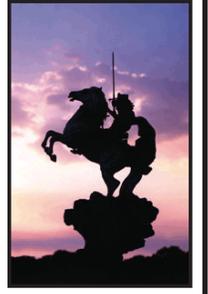


# “Fire On The Mountain”

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## CONSTRUCTION OF CROSS-SHAPED GARDEN BEGINS!

The next phase of construction at The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden will begin in early January of 2014, with the completion of a 300' cross-shaped garden at the top of the hill. This evangelistic garden is the essence of the “Garden Tabernacle” vision given to artist, Max Greiner, Jr. in the summer of 2002. Even though TCKF is not a church or ministry, it is building a garden filled with wholesome, Christ-honoring artwork. TCKF is chartered as a 501c3 non-profit “Art Museum”.

Thanks to a recent \$125,000 grant from the Charlie & Hal Peterson Foundation, TCKF hopes to finish most of the new garden before Easter 2014. Once completed, visitors to the top of the hill will enter at the foot of the cross-shaped garden, about the size of a football field. Guests will see 77 Bible verses engraved into 16” x 16” Scripture Tiles, as they walk toward the massive contemporary sculpture, “*The Empty Cross*”. Once inside the 7’ wide “Holy of Holies” center space of the seven story cross, visitors will have the opportunity to make Jesus Christ the LORD of their life by reading the four large plaques inside this sacred space.

This unique wilderness Tabernacle in the Texas Hill Country is located at the main entrance of Kerrville, TX, on IH-10. “*The Empty Cross*” is now a permanent landmark recognized by travelers who cross the USA from coast to coast. The garden is located approximately half way between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans on the transcontinental highway. Despite the fact that the 23 acre spiritual garden is still unfinished (due to lack of funds) tens of thousands of people have already visited the spiritual art garden, from across the USA and at least 27 countries.

Many believe that the 77’7” contemporary sculpture is the most symbolic cross sculpture in the world. The Biblical symbolism of the open Resurrection cross represents the Way, the Narrow Gate, the Door, the Mighty Fortress, the Strong Tower and the Light of the World.

Located at the same latitude as Israel, on land that looks like the Holy Land, the \$2,000,000, seven story cross is unique in the entire world. The massive cross was donated by Max and Sherry Greiner, owners of Max Greiner, Jr. Designs, and Monte and Beverly Paddleford, owners of Eagle Bronze in Lander, WY.

On 5/30/13 ladies from First Baptist Church in Kerrville, TX prayed for the “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” (1Cor. 12) and instantly experienced a modern day sign and wonder (Ex. 34:29) when the visible Glory of God formed on their hands in the form of tiny sparkling particles.



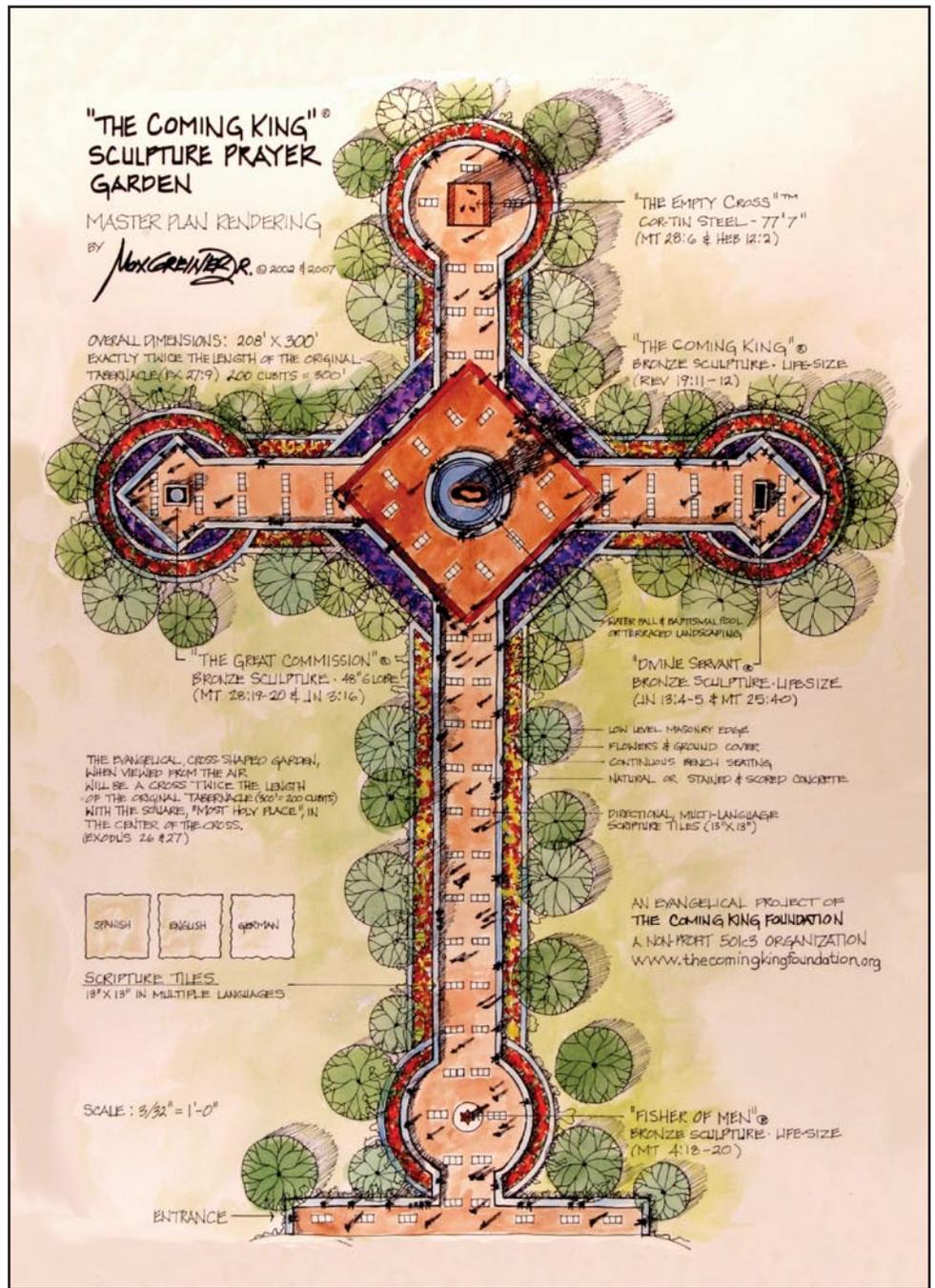
The blood colored Cor-ten steel cross “bleeds” as it rusts in a controlled corrosion, which creates a beautiful patina that never needs to be painted. Because of its uniqueness, the symbolic cross is featured on many websites, including the international sculpture website: [www.giganticstatues.com](http://www.giganticstatues.com), which recognizes significant monumental sculptures around the world.

The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden is now the top year-round tourist attraction in Kerrville, even in its unfinished state, thanks to the publicity efforts of the Holy Spirit, TCKF and the Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau. This assessment is based on daily attendance, thousands of returned visitor Comment Cards, local, state, national and international publicity, on radio, TV, magazines, newspapers, blogs and websites.

The non-profit project has already been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX TV affiliates and internationally on the Christian TV networks, TBN, CBN, Daystar and CTN. In addition, Associated Press has written numerous articles on the controversial project, that were published in thousands of newspapers across America. Feature stories appeared in the Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express News and the Austin American Statesman. The garden is currently featured on the top tourism websites in the USA, including Trip Advisor ([www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com)). Recently TCKF was invited by the Texas Department Of Highways (TXDOT) to place its brochures in the official Texas Information Centers at the eleven ports of entry in the state, which is a major accomplishment.

The garden is being built on faith in God without debt. To date, approximately 2.5 million dollars have been raised and spent on the garden. In addition, three million dollars worth of monumental art has been donated for the glory of God by three internationally collected Christian artists: Beverly Paddleford, David Broussard and Max Greiner, Jr.

It is estimated that approximately 230,150 people have visited the unfinished garden since the property was first acquired by TCKF in November of 2005. Between 11/5/05 and 7/27/10 approximately 17,000 people visited before the cross was erected. After the cross was raised, about 72,000 people came to the garden between 7/21/10 and 7/19/12. Once the front entrance road was paved to the cross, it is estimated that 30,000 visitors came between 7/19/12 and 11/9/12. After six new monumental sculptures were donated to the garden on 11/9/12 approximately 108,000 people (200 to 500 a day) came to the garden through 10/15/13.



