

TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR BUILDING PROJECT

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BEFORE THE PROJECT BEGINS:

1. **Lead your church to set a goal.**
 - Heartland's goal was to glorify the Lord and to enjoy the building program. *Colossians 1:18*
2. **Seek God's leadership and follow Him. Don't get ahead of God, but don't drag your feet either.**
3. **Have much faith in the Lord and spend much time in prayer.**
 - Ask members to pray for the pastor and other leaders and to work with them throughout the building program.
4. **Encourage members to be ready to make sacrifices as God leads them to do so.**

PRELIMINARY PLANNING TIPS:

1. Decide what size and type of building your church needs, i.e. metal, brick, frame, etc.
2. Invite Bro. Mike Pearson with Texas Mission Builders to visit with your church and discuss your building needs.
3. Seek advice from many experts- builders, contractors, other pastors.
4. Remind your members that building a church is a different process than building a house.
5. Decide how you will finance your building program-- with loan, bonds, building fund, etc.
6. Get cost estimates on different phases of your building program.
7. Seek out someone to draw the plans for your building program – Bro. Marion Reed or local architect.
8. Be willing to change some plans as the need arises-ask God to change things that need changing.
9. Remember there are many who will donate their labor - local people and Mission Builders volunteers. Get as many volunteers as you can and encourage them as they work on your project.
10. Prepare a place for the Texas Mission Builders Volunteers to set up their trailers- electric and water connections.
11. Use the best quality materials you can afford. Be a good steward of your finances.
12. Be faithful to the Lord, keep on going forward—don't look backward.
13. Coordinate all the different crafts-carpenters, electricians, plumbers, etc. Keep each contractor informed of timeframes and when you will be ready for them to begin their part of the work.
14. Keep satan away---remember that he likes to destroy the Lord's work. *1 Peter 5:8*.

15. Stay with your building program through its completion even if there are times you need to take a break in the project. *Hebrews 12:12*

MEALS FOR VOLUNTEER BUILDERS:

1. Organize meal teams within your church family (Team 1, