

“Fire On The Mountain”

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YOU ARE INVITED!

You are cordially invited to attend the

“Entering The Promise Land” Presentation about

The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden

2:00 PM, December 16, 2012 Y.O. Ranch Hotel Kerrville, TX



MIRACLES AND ART DRAW THOUSANDS TO KERRVILLE

THE COMING KING SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN, though not finished, is already drawing thousands of tourists to the Hill Country community of Kerrville from across Texas, the USA and the world. Visitors are coming primarily for two reasons: To see the most symbolic cross in the world, and to experience the power of God which is manifesting daily in the form of miracles, signs and wonders. Prayers are being answered at the cross!

THE COMING KING FOUNDATION, a non-profit, 501c3 art organization, reached another major milestone recently in its epic 11 year spiritual journey to build a Christ-honoring sculpture garden on IH-10. This happened when seven new monumental sculptures were installed on 11/9/12.

The new sculptures join *“THE EMPTY CROSS”*, a massive 77’7”, Cor-ten steel contemporary sculpture which was erected on 7/27/10. The \$2,000,000 reddish brown, 70 ton cross stands on a 1,930’ hill at the same latitude as Israel, approximately halfway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, on IH-10.

Despite seven years of public opposition from a vocal minority, a 15 month lawsuit, years of dirty tricks and an IRS audit triggered by atheists, the non-denominational, spiritual garden continues to be built. TCKF has already spent over \$2,000,000 on the 23 acre spiritual garden. The entire project is being built on faith in God, without debt or professional fundraisers. However, \$3,000,000 is still needed to complete the ambitious, Christ-honoring, non-denominational garden park.



(Photos donated by Joel Whitfield Photography & Max Greiner Jr.)

The “Tabernacle Garden” is free to the public, and open 365 days a year, from 6:00 AM until midnight. Currently, eight monumental sculptures are on display, though the grounds are not finished yet. Over \$3,000,000 worth of monumental Christian sculptures have already been donated to the park by three internationally collected artists: Beverly Paddleford of Lander, WY, David Broussard of Dallas, TX and Max Greiner, Jr. of Kerrville, TX. The artists say their families donated their monumental sculptures for the glory of God.

148 supporters and government officials attended the 11/9/12 Sculpture Dedication. US Representative, Lamar Smith; and State Representative, Harvey Hilderbran both provided written statements of support. Hilderbran wrote: *“I am proud to have this wonderful symbol of hope in our community, and for everyone who may find comfort in it. “The Empty Cross” will serve as a beacon to travelers along Interstate 10 for many years to come.”*

Kerrville Mayor, Jack Pratt proclaimed, *“Here we are standing next to this sculpture of the cross, which gives us a way to focus on that individual who gave His life for all of us, for that salvation.”* Kerr County Commission, Buster Baldwin exclaimed, *“This is where life changes, and here is the cross.”* Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director, Charlie McIlvain said to the crowd, *“I can certainly envision where this (garden) will be one of the top religious attractions in the country.”*

Kerrville City Manager, Todd Parton, told guests: *“This is a wonderful gift to our community. It’s a wonderful gift to our region, to our society, to our country, to the world. This is a fantastic gift. Thank you, Max and everybody who is making that happen. This is going to be, and already has been, a place of life changes. There are going to be weddings. There are going to be people who find God here. There are going to be all sorts of other life changes, that we can’t even contemplate, that are going to happen at this place. Again, I can’t put words to how much this is going to mean to us. Yes, there is going to be an impact of visitors to our community, but it goes well beyond that. It goes beyond that. This place is such a special place.”*

The bronze and steel sculptures donated to the Kerrville garden include both realistic and abstract monumental art. David Broussard commented at the dedication that his contemporary sculpture of three 11’ nails, entitled *“IT IS FINISHED”* represents: *“The end of religion and the beginning of relationship with God.”* *“MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS”* by Wyoming artist, Beverly Paddleford, is a realistic depiction of Mary, in her later years, clutching the Crown of Thorns. *“THE COMING KING”*® Bust sculpture by Max Greiner, Jr. depicts Jesus Christ returning to earth as a mighty warrior king (Revelation 19:11).

