



“Fire On The Mountain”

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RESURRECTION POWER ON THE MOUNTAIN!

Thousands of people from across Texas, the USA and world came to a 1,930' hill north of Kerrville, Texas to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, at the foot of the 77'7" tall contemporary sculpture, "The Empty Cross". The 24.5 acre property is located at the main entrance of Kerrville on IH-10. The people came to experience the presence and power of God at the non-denominational Christian art garden. This was the seventh Easter since the massive 70 ton, two million dollar open cross sculpture was raised on July 27, 2010. This symbolic sculpture was donated to The Coming King Foundation (TCKF) by artist Max and Sherry Greiner of Kerrville, and Eagle Bronze Foundry owners, Monte and Beverly Paddleford of Lander, WY.

Again this year, pilgrims came to The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden from many states and countries. 20 states were represented this Easter including: Hawaii, North Carolina, New Mexico, Michigan, Colorado, California, Washington, Florida, Ohio, Oregon, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas. Guests came from seven countries including Mexico, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Guam, Ukraine, Saipan and the USA.



The 2017 Easter Son Rise service drew 569 pilgrims from 20 states and seven countries. The people worshipped God at the foot of the 77'7" "The Empty Cross" Corten Steel sculpture. This sculpture is considered to be the most symbolic cross sculpture in the world. It represents the Door, the Way, the Mighty Fortress, the Strong Tower, the Resurrection and the Light of the world. (Whitfield Photography)



TCKF Founders, Max and Sherry Greiner prayed at the Saturday Resurrection Celebration Service on 4/15/17. God called the Greiners almost 17 years ago to "restore the Tabernacle of David" through a prophetic word given by Dr. Mahesh Chavda on 12/9/01, at Cathedral of Praise Church in Austin, TX. (Linda Forse photo)



During the two hour Son Rise Easter Service on 4/16/17, people were Saved, Baptized in the Holy Spirit, healed and delivered by God. 2017 was the first year with lights and no rain! (Mike Imhoff Photography)

Counter/Greeters, who interviewed guests from 7:00 AM until midnight over four days, welcomed 2,907 people to the garden park. The two hour “Son Rise Easter Service” attracted 569 people, according to Jeff Anderson, founder of the ServKerrville Ministry. They assisted TCKF with parking, transportation and counting. 122 volunteers from various Christian churches in the area served Easter guests this year.

According to Trip Advisor, the top tourism website in the world, The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden is now Kerrville’s top year-round tourist attraction, drawing more than four times the population of the city each year. In 2016, an estimated 105,250 people visited the free art park. Thousands of visitors claim to have had life changing experiences at the Christian garden. On April 10, 2017, a Trip Advisor visitor wrote:

“Absolutely worth the time spent. I went twice - once alone and once with my 22-year-old son so he could see this. This is not a fancy place, just breathtaking, and I don’t mean just the view. I felt such a sense of peace and awe. The statues are detailed and beautiful. (Don’t miss one of the best at the bottom of the hill, on your right as you drive in. I missed it the first time.) You just drive up the hill and park. At the bottom of the cross are beautiful prayers. Along the walkways the pave-stones have the most-loved and well-known Bible verses. It’s just a beautiful experience. And, if you have never owned a Bible, there are free ones available near the base of the cross. A donation box is there, but no one pressures you. I just highly recommend this - for pictures, for prayer and for peace.”

According to TCKF, at least 24 suicides have been canceled after people visited the spiritual garden. The art park features monumental Christ-honoring sculptures and 77 Bible verses, engraved in a 300’ long cross-shaped garden path.



Pastor, Jack Rothenflue gave the Easter message at the Son Rise Service at The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden. Jack was one of the original seven Trustees who formed TCKF on May 6, 2004. Jack is the Director of Commission To Every Nation, an International missionary sending organization. (Carol Rothenflue photo)

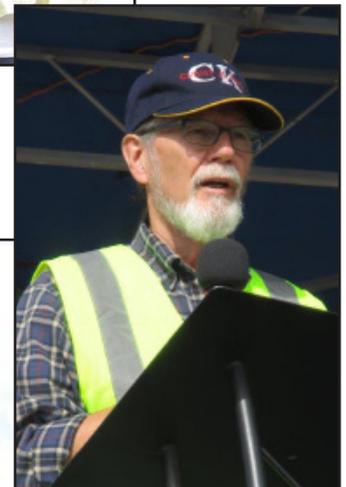


Artist, David Broussard donated and dedicated his Corten steel sculpture “One Nation Under God” on 4/15/17. The unique sculpture grafts a 613 nail cross to the historic Star of David symbol. (Greiner photo)



