

Together!

Together, with God's help, we can have a greater impact on Pierce County than we can even imagine!

May 2009

Together Recap

As we celebrate the first anniversary of the Together campaign, it seems like a good idea to reiterate the goals that we set out a year ago.

Rainier View Christian Church has a vision to reach lost people and build up believers with the love and saving message of Jesus Christ. The goal of the Together campaign is to enable both of our campuses to do this more effectively.

This campaign is called **"Together"** for several reasons. The name emphasizes the value of having both campuses working together to the advantage of the ministries in both communities. It reminds us that by pooling the efforts and resources of all our faithful believers, together we can do a far better job of "Bringing Good News to the Poor." We know that this can only succeed if we work together with God to make it happen.

Together, we're praying that this capital stewardship campaign will achieve three purposes:

Graham Campus – We are building a new 20,500 square foot building that will serve as our Graham campus base of ministry – seven days a week!

Parkland Campus – We plan to make some major improvements at our Parkland campus to include improving our children's ministry space, improving and expanding both our teen ministry space and our adult education space, and much more.

Good News to the Poor – In addition to expanding our outreach at home, we will give a tithe of the Together campaign gifts to "bring good news to the poor."

Anniversary Update

On May 4, 2008, at memorable worship services, many in our congregation pledged commitments to our three-year Together campaign to fund the building of our Graham campus and the remodel of the Parkland campus, altogether pledging over \$3.9 million.

Following those services, we celebrated with a great brunch and fellowship at our Commitment Sunday and all-church celebration. It was indeed a historic day for Rainier View Christian Church.

At this first anniversary point, we can reflect on our faith to expand our church facilities and think about our continued support for reaching the lost in Pierce County and around the world.

Where We Stand

We have spent about \$640,000 at Graham to date. Because of your faithfulness, we were able to break ground at the Graham campus on Sunday, January 25th, a cold and snowy day braved by more than 300 men, women, and children.

Since that date, the bulldozers have continued to level our land on 224th Street. Most of the grading has been done, and the building pad is ready for the foundation. The plans for Graham are completed, and we have all the permits for the building and site. Praise God!



"This is a God-sized vision! Plans this ambitious force us to rely on God! We have to work together. Everyone has a part to play. We all need to pray together, walk by faith together, and sacrifice together."

~ Roger Worsham



When you stand on our building site and look at the neighborhoods literally springing up around it, you can't help but get excited. God is planting and growing us in the middle of a mission field!

~ Matt Goldsberry



Kidz Ministry will be significantly impacted by the sacrifice that families are making to create a new space at Graham and renovated space at Parkland. On behalf of the Kidz Ministry staff let me be the first to say thank you for your continued commitment.

~ Kristen Sturm



The church is not a building. The church is a group of Christ Followers; however, church buildings are great ministry tools. I am looking forward to seeing students' lives change by Jesus Christ during the events held in these new (and improved) facilities.

~James Floyd

Our Thanks!

Your contributions are making a difference! So far close to \$1 million has come in from Together pledges.

Total Pledged	\$3.9 Million
Building Development Spent	\$640,000
Total Given In 1st Year	\$1 Million
Amount allotted for Good News to the Poor	\$100,000

"The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose... We work together as partners who belong to God."

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 NLT



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1st Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, May 31 we will celebrate how far we have come together and what has been accomplished in the year since our building campaign.

In each of our services on May 31 we'll hear updates on campaign progress and plans. Following each service that day, we'll have a reception to continue the celebration.

Please make plans to join us
**Sunday,
May 31**



Campaign Information

If you're new to Rainier View and would like to know more about the purpose and plans of the Together Campaign, all of the campaign information is available at the Welcome Center at either campus, or you can find it online at

rainierview.org/together

Praying from the Ground UP!

Join us as we continue the countdown to the completion of our new building in Graham.

5. Groundbreaking
- 4. Site Development**
3. Foundations
2. Stud Signing
1. Grand Opening

On Sunday, June 14, plan to visit the Graham property between 11:30am and 2:30pm for a self-guided prayer walk around the building site. We hope you'll take this opportunity to pray that God will be glorified in every step of the building process from the ground up.

Sunday, June 14
11:30am-2:30pm



If you made a commitment to the Together campaign, watch your mail for the pledge letter/update that will follow this anniversary newsletter.

Good News to the Poor

Good news to the Poor is an opportunity to share our blessings with others in need. At the beginning of the building campaign process, we decided to give 10% of our cash receipts from the together Campaign to mission activities in Latin America, Africa and Pierce County. We have already begun sharing our blessings with others in need, both close to home and around the world as about \$100,000 so far has been allotted to Good News to the Poor.

In January 2009 a team from RVCC helped with the work on a recreation center/church building in Lautauro, Chile among the Mapuche people. Matt Goldsberry and Warren Miller traveled to East Africa in October 2008 to plan for future mission work that will be done in Kenya. During the summer of 2009, we will be spending about \$25,000 to develop a well, set up a windmill, and develop the farm at the men's rehab center in San Vicente, Mexico.

Please continue to keep our Together projects in your prayers:

- Thank God for all the progress that has been made: At Graham the permit process, building plans, and site work completed. At Parkland the concept is completed and plans are in process.
- Continually thank God for His faithfulness to us in difficult economic times, and for the faithfulness of His people to continue their giving faithfully and sacrificially.
- On days when there are struggles or set-backs, pray that we are, *confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus* (Philippians 1:6).