However, attendance dropped off during the 2013 fall/winter months, with an estimated attendance of about 150 people per day during the week, and 300 per day on the weekends. Between 10/15/13 and 11/30/13 an estimated 3,150 people came to the garden. These attendance estimates are based on “spot” counts from Trustees, Tour Guides and Chaplains, and monitoring of the LIVE 24/7 security video camera, that is pointed at the cross.

The only official hard count that was made by TCKF occurred on the four days surrounding Easter 2013, when 1,474 people came to the garden in 650 vehicles. Therefore, it is estimated that approximately 230,150 people have visited the garden in the last eight years (11/5/05 - 11/30/13), from at least 27 countries. It should be noted that many of these people are repeat visitors.

People are drawn to the garden by “The Empty Cross” and the other beautiful monumental Christian sculptures. However, others come to experience the presence of God Almighty. Miracles are being reported daily, including changed lives, salvations, healings, deliverance from harmful situations and Biblical signs and wonders. The visible Glory of God, believed to be the Shekinah Glory, has formed on the hands, faces and clothing of more than a thousand visitors. The sparkling substance looks like fine glitter. Others report seeing and photographing angels in humanoid form and as round balls of light, called Angel Orbs.

Continuous worship music enhances the worship experience, as it plays on the mountain for guests. This 24/7 praise music presentation was established by Arizona worship evangelist, Bobby Dendy when the front entrance to the garden was opened to the public in July of 2012.

On 11/2/13 garden visitor Fred Duncan of Helotes, TX wrote: *“I cannot thank you enough for doing this. I broke off curses, forgave others, renewed my relationship, and made a commitment to my girlfriend. I started tithing again today. Thank you for vanquishing the adversary and erecting this high place. I want to give more and my time to help build and serve others.”*

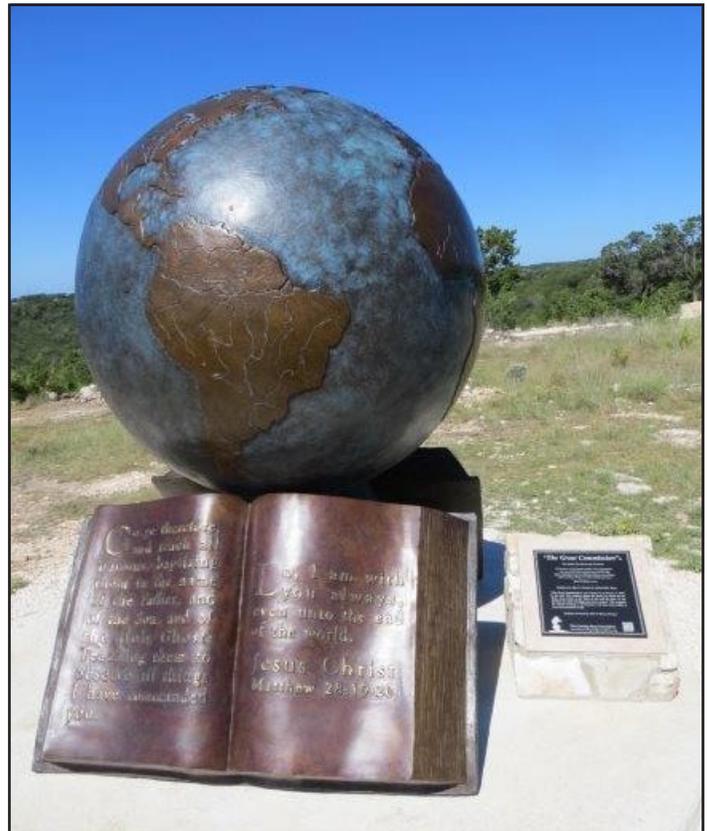
Chloe Rundell, of Caldwell, TX wrote on 11/10/13: *“I am 11 years old and this is almost all of my money (\$26.00). I hope it comes to good use. This place has changed my life. Thank you.”*

Other new features have recently been added to garden park. All eight monumental sculptures on display now have 12” black metal plaques, which explain the art and scriptural basis for the work. Each plaque features a small QR code in the bottom right corner. Scanning this graphic QR code with a smart phone will take the viewer to the TCKF website where they can learn more about the sculpture, the scripture, why and how the artist created the artwork.