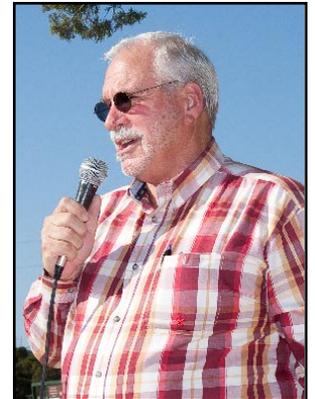
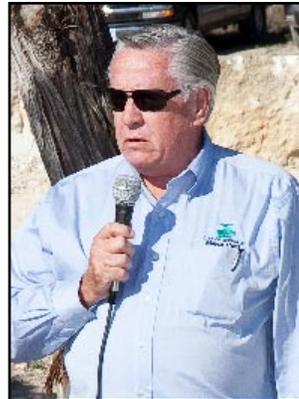
The forth sculpture dedicated at the garden front entrance is called *“12 STONES”* (JOSHUA 3 & 4). It honors the first twelve major donors, who by their generous giving, made entering the “Promised Land” possible. These donors are remembered by the round river stones, in order of their contributions: Max and Sherry Greiner, Hershel and Shannon Reid, Monte and Beverly Paddleford, James McKnight, Lyle and Patsy Jordan, Mark and Karen Greiner, Randy Choat, Marvin Ohlenbusch, Ralph and Debra Gibson, the Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation, John and Barbara Sullivan and Patricia Wyatt.

In addition to the monumental Christ-honoring sculptures, thousands of visitors are coming to the Hill Country park claiming that the power of God is manifesting. Pilgrims report changed lives, physical and emotional healings. Many have witnessed supernatural, Biblical signs and wonders. Over a thousand visitors have reported seeing the visible, Shekinah Glory of God (Exodus 34:29 & Isaiah 60:1) in the form of sparkling dust that forms on their hands, faces and clothing, while they are on the garden property. Thousands of round orbs of light, believed to be the angels described thousands of years ago by the Jewish Prophet Ezekiel (Ezk 1:15) have been photographed at the garden, especially near the giant cross. The sense of God’s holy presence, His peace and power are felt by most visitors to the garden.

Thousands of people are being drawn to Kerrville’s **SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN**, not just because of the monumental art, but because they believe God is on this mountain manifesting His love and presence. ●



TCKF Vice President, Chris Daniel, asks the crowd to pray with him for the three artist families, who donated the artwork to the garden; the Paddlefords, Greiners and Broussards.



Kerrville Mayor, Jack Pratt, and Kerr County Commissioner, Buster Baldwin, blessed the garden project and assembled guests.



Charlie McIlvain, Executive Director of the Convention of Visitors Bureau, and Todd Parton, Kerrville City Manager enthusiastically showed their support for Kerrville’s Sculpture Prayer Garden.



Pastor Jack Rothenflue, one of the founding Trustees of TCKF, prayed over the first 12 major donors who made “Entering The Promise Land” possible.

The Most Symbolic Cross In The World !

By Max Greiner, Jr. ©

"*THE EMPTY CROSS*" in Kerrville, TX is the most symbolic cross in the world. To my knowledge, no other cross on the planet has more scriptural, Biblical symbolism in its design than the seven story Resurrection cross in Kerrville, TX.

All crosses everywhere, no matter how big or small, represent Jesus Christ and His Resurrection. All crosses are a visual symbol provided by God for mankind to remember the ultimate sacrifice Jesus paid for each of us on a wooden cross 2,000 years ago.

The Kerrville cross has this primary meaning, but it also symbolizes much more: First, Jesus is ALIVE, He is not on the cross anymore. It is empty because He is risen. "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" makes the point that we serve a "living" Christ.

Jesus is described with a multitude of names, titles and metaphors in the Bible. Many of these can be found in "*THE EMPTY CROSS*". Jesus is the Strong Tower, the Mighty Fortress, the Narrow Gate, the Way, and the Door by which all must enter to find the true God. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, which shines through the hollow, open cross.

God sees mankind through an empty cross. Mankind can only find the true God by looking at an empty cross.

Biblical numbers and geometry are used on "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" sculpture in Kerrville. Seven is the most holy number. 777 is the Trinity of Holy Numbers, perfection in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Kerrville cross is Kerrville is 77'7" tall.

The center space of "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" is exactly 7' wide. By God's sovereignty, the seven story cross weighs approximately 70 tons, counting the steel in the foundation. 40 is another Biblical number. "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" cross arm is exactly 40' wide.

The most holy place in both the Tabernacle of Moses and Jewish Temple was a square space called the "Holy of Holies". This is where the Ark Of The Covenant resided, the symbol of God's power on earth. The foot print of "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" is square, 10' x 10'.

The cross of Jesus Christ is the New Testament version of the Old Testament "Holy of Holies" and the Ark Of The Covenant. The Ark delivered God's chosen people four thousand years ago. Before that another ark delivered God's people – Noah's Ark. Since the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, two thousand years ago, the cross has delivered God's chosen people from a disaster.