Laura Phipps and Louada Raschke testified how Jesus Christ set them free of years of abuse. Their powerful testimonies were shared on Saturday, 4/15/17 during the Resurrection Celebration. (Greiner photo)

TCKF Tour Guide Chaplain, Bill Warner shared his testimony of how God healed him of cancer. (Greiner photo)



International missionary and evangelist, Becky Bowen shared how she was Saved and Baptized in the Holy Spirit at the foot of “The Empty Cross.”- Becky said she broke all 10 Commandments before meeting Jesus! (Mike Imhoff Photography)

On Saturday, April 15, 2017, the “Resurrection Celebration” attracted 1,092 people, who were presented with LIVE worship music, testimonies of Christ’s healing power, and a sculpture dedication.

Artist, David and Michelle Broussard of Canton, TX donated and dedicated their Cor-tin steel sculpture called “*One Nation Under God*”. This composition depicts a nail cross grafted onto the Star Of David. The star is the historic symbol of the Jewish Nation. The cross shape is made of 613 nails that represent the 613 Jewish laws that were nailed to the cross at the Crucifixion. The poignant sculpture is displayed on a large stone wall just west of the cross.

Louada Raschke, founder of Louada Raschke Ministries, coordinated the bands and worship teams on Saturday. These included Pastor Dale Friedrich of Four Square Church, Pastor Ryan and Nicole Huff, of Real Life Church, Pastor Noah Diggs of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Evangelist, Louada Raschke and A Cross Generation Band, Pastor Mike Williams of Zion Lutheran Church and Pastor Mike Weaver of Wild Ride Ministries Church.

In between the music sets, personal testimonies of God’s power and mercy were shared with the crowd by people touched by the cross. Max Greiner, Jr. TCKF founder, artist and architect, shared how the “*Garden Revival*” is drawing thousands of people to Jesus Christ from around the world. Louada Raschke, Lowell Knox, Laura Phipps, Bill Warner, and Becky Bowen shared personal testimonies of healing and deliverance from sexual abuse, drug, alcohol and pornography addiction, cancer, abortion, suicide, crime and gang violence.

Joe Morino, owner of Bill’s Bar-B-Que provided great Texas food for guests in the “Outer Court” of the “Garden Tabernacle”. Joe donated a portion of his profits to TCKF.

On Easter Sunday morning, hundreds of worshippers made their way in the dark to the top of the hill to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jeff Rodrigues, a TCKF Tour Guide Chaplain, started the two hour Easter service by blowing the Shofar ram’s horn. The honorable Mayor, Bonnie White, welcomed visitors to Kerrville, while Country Commissioner, Harley Belew gave the Invocation. Addiction counselor and Fish Foundation Trustee, Chris Daniel introduced TCKF founders, Max and Sherry Greiner. Max thanked everyone who helped build the Garden Tabernacle over the last 16 years. The artist evangelist also shared some of the miracle testimony. A Cross Generation Band provided worship music on Sunday, which was followed by a powerful Easter message by Pastor Jack Rothenflue, Director of Commission To Every Nation. Jack was one of the seven, original founders of TCKF.

During the special Easter events, hundreds of visitors reported being touched by God through the music, the art, the testimony and prayer. People gave their lives to Jesus, got water Baptized and Baptized with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12). Also, many people said they experienced God’s miracles, signs and wonders. ●

Pastor Dale Friedrich of Kerrville’s Foursquare Church provided original worship music and spirit led preaching on Saturday morning. (Mike Imhoff Photography)



Ryan and Nicole Huff of Real Life Fellowship Church in Kerrville provided worship and preaching at the Saturday Resurrection Celebration. (Greiner photo)

Lowell Knox of Kerrville, TX shared how over 40 years ago, Jesus set him free from drugs, alcohol, sex, crime and gang violence. (Mike Imhoff Photography)



Pastor, Noah Diggs, of Mount Of Olive Baptist Church in Kerrville blessed the crowd Saturday with Gospel music and powerful preaching. (Mike Imhoff Photography)

RECENT VISITOR COMMENTS:

“So inspiring, a hidden treasure! My husband and I stumbled upon this. It was an amazing inspirational garden. We are so glad that it was a part of our road trip through Texas. I would highly recommend it to anyone.”

