

CITY to REACH
COMMUNITY
to BUILD



CAMPAIGN *Conversations*

**Dollars raised
to date: \$2,347,524**
Visits to go: 291

What an exciting year 2014 has been for our local church here at West Highland!

During the past Christmas season I have had time to reflect on the blessings God has bestowed upon us in 2014 as it pertains to the capital campaign and the building project we will soon be entering into.

Let me share with you four major blessings that God has given us:

- At the close of 2014 we have over \$2,300,000.00 in our building fund.
- Over 300 one to one visits have been held by our hard working ambassadors.
- City of Hamilton has issued us our building permit.
- CIBC has approved financing for the upcoming building project.

God has opened up all the necessary doors and has shown us in so many ways that this is the direction He intends for us to go.

But there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. Our total campaign goal is to raise \$6.7 million dollars.

We have established a milestone goal of \$3,800,000.00 to be raised prior to implementing the \$3,500,000.00 mortgage that CIBC has approved for us.

Over the past year I have had people in various different ways ask me "WHY". A very good question which we need to remind ourselves of constantly as we move forward in this campaign. Our Campaign Theme "CITY TO REACH, COMMUNITY TO BUILD" could be translated in a different manner:

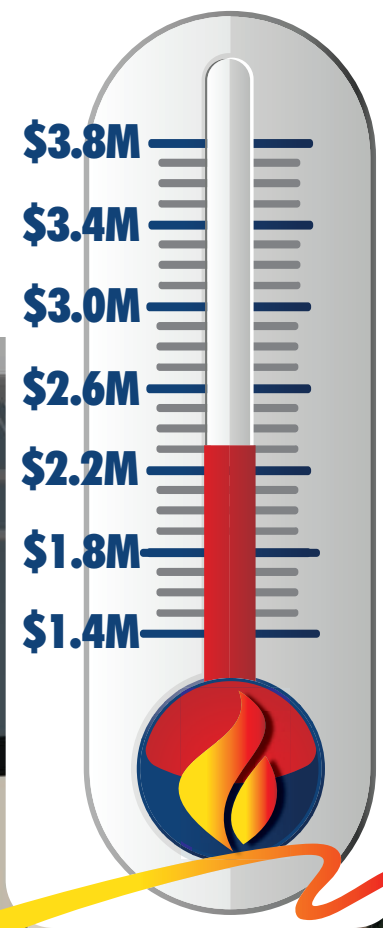
1. Present the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Lost (City to Reach).
2. Disciple the believers amongst us (Community to Build).

This is what Jesus taught his disciples while he was on earth (Matthew 28:18-20). And this Great Commission is applicable to us today as well. What an awesome blessing and responsibility we have. But in order to fully meet this mandate we need to upgrade and add to our current facilities.

"THIS IS WHY"

The Ministry Team, Elders Board, and Membership of West Highland at the Business Meetings held in 2014 have fully endorsed this mandate and building project. Won't you please join us at West Highland Baptist Church as we have a "CITY TO REACH and COMMUNITY TO BUILD?"

Calvin Voortman
Capital Campaign Chairman



"in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord"



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I was honoured to be asked to join the team of ambassadors who would visit our West Highland community. I didn't know what to expect or how I would do the visits, however we received training on what to cover along with an extremely informative and nice glossy booklet we have for each home we visit.

My first couple of visits I was a bit nervous as I wanted to be a good representative for West Highland. What I discovered was that people were waiting for me to come and have a nice visit with them and the time seemed to go by quickly. Most of our time was like a parish visit where we talked about numerous things as well as our church; we had an opportunity to get to know each other. After our wonderful conversations, we then opened the glossy booklet and went through the pages that have lots of pictures, some showing the original people and the current land where the church is today. The booklet also shows how the building addition will look and has artist drawings. This is also a great time for sharing stories of the past and the excitement to come.

How blessed I have been to be part of the Ambassador team.

Graham Lowe
Campaign Ambassador

In the month of April 2014, we were asked if we would be willing to serve as Ambassadors to the "City to Reach, Community to Build Campaign". We had many reasons to turn the request down, such things as we are in our 80's, we do not feel comfortable presenting the need, and many meetings would normally have to be at night and my cataracts make night driving a real challenge! After much prayer we felt led to take up the challenge and trust our Lord to lead the way.

It was during our Ambassador visit that a little note on page 19 in the booklet caught our eye. It stated that in the majority of cases, the donation tax credit is approximately 44% of the total donation. We then decided to pay the entire pledge in the 2014 year and turn back all of the tax return into the building campaign each year following.

Our Ambassador efforts have been a blessing to us. We have seen some who only have the OAS pension to live on and yet they contributed. A comment from one dear soul who was left a very large indebtedness commented that a one-time gift would be made and they would go home to figure out how the pledge would be paid. Could you possibly imagine the thrill it was for us to see the Lord at work in our midst!

On January 1, 2015, we closed out our campaign visits for the year 2014. We are now prepared to have the Holy Spirit lead once again in this New Year. May we have telephones that are answered, those that are willing to come to our home for the presentation, and for each candidate to sincerely ask our Lord to lead them in just what they will pledge to the expansion of West Highland Baptist Church. We continue to pray for many of those we contacted. We also had the privilege of meeting many new attendees at West Highland.

Glen and Elda Crewson
Campaign Ambassadors

GETTING READY TO BUILD

The building permit has been issued and our financial partner, the CIBC, has given us the go-ahead to proceed with construction of our new building expansion project. Work has been proceeding with "behind-the-scenes" tasks in preparation for construction to begin in the middle of February, weather permitting.

Our building expansion project encompasses construction work on our present building on all 4 sides, and also includes extensive renovations to the interior of the existing building.

Our plan is to start excavation and foundation work along the east end (back) of the church, then the south side (new fellowship hall and offices), then the west side (front), then the west end of the north side. Construction of the central part of the north side won't start until a number of months later so that we can maintain the north entrance to the building for as long as possible. We will retain at least 2 entrances to the building at all times. It is anticipated that the new part of the building will be completed in about 12 months. After this we will then proceed with the interior renovation work, followed by the outside work. Completion of the overall project is anticipated to be August 2016.

A major challenge in this undertaking is to complete the required construction work with the least possible disruption and inconvenience to our people, ministry programs, and activities. We would ask for your prayers concerning this matter as we seek the Lord's guidance and direction in planning and undertaking all construction activities.

Steven Oswald
Project Manager

CAMPAIGN RESPONSE FORM

Name(s) _____

We will attend a group meeting on February 15 We will attend a group meeting on February 17

I/we would like a visit with an ambassador

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Campaign Group Presentations:

Come learn more about the Campaign in a group setting.

February 15th after both services or February 17th @ 7:30 pm.

Join us in the Library.