Custom engraved Pavers are also being installed Rick Martin, a donor to the garden and owner of Rick Martin Landscaping. These concrete Pavers feature personal messages of faith and hope by garden supporters across the world. Anyone can purchase a Paver, which will be on permanent display in the garden forever. The Pavers are being placed in patios and the trails of the spiritual garden and are just one means of funding the construction of the project. Paver sizes include: 4” x 8” (\$50), 8” x 8” (\$150), 12” x 12”(\$500) and 16” x 16” (\$1,000) Individuals, families, business and churches are purchasing Pavers to support the Christ-honoring project.



On 4/21/13, guests from a Bible Study group in Corpus Christi visited the cross during their stay at the TRIPLE R RETREAT operated by Cheryl Grundy. All prayed for the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12) and instantly received the Glory Dust manifestation (Ex 34:29) while standing about 60 feet from “The Empty Cross”!



(Center) Black plaques with QR codes have been placed near all the donated sculptures, which explain the meaning and scriptural basis of the art.

(Right) Concrete custom engraved PAVERS are now being placed at the garden in patios and along waling trails.

Cody Goss, of GOSS PEST CONTROL and Tim Thomason of NATURE BLINDS donated the use of a billboard at the main entrance into Kerrville, off IH-10, to direct visitors to the Sculpture Prayer Garden.

Lenard & Sons Contractors donated the sign installation to TCKF. (Pictured left to right) Dustin Lenard, Blaine Lenard, Art Lenard, and TCKF Vice President, Johnny Sharp.



Other recent TCKF developments include the placement of two new billboards. One is located at Exit 508, on IH-10, which directs tourists to the cross. This billboard was graciously donated to TCKF by supporters Cody Goss of Goss Pest Control and Tim Thomason of Nature Blinds in Kerrville. The sign was installed at no cost by Lenard & Sons Construction, owned by the Lenards.

The second billboard, erected just west of the cross, shows the construction progress that has been made since Max and Sherry Greiner were first called by God on 12/9/01 to build a type of last days Tabernacle (Amos 9:11 & Isaiah 2:2) featuring Christian sculptures. Approximately 2.5 million dollars have been raised and spent on the vision to date. It is estimated that same amount is still needed to finish the entire vision.

Finally, TCKF supporter and donor, Dr. Robby Carpenter, DDS is currently compiling 77 Bible verses for the 16"x 16" Scripture Tiles that will be placed every 12', in a "Path to Salvation" inside the 300' cross-shaped garden. These ceramic tiles, in three languages, will be embedded in the stained concrete. The languages featured at the Kerrville garden are English, German and Spanish. Pilgrims entering the cross-shaped garden at the top of the hill will be presented with a clear, logical presentation of the Gospel of Christ.

Thousands of visitors fill out "Comment Cards" which share what they experienced at The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden. The testimonies are overwhelming. On 10/22/13, Tim and Violet Matthias of Kerrville wrote: "We have had a calling to move here to Kerrville to be a part of this garden and the Lord's will. Please show us a way to be a part of this awesome place. Thank you for your prayers and starting this beautiful ministry. Peace and blessings." Israel Nijera from Austin, TX wrote on 10/20/13: "Enjoyed this heavenly and spectacular site as well as the empowering Spirit surrounding it. Blessed be God Forever!".

Construction will continue at the garden as long as funds are available. Thank you for "sowing" your prayers and financial "seed" in the "good soil" of God's garden! ●



TCKF allows Christian ministries to host special services, meetings and concerts at the garden, as approved "Sanctioned Events." Retired Neurosurgeon, Dr. Marvin Overton shared his incredible, supernatural testimony at the 10/7/13 "Music & Ministry" event hosted by Ron Hicks and Louada Raschke, the first Monday evening of each month.



# KERRVILLE BUILDS A “PRAYER PATH”

On October 12, 2013 over 400 volunteers came together under the direction of Partners In Ministry to build a 800’ “Prayer Path” for visitors to The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden. It was an amazing day that was covered in a feature story by the Kerrville Daily Times.