Kathy C.
TRIP ADVISOR Website

“A Holy Place. This holy garden is fantastic. Very beautiful place with well done sculptures and large cross. As I walked the area, I felt all my tensions and problems disappear and a calm come over me. Would have liked to stay longer. They are continually improving the area and will definitely visit again.”

Tim L., Crane, TX

“Thank you! Our 5th time here, friends and family, it is the best part of the trip to San Antonio.”

Sylvia Williams, Helotes, TX

“FINDING GOD! Whenever I visit this place, I can totally feel the strong presence of God flowing through me. When I see the statue of Jesus on the white horse, I feel compelled to fall on my knees! That statue is so intricately detailed that it even shows the veins on the horse! As I walk through the prayer garden, stopping to read what someone has wrote from the depths of their heart, I am enveloped in a spiritual experience. Standing under the 77 ft. 7 in. open cross and raising my hands to heaven, I can feel the electric power of God! I highly recommend this place as a place of solitude and meditation with the Lord or as a place to bring your friends and family.”

Ona. M.
TRIP ADVISOR Website

“So much going through my head, I had a heavy weight on me and didn't know why. Yesterday it came to me, I needed to come here (to the Sculpture Prayer Garden). The minute I got out of my car, I started to feel the weight lifting off me.”

Nicole Callahan, San Antonio, TX

“When I got here I felt like God was beside me. We came all the way from Dallas, TX. I loved this place. It is really pretty and I am going to come back. I loved it a lot.”

Esteban Domenzuin

“I want to comment on how beautiful and serene it is here. Truly the Spirit of our Father, Abba, and Savior is here. I pray that I would continuously feel His presence and peace as I do at this moment. I pray that all who come here, leave with a hunger and thirst for seeking and serving our Father and that they can do His will in our lives until our time comes to receive eternal peace.”

Rose Perez, San Antonio, TX

“Everyone should experience this at least once. We first found this jewel a few years ago, and every time we've come back they've added something new. Someone has a vision and they are steadily making progress towards accomplishing it. Fountain/baptismal pool is beautiful, bronze sculptures are amazing, it is quite a spiritual experience.”

Kris T., Cleburne, TX,
TRIP ADVISOR Website

“The story of this sacred area is a beacon of hope for all of the lost souls who have yet to discover a relationship with God. I was lost, but since being Saved and establishing that relationship, He has brought into my heart and life – so many beautiful places and things. This place is definitely one of them! I pray that people find peace and God's unconditional love.”

Cassandra Gonzales

“To The Coming King Foundation: I am from Colorado Springs, CO and was recently visiting my sister from Georgetown, TX, who has visited the Garden several times. She was so amazed at God's powerful presence each time she was inside the Cross, and was excited to take us there. We visited on October 15, 2016. Before heading to Texas, I had a biopsy appointment on my thyroid glands canceled due to being on pain meds for a broken arm. It was rescheduled for October 20th, when I returned. Inside the Cross, God healed my thyroid glands and my broken arm, as we prayed in the Spirit. All praise to our Healer! My thyroid biopsy was benign and my arm had no pain. I am still awed at Max Greiner's obedience to God's detailed plan for this place of Miracles.”

Nancy House, Colorado Springs, CO

“This is the most amazing place I have ever been.”

Beverly Lanier, Arkansas

“A Place of Peace and Presence! We have been to the Garden many times now and each visit delivers the same response from us of awe! The beautiful surrounding view, the giant cross, the beautifully crafted sculptures, the many prayers written on rocks, and the Scripture tiled path, all lead your heart and eyes in one direction to the King of kings and Lord of lords! This is a peaceful and beautiful place to visit. I always find a quiet spot to pray and just enjoy the presence of our living and mighty God. The worship music playing in the background helps me to draw closer into Him in worship. Both my husband and I have had unique experiences here of knowing the touch of God. We have also had the pleasure of meeting and praying with the sculpture artist Max, which gave us a very good sense of the true heart and passion behind the making of the garden. Since discovering this place we have taken friends to see it and plan to bring more friends in the future. May God continue to bless this vision of reaching people with the message of Christ!”

KA, Austin, TX,
TRIP ADVISOR Website

“Thank you for this place. We were passing through from visiting Ingram, TX from Montreal Canada, It is encouraging to see all the prayer rocks and to have this open to the general public.”