In Kerrville, "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" stands on a hill, inside of a 300' long cross-shaped Garden. This garden represents the "Inner Court" of the Jewish Tabernacle. The original Jewish Tabernacle was laid out in the shape of a cross by Moses. The 7' wide center space of "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" symbolizes the "Holy of Holies". The area beyond the 300' "Inner Court" is the "Outer Court" of the Tabernacle, represented by the rest of the Kerrville garden property.

By the sovereignty of God, the total length of the cross-shaped garden in Kerrville is exactly twice the length of the original Tabernacle of Moses, measured in Egyptian Cubits.

God gave me this precise dimension. I did not know the significance of the length until the Holy Spirit later told me to look up the dimensions of the original Tabernacle in the Bible, in Exodus.

By the sovereignty of God, the 100 yard long cross-shaped garden perfectly fits the flat mountain top given to us by the LORD in 2005, with the \$500,000 miracle involving Christian Hershel Reid and almost a dozen wild hawks.



The shape and length of the plateau determined the exact position of "*THE EMPTY CROSS*". By the sovereignty of God, the City of Kerrville is in the cross-hairs of "*THE EMPTY CROSS*".

In addition, by the sovereignty of God, **THE COMING KING SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN** is located at the same latitude as Israel, and is approximately half way between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, on IH-10.

The reddish brown color of the Cor-ten Steel used for "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" symbolizes the shed blood of Christ. The Cor-ten Steel of the massive cross was sand blasted, symbolically "scourged", before it was raised. As a result, the pores of the metal "skin" were opened and the metal was allowed to rust in a controlled manner, or "bleed", as it is referred to in the industry. 2,000 years ago Jesus was scourged before His crucifixion, which released His blood, before He was raised on the cross.

I personally believe there is no other cross on the earth that has more Biblical symbolism than "*THE EMPTY CROSS*" in Kerrville, TX.

I cannot take any credit for the amazing design of this contemporary cross sculpture, because it was given to me in an open vision from the LORD in August of 2002, while I was praying for direction.

"*THE EMPTY CROSS*" and the Sculpture Prayer Garden are not the design of any man. They are God's creation. I am only His workman, like the artist, Bezalel. (Ex 31:5) ●

Christian Artists Donate \$3,000,000 Worth of Art

Three Christian families have donated over \$3,000,000 worth of original, Christ-honoring monumental sculpture to **THE COMING KING SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN** in Kerrville, TX. On November 9, 2012, about 150 people gathered from across the state and nation to dedicate four sculptures that were placed at the main entrance of the 23 acre non-denominational Christian garden.

Monte and Beverly Paddleford donated the first of at least five monumental bronze sculptures. The Paddlefords own **EAGLE BRONZE** in Lander, WY, one of the leading bronze foundries in the world. In 2010, along with the Greiners, they donated all their profits to build and raise *"THE EMPTY CROSS"* designed by Max Greiner. It was erected in the garden on July 27, 2010.

Beverly Paddleford's first sculpture to be installed in the Kerrville garden was a life-size bronze called *"MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS"*. The colorful bronze depicts an older Mary clutching the Crown of Thorns, as she remembers the crucifixion of her Son, Jesus Christ.

Beverly wrote about her work: *"It is with great humility and excitement that my husband Monte and I have placed my monument, "MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS" in the Kerrville sculpture garden! It is thrilling to see Mary placed in such a beautiful setting and so appropriately, at the foot of the Cross! In this sculpture, Mary is reaching out, inviting people to know her Son, to come rest in Him, to know of His sacrifice and the glory of His resurrection.*

Have you ever wondered what happened to that crown made of thorns that was placed on Jesus' head prior to His crucifixion? Perhaps it fell to the ground when His body was removed from that cross and perhaps Mary picked it up and placed it in a secret place. That which had pierced the brow of her Son, had pierced her heart as well. But Mary also knows, just as we do, that Jesus left something else behind. He left behind The Empty Cross!!



Beverly Paddleford of Lander, WY donated her Bronze sculpture, *"MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS"*. The artist is pictured with her husband, Monte, at the 11/9/12 Dedication Service. The Paddlefords own **Eagle Bronze** in Lander, WY, one of the leading art foundries in the world.



Our prayer is that millions of people are drawn to this special place in Kerrville, and that any who do not know Jesus will come to experience Him there. Those who do know Jesus will come away refreshed, renewed and reminded of the One who has promised to never leave us or forsake us! Eventually, the entire place, as other sculptures are dedicated and construction is complete, will tell the Story to every heart!"

