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# The Cross Is The Offense

The Cross has been offensive to the world for 2000 years. However, it represents the resurrection power and love of God to Christians. It has been a symbol of faith and hope to believers throughout the ages.

Just weeks before the 77-foot cross was to be erected on its \$100,000 concrete foundation, **TCKF** was sued to stop the cross from ever being erected at the high point of its 23 acre “Hill Country” property. The lawsuit was filed by some of the neighbors living along a rural, one road, unofficial subdivision outside the **City Limits** of Kerrville.

Years ago the non-profit Christian arts foundation voluntarily decided not to make **Mesa Vista Rd.** a public entrance to the Garden in consideration of its neighbors (even though it had every right to do so). The lawsuit demands that the giant 77’7” Cor-tin steel cross be moved outside of **Lot #11**, which is only 42’ away from its proposed location. Ironically, only one home owner will be able to see the cross when it is erected, due to the distance and trees. Even if the cross was moved from its expensive concrete foundation, nothing would change visually.



**TCKF** legal team first went before Judge Keith Williams at the initial hearing on 1/5/09. Pictured left to right: Attorney Rit Jons, Surveyor Lee Voelkel, Attorney Ken Zysko, Attorney Barbara Cole, Vice President Jim McKnight, Secretary Sherry Greiner, Prayer Intercessors, Sharan and James Barnett. Notice the round angelic form over Rit Jons. (Ezekiel 1:15-22)

**TCKF** has been prevented from erecting the monumental, red/brown, 77'7" cross on its private property since December 2008, when a **Temporary Restraining Order** was filed. At the end of January **Mediation** failed, however the original **Plaintiffs** dropped their lawsuit a month later. Despite this fact, the other neighbors, as **Interveners**, have continued their legal attacks against the cross. The case should go to **Trial** later this summer, Judge Keith Williams presiding, unless it is settled before. Christian attorneys Barbara Cole, Rit Jons and Ken Zysko have done a wonderful job representing **TCKF**.

This lawsuit is just the latest effort to stop the cross and the evangelical Garden. Since 2005, atheists and others have done legal, illegal, unethical and even immoral things to **TCKF**, and organization founder, Max Greiner, Jr., in an unsuccessful effort to discredit and stop the evangelical Garden in Kerrville. For example, **TCKF** recently successfully passed an **IRS** audit, triggered by false claims filed by an atheist.

The Bible says that God brings good out of the bad for those who are called according to His purposes. As a direct result of the current legal battle, the Garden, the cross and Jesus Christ are receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of free publicity nationwide!

Newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations across the state and USA are now running stories about **"The Battle at the Cross"**. Internet blogs are also carrying the story, including atheist websites. God is using the conflict to elevate the visibility of the project, the cross and Jesus Christ.

In March, the **Texas Observer** magazine did a feature story. In early April, the very liberal organization, **People for the American Way**, carried the story on their website. This is the left wing organization founded in the early eighties by TV producer Norman Lear, to counter Christian evangelists like Dr. Pat Robertson, Dr. James Dobson and Dr. Jerry Falwell.

Thanks to the lawsuit, millions of people are now talking about the Kerrville cross and Jesus! One of God's names is **"Jehovah Sneaky"**! Considering the amount of local, state and national publicity that is now being generated, one would assume **TCKF** was trying to put up a cross seven miles high! Jesus did say that if He was lifted up, all men would be drawn to Him! It is happening!



**"The Empty Cross"** measures 77'7" tall, with a 40' wide cross arm and a 7' wide center space. It weighs 70 tons and is made of red/brown Cor-tin steel, which symbolizes the shed blood of Christ.

# “The Unstoppable 77- Foot Cross”

The cross is finished and coming to Kerrville! The 77’7” multimillion dollar, 70 ton cross will soon be coming to **The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden!** On March 27, 2009, Max Greiner, Jr., **TCKF** President and Vice-President, Jim McKnight, met in Kerrville with Monte Paddleford, owner of the Lander, Wyoming art foundry, **Eagle Bronze**. The three men discussed and prayed over the details of delivering the cross to the “Hill Country” community.

Judge Keith Williams has ruled that **“The Empty Cross”** can be delivered to the Garden site, if it is not placed in **Lot #11**. Therefore, the decision has been made to deliver the giant cross to the Garden, even though it won’t be erected until the litigation is over.

The massive Cor-tin steel, red/brown cross will be laid on the ground, right next to its concrete foundation, only 42’ away. Visitors will be allowed to approach the giant cross, while it is laying flat on the ground.

