



PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

Pastor Dwayne Cline



The times have changed but God hasn't

The world has changed over the last few months. Expressions rarely used before have become common place. When did you ever hear 'a cart apart' or 'social distancing' prior to this past March? Moving into the pandemic we were praying that God would provide \$2 million, as we needed that money to secure both the remaining \$2 million from the government for the housing portion of the building as well as to secure our loan for \$3 million in order to complete the project.

We are thankful to announce that during the pandemic the Lord provided just over \$2 million in pledges and gifts. He is a faithful God. We are thankful that we take possession of the building in mid-August and by mid-September will be able to provide housing for many who are in precarious living situations.

Simultaneously, we are disheartened to announce, that for a variety of reasons, we were informed in the middle of June that the building is now costing us an additional \$900,000. This brings the total cost of the building to nearly \$22 million.

What does this mean?

We are grateful that the Lord has provided just over \$9.7 million in pledges and gifts towards the project as well as \$6.3 million in guaranteed government funding toward

the housing portion of the project.

In order to assist with the unprecedented rising costs in construction, as well as the costs incurred in the tariff wars, we were offered an additional \$2 million in government monies that was contingent upon our not having a mortgage of more than \$3.3 million (although we have only secured a mortgage of \$3 million). So we are praying that God will provide this \$900,000 in pledges and gifts by the end of September (the pledged monies need to be received by December 2020).

We are asking you to pray, give and introduce.

Pray with us

God is never caught off guard. Pray that He would provide both for the immediate need of \$900,000 and the overall need of \$3.9 million. The gold and the silver are His.

Consider a gift

Would you prayerfully consider donating toward the \$900,000 that is needed for the Growing to Serve campaign by the end of 2020? Every contribution to this project, regardless of the amount, is significant. Help us cross the finish line for this pioneering work.

Make an introduction

This project has caught the attention of many. We are a church that emphasizes doctrine, has a heart for evangelism, and is concerned with social justice. This has led us to build 45 apartments in our new building for those in need of supportive and affordable housing, in a facility that will be one of the most environmentally friendly buildings in North America.

You may have a friend or family member you could introduce to me who would be interested in a tour and would consider donating to the project. Please contact me if you know someone you can make an introduction to.

We are thankful for the ways God has led and continues to lead us and for your willingness to partner with us.

We live in a broken world full of broken people. But isn't it comforting to know God isn't ever broken? He isn't ever caught off guard, taken by surprise, or shocked by what happens next.

Lysa TerKeurst

Come take a tour of our new facility



Artist's Rendering

If you are interested in having a tour, please email us at office@hughson.ca or call the office at 905.527.3972. We will have a grand opening in November where we will be able to tour the church portion of the facility, but we will be unable to tour the housing portion once the tenants have moved in. We would love to have you come and tour both the church portion of the building as well as the housing portion beginning Tuesday August 25th through the month of September. Let us know if you'd like to arrange a tour with us and we'll set up a time.

Hughson's Financial Update

We are thankful that the Lord has provided generously through COVID allowing us to not only meet expenses but to be able to assist dozens of neighbours and families with emergency food and funds, who have experienced challenges and hardship during this time.

As our year end is August, please pray that we would finish our fiscal year in a healthy financial position. We are praying for \$20,000 in donations by the end of August to our general fund.

True Heroes for God let their light shine!

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

That is the theme of a mini version of our CrossTrainers Day Camp called Northern Lights. The VBS-style camp will run the last two weeks of August thanks to an unexpected grant we received through the Canada Summer Jobs Initiative. In May we received notification that our application had been denied, but after conversations with our MPP, Matthew Green we were informed at the end of June that we would receive funding to hire summer students.

We will diligently follow government protocols to protect



our staff and campers. Please pray for us as we prepare to offer camp in this unique COVID environment. We are praying that God will change the lives of many of the children who will be attending. Pray with us that God will provide \$5000 toward camp this summer.

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My Donation for Hughson

- ☐ \$ _____ for Capital Campaign (\$900,000 goal)
- ☐ \$ _____ for the General Fund (\$20,000 goal)
- ☐ \$ _____ for the Summer Camp (\$5,000 goal)

DONATION OPTIONS

Email transfers: send to office@hughson.ca

Direct Deposit: Email office@hughson.ca for a direct deposit form for pre-authorized gifts

Online: through Canada Helps

Mail a cheque: Payable to Hughson Street Baptist Church

Donations will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need has been met or changed by the HSBC Board, the remaining funds will be used where most needed.