God gave the idea to build a “Prayer Path” to Jeff Anderson, the President of Partners In Ministry, when Jeff stared at the hundreds of “Prayer Rocks” that were accumulating near “The Empty Cross”. Hundreds of visitors to the garden had written their personal prayers and praises on smooth white limestone rocks with permanent markers.

The Holy Spirit instructed Jeff to talk with TCKF President, Max Greiner, Jr. about the possibility of creating a trail lined with these “Prayer Rocks”. Upon hearing Jeff’s request, the Holy Spirit immediately confirmed to Max that this idea was from the LORD! Like the small paper notes slipped between the rocks at the Wailing Wall at the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, the proclamations and prayers of the saints in Kerrville, TX were being written to God. The rocks were literally crying out (Lk 19:40) at Kerrville’s outdoor Tabernacle in the wilderness!

On Saturday morning, 10/12/13, Partners In Ministry hosted a Community Service Initiative (CSI) work day to build the “Prayer Path” in one day and clean up the garden grounds. Local pastors, hundreds of volunteers from local Christian churches, and students from Schreiner University worked all morning to accomplish the task.



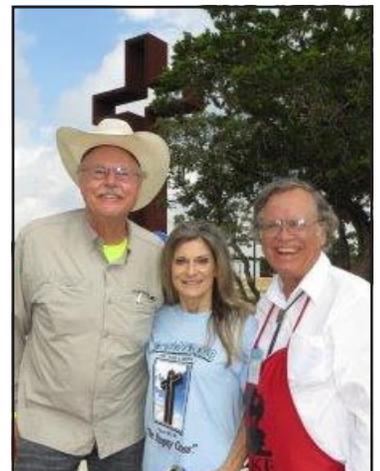
Parishioners from many local churches, including Kerrville Church of Christ, Impact Christian Fellowship, First United Methodist, Notre Dame Catholic Church, First Assembly of God Church, Calvary Temple Church, First Baptist Church, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, the Salvation Army and Pipe Creek Church helped build the trail. In addition, students from Schreiner University and Vision youth worked on the “Prayer Path”.

Many local businesses donated their services, money and time to the community improvement project. These supporting businesses included National Car Rental, Edmund Jenschke Inc., Rick Martin Landscaping, Culligan Water, Home Depot, Lowes, Max Greiner, Jr. Designs and the City of Kerrville.

The day began with Jeff Anderson addressing the crowd at sunrise. He introduced special guests, community leaders and the clergy assembled. Christian pastors from many local denominations joined together at the Kerrville cross to pray for the community, our country and the volunteers assembled.

At the end of the work day, brief presentations by Chris Daniel and Ryan Huff were given about the purpose and history of the Sculpture Prayer Garden. TCKF President, Max Greiner, Jr. closed with a Salvation invitation and a prayer for empowerment by the Holy Spirit. Many people were saved and empowered during that time.

Partners In Ministry President, Jeff Anderson hosted the “Community Service Initiative” (CSI) event for TCKF on 10/12/13. (Pictured Left to Right) Jeff Anderson, Sherry Greiner and TCKF President, Max Greiner, Jr.

