



MEET THE PROJECT MANAGERS

We are excited to introduce to you, Hugh Burgsma and Al Vanderlaan! We will feature the rest of the Building Committee in next month's newsletter.

Hugh Burgsma has accepted the invitation to be the Project Manager. Hugh has lived in Huron County all his life and after many years in the construction industry, launched his own company, Complete Construction, in 1986. The company specializes in homes, commercial buildings and renovations. Hugh and his wife, Kim, have supported Christian education for many years, and their three children are alumni of both HCS and LDCSS. Hugh brings both a wealth of experience and a deep commitment for Christian education to this project.

Al Vanderlaan will work with Hugh in the role of Site Supervisor. Al has years of experience in the building industry, and since 1989 has owned the Exeter-based company Vanderlaan Construction. Al and Norma are no strangers to Christian education and HCS. All three of their children have graduated from both HCS and LDCSS. His experience in the industry, and knowledge of the Christian school community, make Al a valuable member of this team.

There are so many components that help make any project a success. We are thankful for these two men whom God has gifted, not only with the skills needed for a building project of this size, but also with a passion for Christian education. Again we are witness to, and thankful for, God's abundant provision.

SAFE AND SOUND IN THE DR!

The COCREF schools in the Dominican Republic, which we support through the Capital Campaign, received nothing more than a little rain as a result of Hurricane Irma. Irma passed over the northern part of the island where no COCREF schools operate. Mario Matos, Executive Director of COCREF, passes on their thanks for our concern and prayers.

CONTINUING STRONG!

"God is magnificent; He can never be praised enough. There are no boundaries to His greatness. Generation after generation stands in awe of Your work; each one tells stories of Your mighty acts." Psalm 145: 3 & 4 The Message

An incredible amount of Campaign activity took place through the summer months, typically a slower time for campaigns. Many Campaign Canvassers made a record number of scheduled visits! As well, a great deal of work was done by a small group of individuals who helped us reconnect with 'lost' alumni.

Each Campaign visit was another opportunity to tell and hear the story of Christian education and there continues to be a great deal of shared passion to see where God's greater plan for the campaign and the future of Huron Christian School will take us. We are not finished yet!

It is hard to believe that twelve months have passed since our first Campaign Cabinet meeting on September 12, 2016! Our focus for the remaining six months of this 18-month Campaign is to complete all remaining visits and prepare for a late November Telephone and Letter Campaign. This will take us into the new year when we plan to celebrate the wrap up of the Campaign in early 2018.

The Building Committee will finalize the architectural design plans which continue to evolve based on further project discussions and the final amount raised through the Campaign. Construction is still on track to begin in the Spring of 2018!



GOOD, GOOD FRUIT

"It is about more than just fundraising. It is about the spiritual journey," the pastor of Sauble Christian Fellowship said on the first day of my summer vacation.

Devotions from a Capital Campaign Cabinet meeting the previous week were based on Numbers 13:26-27. "They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: 'We went into the land to which you sent us and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.'"

Within a week, God gave me two messages about journeys. One from the Old Testament where He showed His people the gifts of His promised land, and one from the present day of a church just starting on a spiritual journey of fundraising, trusting God for guidance.

The Old Testament Israelite spies saw a land of milk and honey and brought reports of the bounty they saw; a small taste of God's promised land, but there was also some fear of those that lived there. God showed His abundance but there was doubt. At times, during the planning of the Capital Campaign for HCS, we wondered how all of the money would be raised. God had plans to show us a taste of His abundance and revealed that His plan for HCS was bigger than we could ever have imagined.

The fundraising journey the Sauble Christian Fellowship is about to embark on is based on the lives and family of believers becoming more in tune with God. They know it is going to take work, intentionality, and leaning in more; a different way of praying and walking on this new spiritual journey. The Capital Campaign has also called us to walk in this way. Many Campaign volunteers making visits in the HCS community have been blessed to experience stories and commitments to Christian education; providence and abundance that only God could work in the lives of those who shared.

We need to remember that God doesn't call us to be successful. He calls us to be faithful. Many in our community have already joined us on this journey and many more will in the future. Let's see what God does next, not only for the Capital Campaign, but also for our faith journey together as a community.

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We give our heartfelt thanks to those who are sharing their time and talents.

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