Artist and **TCKF** founder, Max Greiner, Jr. commented: **“It will be like having King Kong on our property! People will want to see the 77’7” giant, standing up or laying down!”**

However, the **City of Kerrville Planning Department** has now required that the main entrance to the **Sculpture Prayer Garden** and the two lower parking lots be installed to accommodate the thousands of tourists who are expected to visit the Garden, even if the Garden is not finished and the cross is not erected.

Therefore, \$250,000 is needed now to finish the Garden entrance “first-class”, and pay for the cross delivery and crane expenses.

Once the **Interstate 10** entrance is completed, two monumental Christian bronze sculptures will be placed there, in the midst of beautiful landscaping. Master landscape contractor, John Lenard will be providing his landscaping and plant expertise, to make the entrance a “show case”. John is a volunteer with the foundation.



The massive 77’7” cross was built by **Eagle Bronze** of Lander, WY over a two year period, out of Cor-tin steel. It is the largest monumental sculpture ever created by the world famous art foundry.



**“The Empty Cross”** monumental sculpture is unique in all the world because of its depth, Biblical dimensions and spiritual symbolism. People will actually be able to enter the cross. Monte Paddleford, who is over 6’ tall is pictured at the bottom end of the massive steel sculpture.

The powerful, life-size (105%) bronze bust of **“The Coming King”** by Max Greiner, Jr. will be located on the western side of the entrance driveway, while one of Beverly Paddleford’s life-size Christian monuments will be on the east side. The Greiners and the Paddlefords are donating their Christ-honoring bronze sculptures to **TCKF** for the glory of God.

Special cameras and lighting will also be installed in the Garden to provide security, and to allow people around the world to watch “live” action of everything going in at the Garden, and at the foot of **“The Empty Cross”**. Christians will be able to go to **TCKF** website any time of day or night to see what the Holy Spirit is doing in His Garden “Tabernacle!”

Cameras will also be operating when the seven story, multi-million dollar cross is brought into the Garden, so millions of people around the world can actually watch the cross as it is being raised!



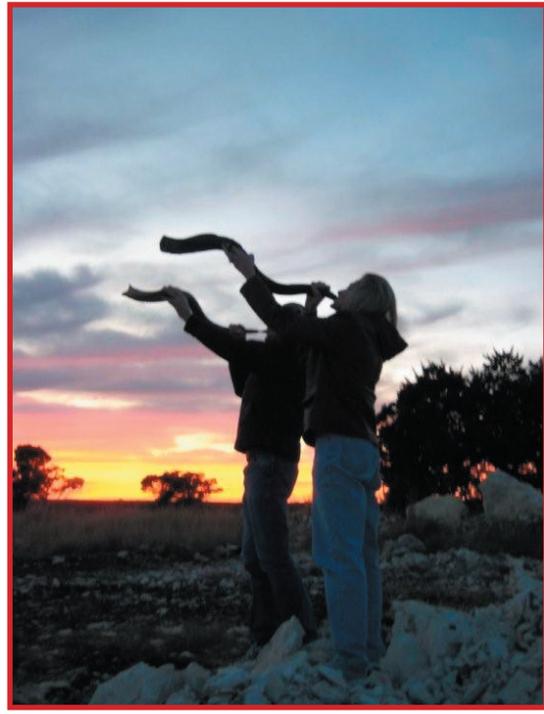
Monte and Beverly Paddleford, Christian owners of **Eagle Bronze**, created **“The Empty Cross”** at their actual cost, as a gift to God. Monte is picture here next to the 10’ tall, 40’ wide cross bar.

## Garden “Tabernacle” Bathed in Prayer

**“The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden”** has been covered in prayer throughout the entire seven and half year history of the “vision.” Thousands of Christians around the world have been praying for its completion, including some of the finest Christians of our day, such as Franklin Graham, Pat Robertson, James Dobson, Luis Palau, Rick Warren and Mike Huckabee, to name just a few.

The building of Garden “Tabernacle” in Kerrville has spiritually paralleled the history of the Jews coming out the wilderness into the Promised Land. The Garden’s relationship to Israel is amazing, especially considering that the Garden property looks like the Holy Land and is located at the same latitude as Israel. It also appears to fulfill one possible interpretation of **Amos 9:11-12** and **Isaiah 2:2-3**, which states that the “Tabernacle” will be rebuilt in the last days by the Gentiles.

