



Dear Church,

Thank you for faithfully supporting our family as we preach the gospel in the Pacific Northwest. Our labor is not in vain, and our cause is right. The message of repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ for salvation is still the need of this lost and dying world. We are constantly and desperately seeking those who will hear the message and be saved here in Astoria and the surrounding areas. Your prayers and support allow us to do this, and we are very thankful for that!

Our progress on the Old-Fashioned Gospel Tent Meeting has been redirected. I asked the city planner to tell me plainly if there was any reason we could not use a donated piece of land located in downtown Warrenton. He said there was no reason he could foresee and then asked me to submit a non-refundable 300 fee for a permit to officially ask permission to hold our event. Quickly after submitting the fee, he replied to let me know that public works had a comment against our permit, and it would take 30 days to resolve. After more than 30 days, he called me to let me know the commission was tied 2-2 over the decision to allow amplified sound. He gave me a choice of proceeding with the permit without sound amplification or waiting another month until the next meeting to see if a 3rd commissioner would side with us, which would leave us without an answer until a few days before the meeting. Then I asked him if there was any other foreseeable roadblock that would hinder us. That's when he decided to let me know the city would require us to have a sidewalk installed before we could get approval. He told me they have known for some time that this property needed a sidewalk, a fact I would like to have known before submitting the request!

Dear prayer partners, can you imagine what we will deal with when the time comes to try to construct a building in this community? This part of the United States is not like old-town America and the things of God are not held in high regard. We are working against deep rooted disrespect for God's Word, God's man, and God's church! Despite these things, we are more than conquerors through HIM that loved us! (Romans 8:37)

Following this news, Stacy suggested I speak with the new manager of the Shilo Inn and see if we could hold our meeting there. This was a great idea, and the best option given our time schedule. I spoke with the manager, and he was happy to allow us to use the conference room for our meetings. I told him the previous manager gave us a great deal at \$20.00 per day and asked if he would do something comparable. He said, "O, I won't charge you guys for that, we love having you as tenants. You guys have been great!" What a joy to hear, and what an answer to prayer. Make no mistake, the city planner meant it for evil, but God meant it for good! Please pray for our "Old-Fashioned Gospel Meeting" to be a great success this year! The dates are July 9th-12th. If you can make it, we would enjoy the company! Thank you so much for keeping us encouraged with cards, e-mails, and texts from time to time. We are enjoying the work and looking forward to the imminent rapture!

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