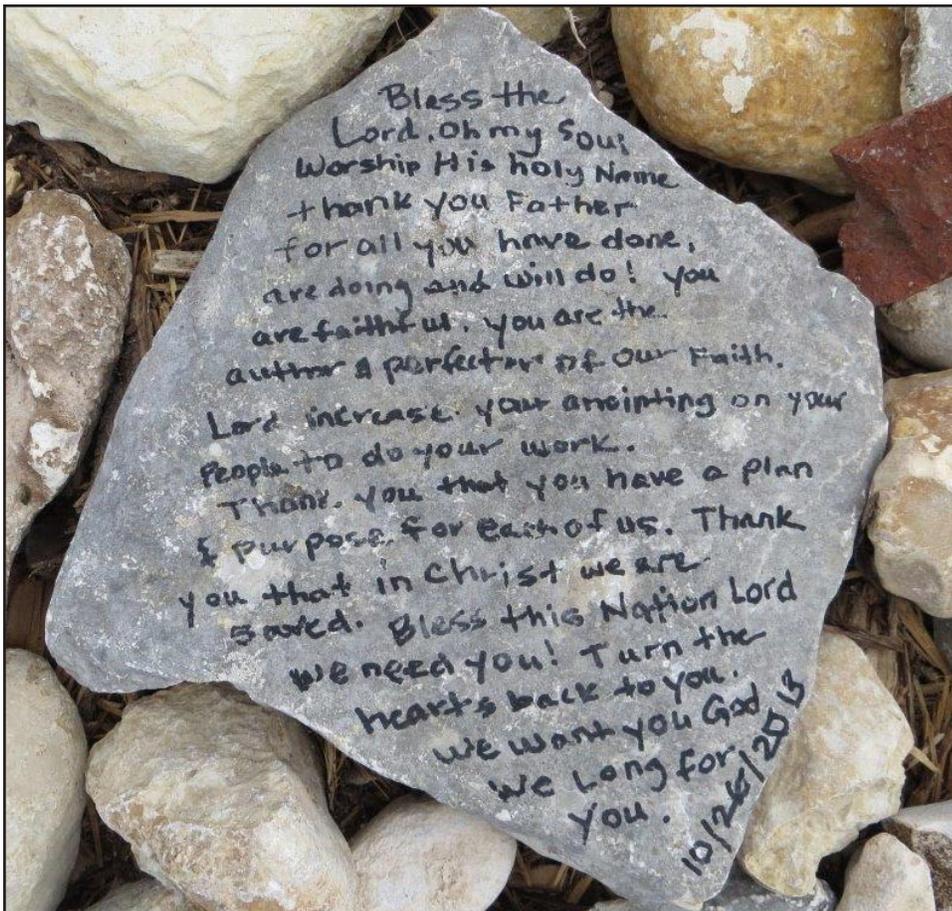


In addition, three people came up and announced that they had been physically healed that morning of serious medical conditions. Finally, Louada Raschke, and her band provided LIVE worship music, followed by Gene and Kerrie Barnet worship band. Kerrville Daily Times reporter, Donna Hatch did a wonderful follow-up story on the community volunteer event.

When asked why Partners In Ministry organized this massive community effort, President Jeff Anderson responded: *"To help TCKF build bridges from the cross to the churches of Kerr County. To bring hundreds of people to the cross for the first time and help them come away with a positive service experience. To provide a Prayer Pathway for visitors to enjoy the majesty of the cross. To develop reflection areas for visitors to look out over Kerrville at Kerrville's front door."*

TCKF will be forever grateful to Jeff and Barbara Anderson for their contributions to God's garden and our community as a whole. October 12, 2013 will be forever remembered in local history as the day Kerrville embraced its cross! ●

Thousands of "Prayer Rocks" started appearing near the 77'7" Resurrection Cross Sculpture. Today the prayers of the saints line both sides of a 800' "Prayer Path."



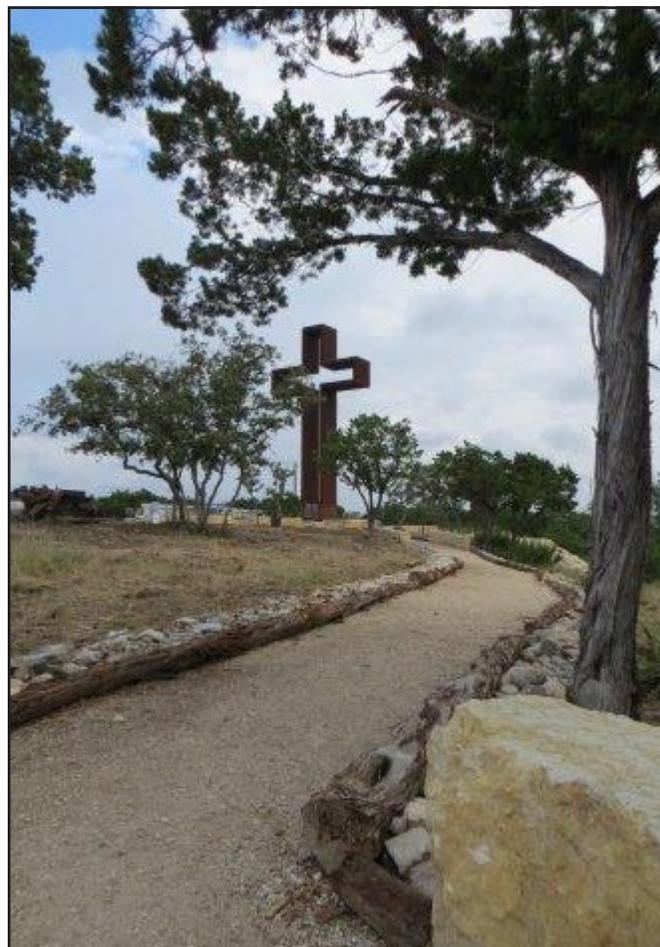
## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING!

