

# What's New in New Orleans

Church Planting: All Nations Fellowship

*"... every tongue, tribe, and nation ..."*

## **Church Restoration Project:**

Greetings from New Orleans! I would just like to say from the start that I praise God for every way He is blessing us at All Nations Fellowship right now. Psalm 33:4 describes it best as it says, *"For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does."* It is so clear that the favor and provision of God is being extended to us on a daily basis. I am witnessing first hand how God is making it possible for us (a two and a half year old church) to have a building of our own. For the last two years, we had prayed specifically that God would give us this building, and just last December we were able to purchase it!

At the first of the year, we began renovations of this property which is actually made up of two buildings. The front building was built in 1921, by the Methodist denomination and includes a main sanctuary with high cathedral-like ceilings, a balcony, and stained glass windows—totaling about 10,000 square feet. The property also includes a rear building which has an auditorium and nine classrooms—totaling 8,000 square feet. During Hurricane Katrina, both of these buildings were flooded with about three and a half feet of water, and you can still see stains on much of the wood work. Through much labor, it is our goal to have our first Sunday service in the rear building by June of this year.



Since we started reconstruction, it has been a whirlwind of volunteers, labor, and materials through which we have seen the mighty hand of God. In early February, two tractor trailers pulled up to our church full of solid mahogany pews, donated to our church from a college chapel in Indiana. The day before Mardi Gras, we had one hundred volunteers come to work with us. We put a brush and a roller in everyone's hand, and we put a coat of primer paint on the entire rear building in just one day! Throughout the month of March, we have had many college and high school students come to work with us while on their spring break. In the front building, we have been scraping the old paint off every inch of every wall, scrubbing it to remove the mold, and then putting a fresh coat of paint on— it really gives it a fresh new look. Also during this time, Bruce Siegfried, a friend of mine from my home church in New

York, donated two and a half weeks of his time and skill to help us get the electricity running in our buildings. While Bruce worked on the wiring, we had over \$10,000 worth of electrical equipment donated from an electrical supply store here in Louisiana—Praise God! It is such a joy to walk into a room and be able to turn the lights on! Just last week, a team from a church in Virginia purchased and laid all of the tile on the first floor of the rear building. They did a superb job, including a hand-made mosaic piece in the center of our entrance way.

My specific role in this process is to direct the work on-site. Every morning, I meet our volunteer teams at the church building and lead them in the work they are doing. I coordinate the jobs we have to accomplish with the workers we have available to achieve the best possible product. It is satisfying to see the work being accomplished at a very swift pace and to work with volunteers from all over the nation. We have had volunteers from New York, Delaware, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Indiana, and Michigan come to work with us. Many of the volunteer teams not only come to work, but come with financial backing ready to help us purchase supplies. So far, we have had over 350 volunteers come who have donated thousands of dollars worth of supplies for this project. We are so blessed! I am convinced that we've been able to work with the very best of God's kingdom during this time. We are so thankful to every church and individual who has given of their time and resources to help establish All Nations Fellowship in this city. Most of all, I am thankful to God who really is so faithful and continues to carry us along and provide for our every need! We give Him the credit—He really is doing it!



**[Please continue to pray for us for:](#)**

--Pastor Zac Povec

- God to supply our every financial need to complete this project.
- Volunteers to continue to come and partner with us in this work.
- Our church to be able to reach this city with the Hope that Jesus offers!

