

What's New in New Orleans

Church Planting: All Nations Fellowship

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The summer in New Orleans is here! I am amazed at how time seems to be flying by and how faithful God has shown Himself to be! Hebrews 10:23 says, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." God has promised all of us at All Nations Fellowship that He will provide and cause our little church plant to flourish. He is showing us just that! He continues to bring more people into our services, and they are being blessed by His presence there. His freedom invades the room during every worship service, and I have been so blessed to be used by Him through the voice He has given me! Also, just last week, we partnered with a local ministry to hold another Urban Vibe, an outreach to the urban community. We handed out free BBQ, sodas, and snowballs, and also had live music playing. It was wonderful to see all the kids come out to a safe event in a neighborhood where crime used to rule the streets. God's peace is flowing into that area. Praise Him!

We are astounded at how quickly our Church Restoration Project, as we now call it, is coming along! Since the beginning of the year, just 6 months ago, God has sent over 400 volunteers to us from all over the country! We have worked with people from Virginia, New York, Alabama, Delaware, California, Colorado, Georgia, Washington, North Carolina, Texas, Missouri, a bikers church from Kentucky (they brought their Harleys), and even Canada to name a few! It is great to see God's supernatural provision! We never could have done all the work that has been done on our own!



I told you of a team from Virginia that purchased tile and planned to lay it for us in the back building. They came and did a marvelous job—even adding some creativity with a beautiful mosaic in the foyer. We also had a team come from New York to pour the cement floor in our sanctuary (it was previously a floor of black cinders). They purchased the concrete and, along with a team of Americorps volunteers, wheel barrowed load after load of wet cement into the front and side doors of the sanctuary, pouring the floor in five sections. It was a huge job, and the re-



sult is wonderful! We have since been able to put scaffolding in there to work on power washing and scraping the high walls, and just recently, someone donated 3-tiered scaffolding so that we can remove the loose paint from the ceiling. Pastor Freeman had a missionary friend who came to do plaster repair for a week, and the walls that he was able to work on look like new!

Also, our electrician who came to help us in March came back in April and almost completely got the front building wired. He was even able to get the old faders to work on all six of the lights in the sanctuary! It looks so beautiful in there at night now with the lights on!

There is still much work to be done in the front building—hanging drywall and repairing the wood floor upstairs, finishing the electrical work, scraping and painting the sanctuary, building a new stage, putting in A/C, among other things. We know that God will bring this project to completion! The previously dark and decrepit building is now being invaded with the light of repair! We can't wait to use it to show the light of Jesus to the people of New Orleans!

Our goal was to begin meeting in the back building by the summer of 2009, and I believe God is going to make that happen for us. Almost the entire interior has been given its final coat and trim has even been painted! Our plumbing is up and running with both toilets and sinks working in almost every room! A team from Louisiana has agreed to donate parts of two A/C units as well as install them (a must in New Orleans with the intense heat and humidity). The Assemblies of God Louisiana District Council will donate the rest of the parts in the units. This is a huge blessing! We still need to insulate and drywall the ceilings, repair the floor and stage in the fellowship hall, and complete finishing touches to the paint job.



The completion of the work in the back building is coming near! It will be so exciting to begin meeting there!

Once again, thank you to all of those who have supported my work here. Please continue to pray for continued funds to flow in to pay off the building and also for continued endurance for my work here. I need His strength to do the work He has called me to do. I feel honored that He has chosen me to be here in New Orleans for such a time as this!

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