

In Psalms 50:10 we read that, God "owns the cattle on 1000 hills." All that we have truly belongs to God, it is simply on loan to us at the present time. "With God nothing is impossible," Luke 1:37. Our family looks with anticipation at the days and events ahead of the Open Door Church. It has been encouraging to see the spiritual growth of the body of Christ. To pause and realize fully how much has been accomplished with the completion of the Auditorium Lighting and New Stage Construction in just over one year is truly inspiring and powerful.

We are honored as a family to be a small part of what God is doing in the various ministries of the church. We encourage each of you to continue to pray for our Pastor, the leadership, the congregation and the many ministries God has called into existence here at Open Door. God has entrusted much to us in this time. We pray that He will find us faithful and good stewards. Pray and seek to join God where He is working. Serving beside you at Open Door is a privilege and blessing that we cherish as a family.



News & Information of the Ongoing Miracle at The Open Door Church

Lighting The Vision T.E.A.M. News

Pastor Mike Sanders

Wow! What an exciting year of teamwork, for "Lighting the Vision". We have had a wonderful response to our "Lighting the Vision" campaign. So far we've received \$170,000 toward our goal of \$225,000. When we reach our goal, we can complete all four phases.



The Special Easter Offering totaled over \$13,000 and has been designated towards Phase Four (TV equipment for Hope Worth Having TV program). As we draw close to the finish line let's join together to make the Vision a reality.

I, along with all the leaders, want to thank each of you for your involvement and investment in the ministry of TODC. Great things are ahead because **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**ccomplishes **M**ore.

We have already finished the first and second phases through your generosity. Phase Three should be completed by the end of July. Then Phase Four by the end of November.



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This is EXCITING! How Can I Help?
It's Easy To Join the Lighting the Vision Giving Team. Call 717-264-3266



God Is At Work All Around Us

Mark, Robyn, Morgan & Maddie

In January 2009, we as a family joined many of you in the Bible study "Experiencing God." From teens to adults over 120 individuals combined, in small groups for this study. We learned more about the fact that God calls each of us first to the close and personal relationship with Him. Secondly, God is at work all around us at each and every moment. We simply need to be watching and ready to join our Heavenly Father. God used the spiritual growth of our local church body to prepare us for the awesome experience that lay ahead on Lighting the Vision Sunday.

As the church began its journey in the winter of 2008 towards the Chest of Joash and Lighting the Vision Sunday, our family began to pray and wait upon the Lord for how He would move us to be involved. God's Word instructs us to give of our time, talents and treasures. With this project there were many ways to participate. Our daughters, Morgan and Maddie decided to save and look for any loose change they could find around the house, in the car and even in the community. Robyn and I spent time in prayer considering what God would have us to give towards the Lighting the Vision Project.

Unfortunately, we live in a world where many believe that God does not still perform miracles. The Chest of Joash offering proved those individuals wrong. On March 30, 2008, the single greatest offering in the history of the Open Door Church was collected. To see families, adults and children taking their offerings to the Lord deeply moved our family. To see a God moment and miracle like this offering and the unity of our local church body was amazing and we all must not forget the miracle of that day. We serve an Awesome God! It is easy to allow the significance of that day to fade into the busyness of our lives. Each time we enter the auditorium we should be reminded of how God is constantly at work.

As we move forward through the remaining phases of the Lighting the Vision project, our family remains excited at all that God is doing here locally and around the world as a result of the obedience of our local church. continued on page 4

5 Easy Ways To Be Involved in Lighting The Vision

1. Give A Cash Gift

Ask God for creative ways to increase your gift. You might consider income from savings, tax refunds, garage sales, an extra part-time job, reducing expenses, deferring major purchases, etc. Involve your whole family in raising a specific amount.

2. Make a Monthly Giving Pledge

You can give far more when it is spread out over time. Please take advantage of this option.

3. Giving A Gift Of Assets

In addition you can give real estate, houses, stocks, bonds, coins, gold, boats, etc. Call 717-264-3266, ext. 124 for assistance.

4. Make The Church The Beneficiary Of An Insurance Policy

Making the church the primary beneficiary of an insurance policy can leave a direct and specific gift which could far exceed gifts you may have given during your life. For assistance you may call 717-264-3266, ext. 124.

5. Make The Church A Part Of Your Will

There are many tools available to you which can benefit your church and leave an inheritance for your heirs at the same time. Our church office will help you with this plan. For assistance you may call 717-264-3266, ext. 124.

MIRACLE OFFERING RECEIVED: \$170,000.00