

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY PHASE



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At the recent Membership meeting held Monday, May 8th, 2017, an announcement was made with regard to the funds raised toward our \$3M capital campaign. We thought we would provide you with our messages from the Membership meeting of God's work at Huron Christian School. Please highlight these messages during your conversations with your family, friends, HCS parents, grandparents, donors and potential donors so they too will understand the significant plan that God has for our school and that we continue to work toward honouring His plan.

God answers prayers to bring glory to His name, the name that is above all names. Prayer is about giving God an opportunity to prove Himself to you. That is who He is. That is what He does. And if you have the faith to dream big, pray hard, and think long, there is nothing God loves more than proving His faithfulness. -Mark Batterson, the Circle Maker, pg 197

"Miraculous events, guided by the God of the impossible, are woven into a much bigger story. Huron Christian School and the capital campaign - again miraculous, humanly impossible. The God of the impossible is not done writing this story. We are experiencing a miracle and the story is still not done.

That miracle takes the form of \$3.1 M raised or pledged to this building project to date. That is completely God's work. It is beyond anything we could have ever hoped for or imagined. And that causes us to pause and reflect. Psalm 46:10 puts it this way:

Be still and know that I am God.

As a campaign committee and a Board, we are reflecting on what the ending will really look like.

- a. What is the real story that God is writing for Huron Christian School in all of this?
- b. What is the real story that God is writing for EduDeo and COCREP in the Dominican Republic?
- c. What is your role in this ongoing story?

After all, God knew where we would be at this point in the campaign, long before the campaign started. God worked in the hearts of the people who have been visited to give what they have given. Is God telling us that our vision for Huron Christian School, or for schools in the Dominican Republic is too small? What's the bigger story that He has planned for us? Again, what part does each person who has been or will be visited play?

The story of the capital campaign is not over. We will continue this campaign with the same passion that we started with; making sure that everyone has an opportunity to be a part of this exciting story. We will continue to prayerfully listen to God's leading as we strive to be obedient to His calling for Huron Christian School.

*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*

KEY MESSAGES:

- The campaign has always had three goals:
 - to share the story of Christian education in general but specifically in Huron County
 - to raise \$3 Million to support the renovation/building project
 - to provide *everyone* the opportunity to give to the Kingdom cause
- God's plan for Huron Christian School is much larger than we had ever envisioned and He continues to brightly light the path for us to continue on to fulfill His plan. God will be with us and He will see to it that the work is done correctly.
- God's larger plan will continue to assist us in providing financial support to the schools in the Dominican Republic through our partnership with EduDeo, so that more children can experience quality Christian education.

Q. Why is the campaign continuing even though we are beyond our goal of \$3 Million?

A. We want to continue to honour God's plan for HCS which is much greater than we had ever imagined. It is our promise to continue the campaign until all supporters of our school have had an opportunity to participate in God's plan for our school. We still have many more individuals who have not yet been invited to give and we want to honour those who gave early in the campaign by ensuring all others have an opportunity to join them. It is God's plan that moves us to continue on. His story for our school is not yet over.

Q. What plans are in place for the funds that are being raised over and above the original goal of \$3M?

A. The Board will be addressing potential opportunities once we understand where the campaign will finish. We cannot make a definitive decision until the funds have been raised and careful decisions are made. It is our top priority that we are good stewards of the funds our community has blessed us with and we commit to transparent and appropriate use of these funds.

When we began this process over two years ago, we developed an initial renovation design which was scaled back when it was determined in the pre-campaign assessment that we should work with a \$3M goal. As God is leading us to something much bigger, we have collaborated with the staff and others, and have identified exciting new opportunities that will further enhance our learning environment:

- the addition of two more classrooms
- the two kindergarten rooms have been enlarged
- a new lounge area that will be a focal point for student gatherings and activities; and
- a new firewall to allow for the current and future expansion.

This new plan now reflects a \$4.6M project. It is a fluid one that can be easily modified by adding to, or reducing, a specific area. Our campaign volunteers will continue to make visits working toward this new goal. Depending on how God's plans come into focus, we will, over time, finalize the new building plans that fit with His blessings for our school.

Q. So why should I contribute to a campaign that is already over goal?

A. This campaign has been a high point in the history of Huron Christian School so far and we invite all supporters to be a part of the excitement and legacy we are building for the next generations. Your gift will help us fulfill God's plan for Huron Christian School. Investments made in Christian education are a tremendous blessing to our young people and their families. Those who give are also blessed.