee**. Once the Garden is built, volunteers will be needed to help establish and maintain plants, trees, water displays and park furniture. Many people with a "green thumb" will be needed to insure we present a beautiful Garden to visitors, on a year-round basis. We want this Garden to truly be wonderful place for the Holy Spirit to comfort people with the peace of God. If you would have an interest in helping the **Landscaping Committee** in the future maintain the Garden, please contact John through the foundation.

<u>Kerrville Garden Prayer Intercessors</u> - Recently we issued our very first **Prayer Alert Newsletter.** If you did not get a copy and would like to be an **Intercessor** for this project, please let me or **TCKF** office know. This emailed letter is for spiritual prayer warriors who understand that prayer in the name of Jesus accomplishes things!

While you also cooperate by your prayers for us [helping and laboring together with us]. Thus [the lips of] many persons [turned toward God will eventually] give thanks on our behalf for the grace (the blessing of deliverance) granted us at the request of the many who have prayed. (2 Cor 1: 11 AMP)

City Officials - Meetings with local city representatives, engineers, and other professionals continue to insure that every possible contingency is properly addressed, so that the Garden can be a "Beacon of Light", where the "un-churched" can find God, and believers can be inspired and encouraged. *We especially want to thank* Kevin Coleman, head of **Development** for the **City of Kerrville**, and Sudie Burditt, Executive Director of the **Convention & Visitors Bureau**. Their assistance and advice has been more than valuable!

And, thanks to you, for taking your time to read and pray about what you have read in this newsletter. If you have not already done so and would like to receive future issues of this **''FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN Newsletter**, please let us know by contacting me, or our foundation office. We want to make sure you are on our VIP list! God bless you!

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