

APPEAL #492

RIVERWOOD COVENANT CHURCH
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Riverwood Covenant Church

Riverwood Covenant Church of Rockford, Minnesota, was planted in 2000 by Plymouth Covenant Church.

We are located about a half hour west of Minneapolis on the edge of the suburban ring. In the spring of 2004 our little congregation, made up mainly of young working families, raised more than \$35,000 in one day toward purchasing a fifteen-acre parcel of land, on which we now have our worship facility. We call that day "miracle Sunday" for good reasons.



During the summer and fall of 2009 we went through the visioning process, which sharpened the focus of our ministry. We prayed about what the Lord wanted us to be and do in the next chapter, and the result was very gratifying. Our key verse is Galatians 5:6: "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" (NIV). We see this as a call to genuine and deep and personal faith in Christ, but also an invitation to demonstrate our faith not by words but through really loving God's people.

Our major outreach venture has been the establishment of a separate nonprofit organization called RiverWorks. This community development organization is fast becoming the key partner for the business, corporate, church, educational, and governmental communities to help those in need in the Rockford/Greenfield area. The RiverWorks food shelf, which opened in March 2010, helped feed more than 1300 distinct individuals in its first year of existence. More than 100 volunteers serve in RiverWorks each month.

On March 4, 2012, we as a congregation marched forth from our rented space to our new facility. Since that day we have already seen significant numerical growth and are currently holding two services per Sunday. We now are a readily recognizable entity in the community, and we have an active and exciting means of ministering here. To God be the glory.

Prayer Requests:

Pray that Riverwood would stay in the center of God's will.

Pray that we would be ready for the next chapter of anticipated growth.

Pray that we would stay focused on our mission as a church in our new building, connecting with God and others, growing in Christ, and reaching the lost and hurting.

Pray for the needed resources that have been pledged for the building project.

Kingdom Report: Mosaic Community Covenant Church, Sugar Land, TX

APPEALS #478 —FUNDS RAISED: \$16,783.50

Mosaic Community Covenant Church has looked just like the name implies since we began the ministry on January 7, 2007. The church has committed to being intentionally multi-cultural, and families from various ethnic and racial backgrounds are members.



We held our first worship services in Austin Parkway Elementary School. One of the conditions for leasing was to provide a five-year plan with benchmarks to meet toward being in our own facility. In our second year the school district announced it would increase our rent by 50 percent. Our leaders felt it was time for us to aggressively look for another place to lease that would help us expand and grow our ministry.

We found a place off of Highway 6 that had 4,000 square feet and was willing to forego the requirement of a personal guarantor that most commercial leases include in their contract. The landlord also agreed to a rental rate of just one dollar a month even though commercial space in the area ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.80 per square foot.

We were able to build-out the facility for roughly \$182,000. This was made possible with the help of ECC families donating toward the Kingdom Builders Program, a loan from National Covenant Properties, and our own capital campaign fundraiser. Due to a personal relationship with the builder, he added more than \$40,000 in upgrades from the quality of the studs to the wooden steps on the elevated stage.

We are grateful to the Covenant family for making our ministry possible.

Kingdom Builders: Helping build God's Kingdom since 1952

What is Kingdom Builders?

Kingdom Builders, formerly Frontier Friends, is a ministry of the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism that provides grants to churches purchasing property or building a facility.

Who are Kingdom Builders?

Kingdom Builders are committed Covenanters who want to help build God's Kingdom through prayer and the sharing of their resources.

How does the program work?

Members receive a number of appeals per year, with information about the church seeking support, an update on a past project, and prayer requests. Members set their own giving levels, with the most

common gift ranging between \$1 to \$100 per appeal and member.

How do I join? If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Kingdom Builders, or would like more information about donation options, please contact the Kingdom Builders coordinator at kingdom.builders@covchurch.org, or by phone at 773-907-3355, or by mail to the address below.

How can I give to Kingdom Builders?

It is important to us that you are able to give to Kingdom Builders in the manner most convenient for you. To that end, we offer the following giving options: (1) by appeal; (2) monthly; (3) quarterly; (4) annually. We also accept electronic

transfer of funds. If you would like to change your donation plan or open an electronic transfer of funds, please call 773-907-3355 or email kingdom.builders@covchurch.org.

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Questions? Comments? More information is available at the Covenant website. Visit www.covchurch.org, and click on the Kingdom Builders link.