Hal & Sarah Merci, Montreal, Canada

“I've lived here for 25 years, originally from Houston. I consider this my home. My favorite landmark is The Empty Cross!!! I was unsure of it when they were debating it. But, I absolutely love it! So do my husband and granddaughter!! No matter how I'm feeling, if I go out there, I ALWAYS leave feeling uplifted! Thank you Max, whom I've had the pleasure of meeting and praying with, for sharing your gift with the world.”

Christye Harris, Kerrville, TX,
“Letters To The Editor”,
KERRVILLE DAILY TIMES

“Amazing, moving, empowered! The LORD healed me of (liver) cancer and renewed and restored my life!”

Cindy Pena, Corpus Christi, TX

THE KINGDOM OF GOD ADVANCES!

After the first newspaper article on the Sculpture Prayer Garden vision appeared in the Kerrville Daily Times on May 5, 2006 all hell broke loose. The wonderful article explained that local residents, Max and Sherry Greiner, believed God had called them to build a beautiful, free Sculpture Prayer Garden for Kerrville and the world, which would lift up Jesus Christ using a 77'7" tall contemporary Cor-ten steel sculpture called "The Empty Cross".

RESISTANCE TO THE CROSS

Just the mention of the Greiners' dream ignited atheists in the Kerrville and eventually across the USA. Opponents of the Christ-honoring vision immediately organized and began writing negative and hateful "Letters To The Editor" in the local newspaper. These were followed by several very negative and inaccurate editorials by a former Mayor, who vehemently opposed the cross.

The opposition was well funded by a wealthy local business man. Opponents started attending City Council meetings to state their opposition. An aggressive letter writing campaign was launched to stop the cross from ever being erected on TCKF private property. Local, state and federal agencies were contacted by the atheists claiming violations of law, in an effort to stop the cross. False charges were also filed with the IRS, which resulted in an audit. The non-profit art foundation passed with flying colors. TCKF was also bombarded with email pornography during this time.

After all the "dirty tricks" failed to stop the cross project, opponents stirred up neighbors north of the garden to file a lawsuit. In December of 2008, a lawsuit and Restraining Order was filed to stop the cross from ever being erected. The 15 month legal battle lasted until March 2010. It cost the Greiners over \$200,000, not counting the loss of Max's professional time. The opposition finally agreed to settle their lawsuit when they realized the Greiners would never give up on their vision to raise the cross of Jesus Christ over IH-10.



Kerrville Chamber of Commerce President, Walt Koenig and Chairman of the Board, Kim Clarkson met with TCKF leaders on 3/15/17 to discuss how they could bless Kerrville. (Greiner photo)



Mayor, Bonnie White and County Commissioner Harley Belew have prayed for the garden. They spoke on Easter Sunday 2017. (Whitfield Photography)



Sherry Greiner examines the custom engraved Pavers, located at the front entrance of the garden. Personalized Pavers are available for \$50 to \$1000, as one way to fund Garden construction. (Greiner photo)



TCKF Fire Marshall, Jeff Anderson leads about 45 Tour Guide Chaplains. Col. Bill Lewis is the oldest at 93 years old. (Greiner photo)



Administrator, Debbye Meszaros joined TCKF in October of 2015 after God spoke to her in Washington State saying He was sending her to the "Promised Land" in Texas!

GOD ALWAYS WINS

God is famous for winning “down to the wire” battles for His kids and bringing good out of the bad. Thanks to the four years of negative attacks against “*The Empty Cross*”, millions of people across the USA and world were made aware of the “777” cross, located just 60 miles northwest of the Alamo. The Associated Press, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and Time Warner TV did multiple stories on the battle to stop the Kerrville cross. The fight for the cross was also covered by the Christian TV, radio, magazine and social media. Many of the top leaders in the Body of Christ prayed for the unique evangelistic project including Franklin Graham, James Dobson, Pat Robertson, Paul Crouch, Randy Clark, Bill Johnson, Max Lucado, Oral Roberts, Bill Bright, Rick Warren, Mahesh Chavda, Mike Huckabee and many others.

Thanks to the prayers and support of the saints, today THE COMING KING SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN is Kerrville’s top year-round tourist attraction, drawing visitors from all 50 states and more than 65 countries. Merchants, restaurants, motels and gas stations love the tourism that has been generated by the free, non-denominational Christian art park. More than four times the population of Kerrville now visits the garden every year. Thousands of people have been touched by God on the 1,930’ mountain top. Thousands have given their hearts to Jesus. Others have been baptized, some have been physically and emotionally healed. At least 24 people have canceled their suicide plans after coming to the garden. Thousands of visitors have experienced miracles, signs and wonders. This is why Satan fought so hard to stop “*The Empty Cross*”. The Greiners hope this garden is the first of many across the USA and world. ●

Billy Long, owner of “Gardens At The Ridge Landscaping” and President of the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association leads a number of professional landscape companies who donate their services to God’s garden.