*"I have had a persistent cough for 20 years. Specialist after specialist, none found the root cause. Upon visiting The Empty Cross, my husband prayed for my healing as he and countless others had previously prayed... Got home, went about our life and two days later my husband noticed I had not coughed. Having lived with it for so long, I hadn't noticed myself. Hallelujah!!! I sincerely believe He healed me on the Holy ground of The Empty Cross that we had previously walked on. I am healed by the blood of Jesus and in His Mighty name!!!"* Cathy McFadden, Fort Worth, TX

*"Max Greiner had a vision for a garden filled with sculpture, not to promote art, but to promote Jesus Christ. On the pathway to bringing the vision of the Sculpture Prayer Garden to fruition, there has not been an obstacle that God has not overcome. If you want to be involved in reaching out to hundreds, thousands- even millions- who need Christ in their life, pray for the completion of the Garden and give financially if God leads the way"* Governor Mike Huckabee, Little Rock, AR

*"My friend Samantha and I witnessed a miracle! We sat underneath the cross and talked with God... We could feel His Holy Spirit around us. The "gold dust" surrounded the cross. Hundreds of angels surrounded us! God was right beside us... We were blessed, humbled and amazed. God touched our lives on 11/4/13. Praise the Lord! I am filled with His Spirit!"* Naomi Johnson, Schreiner University, Kerrville, TX

*"Your wonderful organization is to be highly commended for what it is doing to honor Christ and spread His enduring message of boundless love, peace and salvation. America desperately needs to return to the one true God that our country was founded on! If only every city would follow your lead."* Patricia Visser, Tomball, TX





## COMMUNITY WORKING IN UNITY!

Hundreds of Volunteers from across the community worked together to build a beautiful "Prayer Path" for garden visitors.

(Right) TCKF President, Max Greiner, Jr. united with local Pastors David Danielson, IMPACT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP and Jimmy Sportsman, KERRVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST for the glory of God!



# COL. BILL LEWIS FISHER OF MEN

If you have visited The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden more than once in the last three years, there is a good chance you have encountered the gentle servant of God, Bill Lewis. You can recognize him by his white hair, his big smile and red Servant's Apron. This blood colored apron is worn by all certified TCKF Tour Guides and Chaplains.

Each week Bill (89) does the work of an evangelist by spending about 4 hours at "The Empty Cross" speaking with people and praying for their needs. Bill's greatest desire is to personally introduce others to his LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ. Bill has been around long enough on this earth to know what is most important in life.

Bill puts it this way: *"I love the LORD. I feel He wants me to be His ambassador. It seems like He prepared this old unthreatening guy for such a time as this. I come to the Cross because He blesses me daily with the energy to share His remarkable story of Grace, Mercy and Love."* Bill Lewis has been sharing the love of Christ with others for 38 years. His efforts bring a big smile to the face of God!

Bill Lewis has a quiet style and humble spirit, which are used with great success by the Holy Spirit. The joy of the LORD is evident in Bill's soft words and gleaming eyes. Bill listens to the people he encounters at "The Empty Cross" and listens for the voice of the Holy Spirit. Then, he obediently ministers accordingly. Bill admits: *"I am low key. I want to know our visitors, and then I want to serve what the LORD leads me to believe is their greatest need."*

Bill feels, in his words, *"Many are attracted to His holy mountain; I let the Lord lead me to those He has prepared for my message. I pray I will enjoy a joyful reunion with a goodly number of my brothers and sisters when we all get to heaven."*

However, before God could use Bill to win souls for Jesus, He had to win Bill's own heart. In 1975, at age 51, Bill was transformed from knowing about God to knowing God personally. Bill will tell you there is a difference. Even though he was raised around church, and even taught Sunday school for 24 years, he did not have a personal relationship with the Savior until he was Born-again on August 19, 1975. Bill was doing religion, without the personal relationship.

