

## Ministry of Construction

“As we prayed about whom we would partner with in the construction of our new facility, we were led to a company called **Building God’s Way**. We were immediately drawn to the unique concept of serving and reaching out to the very people who would be working on our construction site. Since the decision was made to join hands with BGW, God has continued to amaze and thrill us with His power and leadership.

Several weeks ago we received an anonymous gift of \$40,000 to be used to fund the Ministry of Construction efforts. This gift was also presented as a challenge to the church to see how much our members would give toward matching it. I am pleased to tell you that the church giving exceeded the “matching funds”, making more than **\$96,000** available to be used to minister to the workers who will be on our site!

We value this concept of Ministry of Construction so much that our leadership has made the decision to scale back on any new programs during the next 12 to 18 months in order to make it a primary focus for our church. With that in mind, we have a serious goal to involve as many church members as possible in these ministry efforts.

Also, we are experiencing a number of what we call “**God things**” as the journey continues. One example involves our **Gift-In-Kind/Sub Contractor Negotiation** meetings. A representative of a nearby church, who is in the early stages of working with BGW, had been invited to attend one such meeting and observe how the BGW process was working. At that meeting she was introduced to Howard Avery, who invited her to attend the **Celebration Banquet** that was to be held by our church on the night of our Ground Breaking. This banquet was designed to celebrate what God had done and motivate our church in the Ministry of Construction.

It turns out that a small delegation of 6 to 8 people from this church did attend the banquet. They were so encouraged by what they saw and heard that they made a donation to our building fund. I can’t begin to tell you how good it feels to be a small part of helping and encouraging a church that is getting ready to travel down the same road that we are currently traveling. Oh, and I must tell you that at the conclusion of the banquet we encouraged those who had not already signed up to work on the Ministry of Construction teams to do so. We added over 100 additional volunteers that night! Only God could do something like this!

Considering the number of amazing things that have already happened, it is hard to believe that we are now only on the front end of this journey. We can only imagine how many lives will be touched and changed in the weeks and months ahead. What a wonderful ride He is taking us on!”

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