TCKF Trustee, Kathy Lyles donates hundreds of hours making God’s garden beautiful. Kathy is the former President of the Texas Native Plant Society and lives in Fredericksburg, TX. (Greiner photos)



Large groups are now visiting the garden from across the USA. Many arrive in buses, while the group, “Guardians of The Children” (pictured above) arrived on motorcycles from San Antonio. (Greiner photos)



Security expert, Bob Carey, owner of STI, donated new, top of the line security cameras, with the help of Greg Allen of Eco-Tech in Houston, TX. One of the cameras is focused on the center of “*The Empty Cross*”. The image is streamed 24/7, around the world from the TCKF website. (Greiner photo)

LIFT UP THE KING

Visit the TCKF Online Gift Shop Today!
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New!!! ZAZZLE Online Store!

Lift up the King of Glory and at the same time support TCKF! Design custom products for yourself, family or friends and ZAZZLE will send TCKF a portion of the purchase price! This is another way to raise funds.

TCKF does not sell art or souvenirs. However, due to repeated requests, we are now offering special recognition items online at the world famous ZAZZLE store! For every TCKF purchase you make, ZAZZLE will make a donation to TCKF! ZAZZLE handles the inventory, customization, shipping, the transaction and credit card processing, all according to your wishes. They offer fast delivery and a Money Back Guarantee on their products. However, they do not own the copyrights or trademarks for the art images, which are owned by donor artist, Max Greiner, Jr.

New!!! CANVAS PRINT!

Donors who donate \$500 or more can request Max Greiner's original 24"x 36" canvas print as a "Thank you" Gift. The artist took this beautiful photo on Easter morning 2016.

New!!! AMAZON Giving!

AMAZON shoppers can now designate a portion of their purchase to TCKF. Simply go to www.amazon-smile.com. Shop as you normally would, and then at Checkout designate TCKF as your designated charity. Thank you for sowing into God's Garden!





PAVE THE WAY TO THE CROSS!

Will You Help?

Will you be a part of this "Last Days" effort to present Jesus Christ to the world, using non-traditional methods of evangelism? Since 2004, our desire has been to build this garden on faith in God, without debt. The main garden vision was completed in September of 2015, but funds are still needed for:

TCKF Wish List:

1. Public Restrooms & Recording Studio (Top)
2. Concrete Steps to Lower Parking & Walking Areas
3. Concrete Paved Roads
4. "Lion Of Judah" Ten Commandments Sculpture
5. Public Restrooms & Office (Bottom)
6. Additional Sculpture Areas

Ways To Contribute:

1. Pray
2. Volunteer
3. Donate – Direct Gift
4. Covenant Partners (\$1,000 +)
5. Prayer Bench – Custom Plaque (\$777)
6. Pavers – Custom Engraved (\$50-\$1,000)
7. Ambassador Of Cross Membership (\$100)
8. Buy ZAZZLE TCKF Items online
9. Buy Amazonsmile.com & designate TCKF

Donor Foundations

- New Horizon Foundation
- Vetter Foundation
- Community Foundation of Texas Hill Country
- Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation
- Seven Cities Foundation
- FISH Foundation

"Friend Of The Cross" Businesses

Many businesses have helped build this garden without debt. Major donations have been given by these companies:

Donor Artists:

- Max Greiner, Jr. Designs (Max Greiner, Jr.)
- Eagle Bronze Inc. (Beverly Paddleford)
- Jeweled Steel (David Broussard)

Donor Contractors:

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- Geo-Source Inc.
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Donor Businesses:

- Max Greiner, Jr. Designs
- National Car Sales
- Eagle Bronze Art Foundry
- YO Ranch Hotel

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A number of local businesses offer a "Friend Of The Cross" Discount. Simply ask for this special discount at these fine locations:

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- Branding Iron @ YO Ranch Hotel
- Bella Sera Italian
- Culver's
- Café At The Ridge
- Bill's Bar-b-que
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- Dicky's Bar-b-que

Hotels & Motels:

- YO Ranch Hotel
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- Holiday Inn – Fredericksburg
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- America's Best Value Inn
- Super 8
- Motel 6

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