To learn more about Beverly's beautiful work, contact her at: www.hopemonument.com (307) 332-5436.



Dallas, TX artist, David Broussard installed the first of several large sculptures that he is donating with his wife, Michelle. David's contemporary, Cor-ten Steel sculpture depicts three giant nails, which symbolize those that held Jesus Christ to the wooden cross 2,000 years ago. David's magnificent sculpture is placed at the front entrance of the non-denominational garden park in Kerrville. David has this to say about his work:

"Why did we donate the sculpture? We donated "IT IS FINISHED" because we believe in the vision of the sculpture garden. I had drawn out the design for the sculpture in 2008, and when Max showed me the vision for the property from the highest point, I showed him my sketch of the sculpture. He asked me if I would donate it and I immediately said yes. Max has mentored me since 2002. This was not only a way to show my gratitude for all he has done, but even more importantly, it was my way of giving back to The Lord. My heart's desire is to see souls won for Christ and this is a way to do it."

What is the meaning of the piece? "IT IS FINISHED" represents the three nails that held Jesus to the cross. I wanted to create a contemporary sculpture that would draw people to it. 'It is finished!' are the last three words that Jesus spoke before He gave up His Spirit. I wanted a more tangible meaning to express exactly what 'IT IS FINISHED' means, so I asked The Lord for a subtitle to bring it home, and what I heard is, "The End Of Religion.....The Beginning Of Relationship With The Father." I believe this says it all."

To learn more about the work and testimony of David contact him at: (www.jeweledsteel.com) (214) 546-3655



Dallas artist, David Broussard and his wife, Michelle, donated his contemporary Cor-ten Steel composition of the three giant nails called "IT IS FINISHED".



Broussard's striking sculpture dramatically changes depending on the viewing angle.

Evangelist, Max Greiner, Jr. and his wife are donating at least eight of his monumental Christian sculptures to the Kerrville Garden, of which five have already been installed. Max and Sherry Greiner were publically called by God in an Austin church service on December 9, 2001 to “*restore the Tabernacle of David*”, by Dr. Mahesh Chavda.

Max recently had this to say about their donation: “*Sherry, my wife of 38 years, and I have freely given my artwork, our volunteer time and our money to this special project. It is about obedience for us. On 12/12/01 the Holy Spirit told us to build a Christ-honoring Sculpture Prayer Garden for the glory of God. We now believe this is our life destiny. God has prepared and equipped us for this task. With the help of other dedicated Christians across the USA, we will lift up Jesus Christ on a mountain in the Texas Hill Country. The LORD has blessed us. Therefore, we want to bless others with this free spiritual, garden park, so they may find peace, joy, power and the love of God in their own lives.*”