God gave the Garden Tabernacle “vision” to artist Max Greiner, Jr. through Dr. Mahesh Chavda’s prophetic word spoken publicly in front of hundreds of witnesses on 12/9/01. It was confirmed eight months later by another stranger, Marlon Quibodeaux, who in September of 2002 emailed the artist saying God wanted him to erect a giant 77’7” cross sculpture on **Interstate 10**.



At sunset on 12/31/09, following the **“Jericho Prayer Walk”**, James Barnett and Sherry Greiner blew their shofars over the cross foundation, to proclaim victory at the cross for 2009!

After praying for understanding, the Holy Spirit gave the artist the exact designs for a unique open cross sculpture and a 300' long cross-shaped garden, which Greiner would later discover was precisely twice the length of the Tabernacle! The vision featured monumental Christian bronzes and the Gospel on tiles, in multiple languages. Like the Old

Testament artist, Bezalel (Ex 35:30), God equipped the craftsman and "called" other believers to help him.

In fulfillment of the spoken prophetic words, God gave the very valuable 23 acres of "Promised Land" to the non-profit arts foundation on 9/16/05. The Holy Spirit worked a wonderful miracle with Hershel Reid and at least nine wild **Northern Harrier** hawks! The next day the Reid family donated \$500,000 to buy the land!

Many other miracles and times of corporate prayer have taken place at the Garden during the last seven and half years. On 9/29/08, Prayer Intercessors gathered at the Garden to pray for the \$100,000 needed to build the concrete foundation, which was needed before the cross (**Ark of the Covenant**) was brought into the Garden (**Tabernacle**). This was called the "**Crossing the Jordan River at Flood Stage**" prayer gathering. Shortly afterwards God provided the funds to move into the "**Promised Land!**"

Then, another obstacle appeared when **TCKF** was sued to stop to cross from ever being erected at its proper location. This prayer time was held at the bottom of the Garden, on 12/22/08 to thank the Lord for all the blessings of 2008 and to pray in expectation for His many victories in 2009.

On 12/31/08, a small band of Prayer Warriors participated in a "**Jericho Prayer Walk**" on top of the mountain, starting at the cross.

Seven times the warriors marched silently down **Mesa Vista Rd.** with Bibles, crosses, and Shofar horns in hand. Then, after the seventh time, the Intercessors blew their shofars together, proclaiming confusion in the "enemy camp" and spiritual victory over all those opposing the cross!

Finally, on 1/29/09, dozens of supporters prayed outside the legal offices in downtown Kerrville, where **Mediation** was held. Though the **Mediation** was unsuccessful, about a month later, the original neighbors who first sued **TCKF** dropped their lawsuit. However, at press time, the other neighbors are still suing **TCKF** to stop the cross. One "giant" down and one to go!



On New Year's Eve 2008, at sunset, 11 Prayer Warriors marched silently seven times down **Mesa Vista Rd.** claiming victory in the lawsuit to stop the cross. At the end of the seventh march, everyone shouted "**Jesus!**" and then blew the shofars! Pictured left to right are: James & Sharan Barnett, Carol & John Lenard, Sherry Greiner, Jim McKnight, Gerry Eddins, Aislinn Phelan, Fern Lancaster and Barbara Sullivan.



A small band of Prayer Warriors silently marched down **Mesa Vista Rd.** seven times on 12/31/08 at sunset, in a symbolic prophetic gesture to win the battle in the spiritual realm, just as Joshua and his warriors did at the "**Battle of Jericho**" thousands of years earlier.

# Donor Information:

*Would you please help us “literally” raise the cross of Jesus Christ? At the present time, TCKF needs about \$250,000 to bring the cross into the Garden and to prepare the lower parking lots and main entrance. To date, almost two million dollars has already been donated and spent on the Garden and the cross. This doesn’t count the other monumental bronze sculptures that are being donated by the artists or the thousands of hours being donated by Christian volunteers.*

*TCKF is asking supporters to consider making a symbolic donation related to the 77’7” cross. Biblically, seven represents the RESURRECTION, SPIRITUAL COMPLETION, and the PERFECTION of God. Thanks for prayerfully considering making a tax deductible gift of \$7.77 or \$77.70 or \$777.00 or \$7,770.00, \$77,700.00, 777,000 or 7,770,000! All of the Trustees are in agreement and are giving their own personal amounts to “seed their need.”*

*TCKF is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Without the help of the numerous volunteers, we could not build this Garden or even produce this newsletter! THANK YOU!*

*“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

**Rev 1:17-18 NIV**



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