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# a leap of faith



It's time for a big fat thank you note, followed by more time on our knees.

As you know, Grace Community Church has graciously allowed Free Grace use of its facilities for worship services. They have not charged a penny for either their space or their sound equipment. They have also allowed Ken to counsel out of the pastor's office, also free of charge. We are very thankful for the blessing that is Grace Community Church. But wait, there's more...

Ken recently met Reverend Angel Silva, pastor of Missio Dei Church in Portland. After chatting about various topics, including counseling, he graciously offered Ken office space in order to counsel in the Portland area. Wow! Didn't see that coming! Hang on to your hat, that's not all...

Free Grace has just signed a lease on its own building in Lewiston. This will free us to hold weekly worship services and establish a solid presence in the community. It would also provide a permanent counseling office for Jordan's Bridge. We are preparing to move in April 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by weekly services beginning on the first Sunday of May, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. So, there's the exciting scoop: several reasons to be thankful and to be praying.



*New home of Free Grace & Jordan's Bridge*



*Our future sanctuary*

Another huge thank you goes to all of you, our supporters, for encouraging us, praying for us and for funding God's good work in Maine through Free Grace and Jordan's Bridge. God has answered our prayers, and yours, by establishing and working through these two ministries.

Would you join us once again in prayer as we prepare to move into our worship and office space? Would you join us in praising God for extending his grace through people such as Angel Silva and the Grace Community congregation? Would you pray for God to be at work in Lewiston and Auburn using these steps, this leap of faith as a powerful proclamation of the gospel?

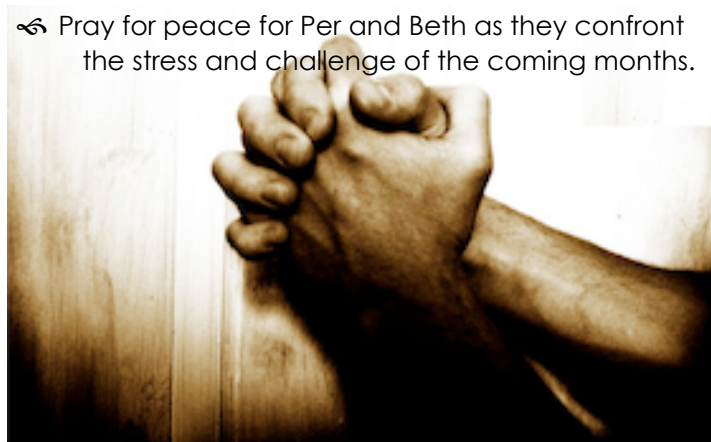
## A BRIEF LIST OF NEEDS

This is a list of some of the things we need as we move in to our building and begin weekly worship. Would you consider joining us once again by giving towards these expenses?

1. Chairs for the sanctuary
2. Sound equipment (microphones, speakers, etc.)
3. Music stands
4. Communion table
5. Pulpit/lectern
6. Communion trays/cup
7. Baptismal Bowl & Fount
8. Desks
9. Office chairs
10. File cabinets
11. Shelves
12. Storage cabinets
13. Trash cans
14. Recycling bins
15. Copier
16. Folding tables
17. Nursery stuff (toys, changing table, etc.)
18. Vacuum cleaner
19. Coffee maker
20. First Aid kit
21. Artwork/decor
22. Window treatments
23. Microwave
24. Fridge (dorm or full size depends upon space)
25. Janitorial supplies
26. Vacuum cleaner
27. Fire extinguishers/smoke alarms

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✠ Pray that through the business of the next two months we would remember that all we do is to proclaim Christ and God would be glorified.
- ✠ Praise God for all who have partnered with us in prayer and in giving. Give thanks for Angel Silva and Grace Community Church and their willingness to let God use them to be a part in what he is doing through Free Grace and Jordan's Bridge.
- ✠ Pray for Ken and Linda as they continue to face challenges (Linda's wallet stolen, replacing their garage door, a leaking roof, etc.). Pray for encouragement and joy in seeing God's hand at work in their lives.
- ✠ Pray for the many details before us to get the building ready and to begin weekly worship. Pray for unity of spirit through many discussions and long days and late nights.
- ✠ Pray that God would let us see how he uses this leap of faith to draw the people of our community to him.
- ✠ Pray for the financial leap that this is for us as a church. Rejoice with us that God has provided wonderfully for our needs and that we would continue to see him provide for the list to the left and the additional ongoing expenses (utilities, rent, etc.).
- ✠ Pray for peace for Per and Beth as they confront the stress and challenge of the coming months.



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electronic or credit card gifts*

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Lawrenceville, GA 30043

*Please make sure to include  
on the check that it is for  
Ken & Linda Morris*

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Friends,

A Swedish man has just been told that he has won the lottery. He continues to stand with hands in his pockets and his face set in the same neutral expression it had when he entered the store. The clerk behind the counter checks to make sure he heard him. "Yes, I heard." is his reply. Continuing to see no change in his expression, the clerk asks, "Why aren't you excited?" To which the Swedish man answers, "This is excited."

Despite me being a bit like the Swedish man in the story, the excitement here at Free Grace is very real and palpable. I wish you could see it in the eyes and hear it in the voices of the people of Free Grace.

This time is both exhilarating and overwhelming. We are thrilled with what God has provided for us - and we are scared of what he is asking of us. This is the leap of faith - to see where God is leading and to trust in him.

Each of you has walked this path with us. Your prayers, gifts, and encouragement have played a part in who we are at Free Grace and how God has been working in and through us. I want to take this time to thank you personally once again. I also want to invite you to leap with us. You saw in the newsletter a list of some of the many things that we need in order to have the building ready for weekly worship by May. This takes prayer, work, and money. Would you consider joining us with these?

**Prayer:** If you are willing to commit to praying regularly for us through this time, please contact the church and we will make sure you are added to the prayer team.

**Work:** The landlord is doing a lot of work on the building. But there is still more work to do. If you have specific skills (carpentry, plumbing, networks, etc.) that you think might be useful and you are able to visit with us to share those, please let us know.

**Money:** God has been so gracious to allow us to build up some savings knowing this day was coming. However, there is so much to buy to start a church. The newsletter has a list of some of the stuff we need from big items like chairs for the sanctuary to little ones like trash cans. Would you consider giving to help us with this?

Friends, join us in taking this leap of faith for the glory of God in central Maine. Rejoice, give thanks, and pray.

Yours in Christ,

*per*