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We wanted to make you aware of an exciting opportunity for Summit Church! We are in the process of pursuing a lease on a warehouse property in Anthem. This space is where New Creation Church currently meets on Saturday nights. They are no longer able to afford the space on their own, so we would like to rent it and then sublease to them on Saturdays. This would make the space affordable for both of our churches and give us a permanent location.

How would this financially impact our church?

In partnering with New Creation Church, our monthly rent would be about the same as what we currently pay the school (approximately \$2,400 per month). In addition to this, we would need to pay for the electric bill which we estimate will be around \$600 per month. As a church, we are confident we could cover this remaining cost from our weekly tithes and offerings.

Beyond the monthly costs, there would also be some upfront costs for both a security deposit (around \$8,000) and for some renovations. Among the most urgent renovations would be combining some office space to make adequate room for our Adventure Kid's Church and preschool/nursery.

How can we help?

After submitting a first proposal, the owner has come back insisting on a five year lease as well as assurance that we are financially secure enough to carry the lease.

Therefore, we are doing three things:

- First, we are asking people to give immediately as much as God lays on their hearts to give. We need to have approximately 6 months' worth of income in savings to give ourselves the best chance of securing this lease and to provide for the upfront costs we would have. Our goal is to reach \$50,000 and we currently have a little over \$20,000.
- Second, we are launching our "More Than Bricks" project. This is where we are asking each family and individual in our church to pray about an amount they can commit to give over the course of this next year. Everything given to the "More Than Bricks" fund will be used to cover costs such as renovations and rent and will help us save to ultimately purchase a building. Even if the owner does not grant us the lease for this property, the money from "More Than Bricks" would

still be crucial towards a next opportunity we trust that God will open for a building.

- Third, we are seeking out businesses, individuals, or ministries who might be willing to be a guarantor for even a portion of the lease.

Why the Need for Immediate Funds?

The reason we are in a time crunch right now is that New Creation Church's lease will be up at the end of the month and they will have to vacate the building. If we can secure this lease ASAP, they will be able to stay. We would benefit from not only the income, but also from sharing some of their supplies and equipment.

Positioned for a Miracle!

We encourage everyone to reach out to friends and family who may want to invest in the vision of Summit Church. Regardless of how all the details play out, God is in control and He is our provider. However, we are thankful that we get to play a role in His plan, giving generously as He has given to us.

Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey of faith. If you have any questions, we would be happy to talk more with you about this project. We believe that God has positioned us for a miracle!

Blessings,

Pastors Jeremy and Catie Naranjo

“Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work.” – Exodus 35:21

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