



## A Share in Christ's Work: Year-end Giving and Tax Benefits

### Ways to Give

As you do your tax planning, we hope you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction you can get through RMFI. The fact is, your year-end gift can significantly reduce your income taxes while providing meaningful support for your community church or one of the other

family ministry projects.

Regardless of your income, in most cases, you can lower the taxes you pay through charitable giving, of course, the amount of the income tax savings will depend on your tax bracket. However, we all know that giving is about much more than tax savings. Your charitable gifts to RMFI make an important difference

in what we are able to accomplish. If you itemize, you can lower your income taxes simply by writing a check to your local church and/or to RMFI by December 31st. There is no easier way to garner a year-end charitable deduction. Through such an arrangement, you may be able to increase your income and make a meaningful (and tax-deductible) contribution at the same time.

## News from Alvarado New Life Ministries

WOW! The mountains of opposition are steadily moving and the things God has been preparing for us on the other side are becoming clearer by the day. Many of our families including ourselves, are experiencing major breakthroughs in finances, family situations, jobs, and many other things. Yes, we are excited!! We're moving forward in faith and great expectations for our todays and tomorrows.

*We are moving full speed ahead on raising money for our church property. We are believing to have the finances to make an offer by the end of the year.*

We may be small numerically, but our church family has a heart of incredibly strong faith and courage. There is no doubt in our hearts that EVERY promise God has made to us is NOW at the beginning of the fulfillment stage.

The Glory of God is filling the house. During a recent Sunday service, a little boy visiting for the first time heard a part of the message that God waits for our response on whether we believe He is Big enough to handle any situation. He came forward after the service and gave his heart to the Lord. He also asked if he could say in front of the whole church that he believed God could heal his mother who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Needless to say that little boy heard the Word and believed.

We are ending 2007 on a very high level of Praise and we will enter 2008 on an even higher level.

Blessings, Pastors Marshall and Darlene

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# Christian Community Church

Christian Community Church dedicated itself to growth expansion programs for the Kingdom of God. Many various programs are engaged and in action. Building programs require constant change and this year has not been an exception. Our brick and mortar project continues and the effects on this Church I believe is very positive.

Some building stages may appear at first to be negative changes until the builder's plan becomes visible to the observer. What was thought to be a negative change at first, becomes a positive change to us, only after we begin to see the finished project. We need a vision to keep us focused and of course from perishing.

Sometimes, we do not know why we perceive changes in our lives to be negative and after time and understanding comes, we begin to see what God's building plan is for us. It is at that time we look back and see that those changes we perceived as negative at the time were really a very positive action and was required for our development.

Required changes within expansion programs as well as the inertia from that plan engagement have presented opportunities for growth and maturity for its members. Remember to make sure we look at all glasses of water as being half full. Actions that may appear to be a negative change is in fact a positive change when the finished product is in view. Expansion programs involve attitude change adjustments. In II Cor. 5, scripture informs us that God is working on a building within us, so this is a God thing being accomplished within us. In addition, we can not see that house being built unless this outside flesh house is dissolved away. The outside changes in our building may not reflect what God is doing on the inside of our building at all times. Let us be assured that He

never fails and the foundation will not crack, the walls will be straight, and the roof will not leak. Rest assured that during the building process, there is stress on each member to be aligned and positioned in its place. Change adjustments will be required, repairs will be made, alignments will be forced but the results will be a completed building built to the Master Builders' Plan and specifications.

There is a cost for change and ever so often we surely need to remind ourselves that the outcome is well worth that cost. This is the time of the year to reflect upon the changes we have experienced through out the year. Please focus on the fact that God is in control, no matter what. What looks like a negative change at first will become clearly positive for us as God allows us to see a "type and shadow" of the finished product.

Builders as their physical year approaches begin to reassess their building programs and compare their status against objectives. Present Budgets are revisited and planning for the next physical year begins. Real costs are measured against objectives, schedules, and financial statements and present asset value. Many things are quantitative in our building plan, but some things are not measurable. These things that are not measurable by our physical knowledge are measurable in our spiritual building plan only by our spiritual eyes.

I am a Builder that dream dreams and sees visions and desire to see souls added to the kingdom of God, but folks, we are all Kingdom builders for Jesus! Team work is very critical within the kingdom of God. Unless we labor together, dreams or visions will not become reality and the Scriptures warn us that without a vision, the people perish.

We continue in this Church to experience physical, social, finan-

cial, emotional, faith and spiritual growth of its members as God through Jesus Christ applies His marvelous grace to each of us. One of my many desires is to see people in this Church look at every change in their life as a positive step in their journey of perfection.

The fire of God continues to spark hope and trust in many members of this Church. Every person that is born again should feel blessed to be part of the here and now God we serve and "change" best expresses the exuberance of this emotional accomplishment.

This church desires to see God move in the lives of the Churches in and around Brady, Texas. God continually releases our faith for change in this Church and also, the dedicated expansion program has positive changes is the brick and mortar expansion as well.

## **Look what the Lord is doing, He is working on a building.**

1. Utility Relocation has been completed.
2. Air Conditioner Relocation has been completed.
3. Foundation and Rough-in plumbing for 3,888 square feet has been completed.
4. Outside walls have been completed.
5. In-the-dry Building roof stage is next!
6. Electrical and Plumbing and utilities
7. Office and Sunday School Building Expansion Finishing.
8. Fellowship expansion.
9. Kitchen rebuilding
10. Sanctuary Expansion and relay-out.
11. Dedication Celebration.

They say that a picture speaks a thousand words. Please look at where we have started. A hole in the ground to holes in a completed wall setting on a firm foundation. What was considered negative actions of delays and various obstacles have served only to prove that God is still in control ---no matter what!