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Journey Christian Church to re-Build God's Way in New Orleans

October 28, 2005: Journey Christian Church of Metairie, LA, has partnered with Building God's Way for its Katrina Disaster Rebuild Efforts. God has given lead pastor Rick Grover a ministry vision for outreach within the rebuilt city of New Orleans. Journey has launched a plan to construct and maintain a series of neighborhood community centers throughout New Orleans.

"We plan to reach immediate needs with families at the local level first through neighborhood centers. Many families will be trying to clean up and rebuild in the New Orleans area, and there will be many who couldn't afford insurance," said Grover. "We can be there as the Church and help them get re-established."

The goal is to have each neighborhood resource center sponsored by various churches from around the United States. Each center will be staffed by some long-term employees as well as rotating short-term volunteer teams from participating churches. This is a concerted effort among churches to combine resources and mobilize volunteers in the most effective way possible. Journey's heart for the neighborhood centers is to provide for physical needs, care for children, and influence the spiritual and emotional health of the community. The mission of Journey is to help people experience a life-changing passion for Jesus Christ and His community.

The physical buildings are a key ingredient in Journey's ministry vision. Journey is currently seeking donations as Grover shares the vision for these neighborhood centers. Grover foresees as many as 12 community centers as New Orleans residents begin to return and rebuild.



Building is not a new concept to the organization. Journey Christian Church began with 10 individuals who followed the Lord's leading in 2001. This ministry quickly built up to enough size to begin Sunday services at a Cinema in Kenner.

Since the development of the neighborhood community center plan, Journey has formed a partnership with Building God's Way. Building God's Way is a turnkey design and construction solution exclusive to Christian ministries nationwide.

Following years of experience in developing cost effective, ministry-based solutions, the Building God's Way team has played a role in the planning, design and construction for numerous Christian organizations.

"Good design begins with a solid understanding of the church's ministries from the building committee," says Don Mahoney, BGW partner architect. "We begin with the philosophy that space is ultimately a tool to meet the needs of the ministry. It is also important to work with someone that you believe is your trusted advisor through what can be a difficult and complicated process."

Building God's Way was founded on the Biblical principles of stewardship, relationships and outreach. This foundation leads to a team approach where the architect, engineers, general contractor and even subcontractors are dedicated to the success of the building project. In the flurry of rebuilding efforts following the Katrina disaster, this team approach may be hard to find elsewhere in New Orleans.

The comprehensive BGW system results in below market construction, maintenance and operation costs. Savings are drawn from cost-effective design concepts, the BGW Gift in Kind process, national purchasing agreements and construction efficiencies.

Founding architectural firm Daniel Cook and Associates recently completed a preliminary exterior rendering and are working on interior floor plans for Journey's neighborhood facilities. The BGW Builder network is committed to Journey's rebuilding effort and will send teams to lead and/or conduct construction when the time comes.

Through it all, Journey Christian Church and Building God's Way will work side by side to increase the impact of a Ministry of Construction. "Ministry is really why we started Building God's Way," says founding architect, Dan Cook. "We saw so many churches building and getting a building done just so they would have a place to worship and ignoring the men on the job site. I was one of those men for many, many years before I knew the Lord. After I accepted the Lord I just had a strong compassion and a real mission to come back and do projects not only to honor God - but also to minister to the workmen who don't know the Lord."

If you're interested in participating with Journey Christian Church, visit their website at www.JourneyNewOrleans.com. For more information about Building God's Way, call 800-552-7137 or visit online, www.BuildingGodsWay.com.