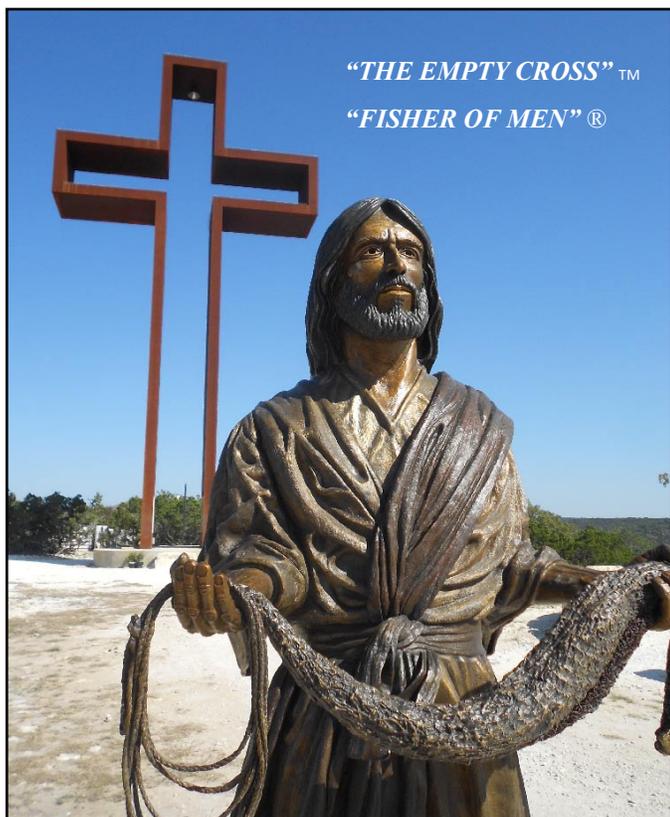
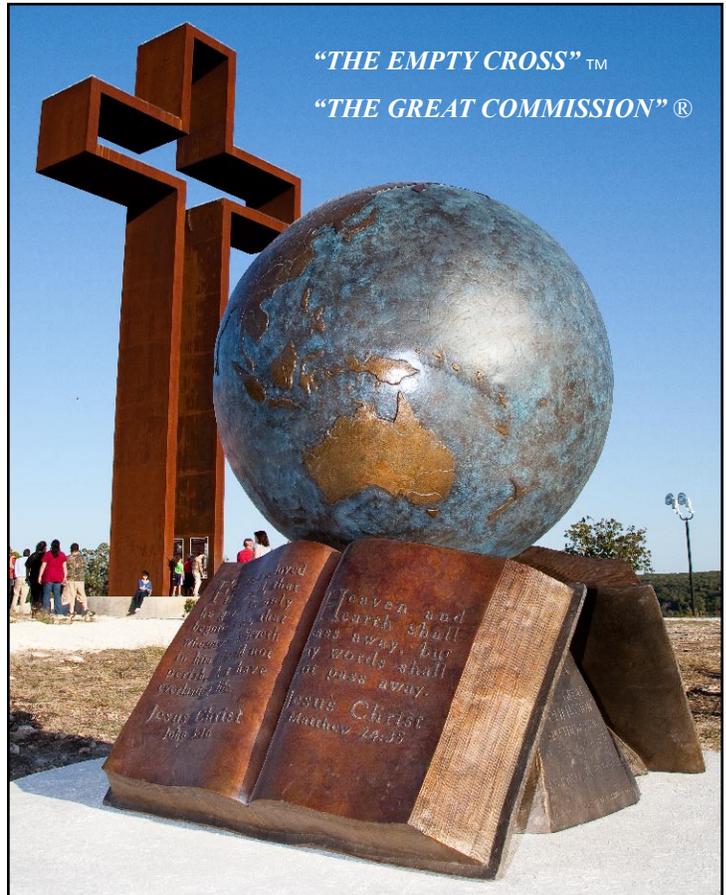
Five of Greiner’s monumental sculptures have already been installed in the unfinished garden. “*THE COMING KING/BUST*” is the first sculpture visitors see when entering the garden.

Greiner wrote about this work: “*THE COMING KING/BUST*” is a life-size (105%)bronze sculpture of Jesus Christ, which depicts the LORD as a warrior King, with His sword and shofar. It is a realistic depiction of Jesus Christ the Messiah of the Jews, based on the ancient Jewish scriptures. Jesus is shown returning to earth to rescue His people from their enemies.

A full size, 18’ version of this composition will also be installed at the top of the mountain, when enough funds are raised to finish the roads and landscaping. This bronze sculpture will depict Jesus Christ on a white horse, coming in the clouds. This bronze will be displayed on a 7’ waterfall, in front of *THE EMPTY CROSS*.”

Other Greiner bronze sculptures that have been temporarily installed at the top of the hill include, “*FISHER OF MEN*”® , “*THE GREAT COMMISSION*”® and “*DIVINE SERVANT*”®. ●

For more information on Max’s art and testimony, contact him at: (www.maxgreinerart.com) (830) 896-7919



PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THIS PROJECT!

We need your help to finish the first **Sculpture Prayer Garden** on **IH-10** in Texas! The magnificent cross and the main entrance has been completed thanks to your prayers and gifts. Now we need to build the concrete roads, parking lots and landscaped areas, so this Christ-honoring park can be finished. The garden will be a great blessing to all who come to this free tourist attraction in Texas.

We estimate that approximately three million dollars are still needed to complete the 23 acre garden "first-class". More than a dozen Christ-honoring monumental sculptures have already been donated by three internationally collected artists, Beverly Paddleford, David Broussard & Max Greiner, Jr. This art is valued at over \$3,000,000. The garden site on **IH-10**, now worth millions, was donated in 2005 by Hershel and Shannon Reid for the glory of God.

Thank you for helping us build this "last days" Tabernacle so others might know the love of Jesus Christ. This soul-winning Garden is being built by the **Body of Christ** without debt. This "**Tabernacle Garden**" will be here when Christ returns! Gifts are tax deductible in the USA and will be acknowledged in numerous ways. **Also, please prayerfully consider becoming an Ambassador of The Cross, or purchasing a PAVER for your family! Thank you for your prayerful consideration!**

"In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths."

ISAIAH 2:2 (NIV)



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