However, God was working on him! Bill married his college sweetheart, Lou, in June of 1952, who was a Born-again Methodist. Today, they have four children, fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Lou's patience, love and faith prayed Bill right into the Kingdom of God! Bill hasn't been the same since! Together this dynamic duo has put the enemy to flight and brought the love of Christ to many of God's lonely and lost.

Bill and Lou have remained in the Methodist denomination all their lives. Today, Bill is in his twenty ninth year as a teacher in one of the many adult Sunday school classes at First United Methodist Church in Kerrville. He and Lou love their class members as family.

Associate Pastor, Ray Altman had this to say about this Godly couple: *"Bill and Lou Lewis have chosen to spend their lives in the service of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Their witness and dedication is a constant encouragement to me and to our entire community, that when you fearlessly share Christ with compassion and humility, lives are changed, especially your own. It's really quite simple. Bill and Lou Lewis love God and they love people. That love has led them to serve Christ and share His grace with anyone and everyone they meet. They have dedicated their lives to spread the good news in countless ways, and it has made a difference in my life and the lives of countless others."*

Col. Bill Lewis also served his country as a B17 Navigator in the US Army Air Corps during WWII. He served in the Korean War, the Cold War and Viet Nam War.



His last position before retirement was Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics in that 15th Air Force at March AFB, Riverside, California. As a military officer, Bill had the opportunity to share his faith story with many of his brothers and sisters in arms. Today, Bill directs people to eternal Salvation through Jesus Christ!

TCKF President, Max Greiner, Jr. had this to say about his friends: *"Bill and Lou Lewis are two of God's finest creations! They have not only lived the Christian life at the highest levels, but they have been willing to serve others and share what they have found. Most Christians are content to sit on the pew once a week. Not Bill or Lou, they wanted more! They both have boldly shared the goodness of their God, inside and outside the church walls, so others might find the genuine love of Jesus Christ. I am amazed by their love, integrity, faith, humility and energy. I can't image what this couple was like in their seventies! All I can say is that if you want to find Bill and Lou in Heaven one day, you will have to go to the street with the really big houses! It has been a distinct honor and privilege to know this incredible couple!"*

When asked about this country, Col. Bill Lewis gave this advice: *"Our nation is tottering on the brink of disaster. If the Rapture isn't scheduled for next week, the LORD is missing a golden opportunity. I ask everyone to pray for leadership that will lead us back to the LORD."* ●

# BECOME A "FRIEND OF THE CROSS"!

## "FRIEND OF THE CROSS" DISCOUNTS

Many local businesses support the goals of the Sculpture Prayer Garden. Several of which are providing a special "Friend Of The Cross Discount" to customers who ask for the discount. Currently businesses that provide this special "Cross Discount" are the YO HOTEL and restaurant, THE BRANDING IRON, MAMACITA'S and BUZZIES BARBEQUE. The SUPER 8 MOTEL also provides a discount to "Cross Guests". Please check the website for a current list of supporting businesses.

## TCKF PRAYER INTERCESSORS

The Kingdom of God advances on the prayers of the saints. Therefore, if you feel "called" by God to be a TCKF Prayer Intercessor, we need you! This select group of Christians prays on a continuous basis for the vision of the garden, specific needs, and for the people who come to *"The Empty Cross"* seeking God's help. Intercessors are made aware of pressing needs through a special PRAYER ALERT, which is issued only when targeted prayer is needed. Members are also invited to pray with other Intercessors at the garden each week for the many the individual prayer requests that come in. Check the EVENTS CALENDAR on the website for time and date.

## EASTER 2014 AT THE GARDEN

Mark your calendar for April 19 and 20, 2014 because TCKF will be celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ all weekend. On Saturday, different Christian praise and worship teams will provide free concerts. In addition, various Christ-honoring presentations will be made during Saturday with activities for the children. On Sunday morning, a non-denominational Sunrise Service will held at 7:00 AM. Please bring your lawn chairs because 306 people attended last year's service from several states!

## PLEASE DONATE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR!

Prayerfully consider making a sizable donation to TCKF so we can complete the 23 acre Sculpture Prayer Garden in Kerrville. The land, the existing features and the art has all been donated. All gifts are tax deductible in the USA since TCKF is chartered as a non-profit 501c3 art museum organization.

"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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