

# The Steve Boots Family

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## Building Update

After 6 long weeks, we can finally say that, aside from a few finishing touches, the building is finished. Our people worked around the clock to have the building ready by our Grand Opening Sunday on April 7. I want to say a special thank you to Pastor Caleb Bottrell and the men of Hunt Valley Baptist Church who spent a total of 5 days helping us in the auditorium. They were truly a help and a blessing. I also want to say thank you to all the churches and individuals who gave toward this project. This area presents a unique challenge in that, in order to reach the people here, things have to be at a certain standard. Through the generosity of so many, we were able to renovate the building in such a way that I believe we will get people in and bring glory to God. Though we spent many late nights (or early mornings), and though our people gave graciously, we could never have accomplished everything on time or in a financially responsible way without all the help. So thank you to all who had a part in this project.

It has truly been amazing to watch God work from the smallest details to the biggest through this whole process. I wish I had space to share it here, but since I don't, a sermon I preached on our first Sunday will be available soon on our website. In that sermon, I detailed many of the things, start to finish, that God did to prove Himself strong to us over and over.

## Grand Opening Sunday

We are already seeing much movement by being in the new building. We held our first service on March 31 as a way for us to get familiar with the service/building. The next week, April 7, we had our Grand Opening Service. There were 71 people in attendance, with 22 of those being first-time guests from our community. The gospel was preached, and we are following up with each of the visitors who came. The next Sunday, we saw a good number of the visitors come back, as well as several more first-time guests. We were already excited about being in our own place, but seeing this movement has us all really looking forward to what God will do.

One quick example: As we were working on the building, an accident took place at our intersection in which a lady lost her life. Long story, but the family, who lives in a neighborhood behind our church, asked me to do the funeral. They came on the first Sunday and have been back each week since. We are dealing with them to make sure they know Christ as their Saviour. It is them, and many more like them, that God has brought to us that gives us tremendous joy in serving Jesus.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray particularly for the follow-up visits from all those that have been to church on these first few weeks. We have tremendous potential here and a great opportunity to reach this area with this new tool that God has provided for us. In addition to knocking on doors, we mailed out 7,500 flyers, so please pray that they will be effective in bringing people in that will be able to hear the gospel.

As always, thank you so much for your support and prayers that allow us to do what God has called us to do here.

Before



After

