

Greetings in the Lord from the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center! Many of our supporters have asked about when we will start actual building construction, so

we wanted to write and update you on our plans and progress. While some necessary site work has been done, we have experienced more unexpected delays in starting than we thought we would.

Our original goal, communicated to guests, was to start preliminary site work near the end of 2015 or early in 2016. That did not happen. Engineering delays due to the complex nature of the foundation and building structure in our sandy soil conditions, changes in regulations and the necessity of phasing the building construction so we can keep hosting guests all took much longer than expected to resolve. Then even getting the local, part time building inspector to get all the materials he needed and to sign off on the permit has taken several months.

The engineering concerns have now been settled to everyone's satisfaction and we actually picked up the building permit this week. Thank the Lord! We now expect to begin the site preparation work any day.

As we begin work to clear the site and install the foundation, we have time to complete and submit all the extensive remaining detailed construction plans for approval this fall. Tree removal, site preparation, and re-routing a main water line will be the first steps. Installing geopier foundation supports and the concrete foundation work should be completed by year end. At that point, we will be actively recruiting volunteers to come and help with the construction. Work on Phase One should extend throughout 2017.

To date we have raised about \$1.7 million and spent \$265,305 on structural and civil engineering, plans, fund raising, preliminary site work, etc. We currently have \$1.4 million on hand. We were excited to receive news at the beginning of summer that the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust approved our grant request for \$385,000 as the final funds to complete construction of Phase One! At our estimated cost of \$2,381,379 with volunteer help for Phase One, that leaves \$294,836 to raise over the next several months. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and the Murdock Trust for their generosity!

We will continue fund raising during construction, and if funds come in beyond those estimated to complete Phase One, we will allocate them to Phase Two construction, potentially allowing us to start Phase Two sooner than originally planned.

As we move ahead, please pray for favor by officials and inspectors, no more delays, adequate funding throughout the construction so we don't have to stop work and wait for funds, adequate volunteers when needed, safety for all involved and that God would be honored and glorified throughout.

Thanks for your support! If you have any questions or would like to discuss a special gift of some kind, be sure to contact either me or Carl Sandeen at 503-436-1501.

God bless you!

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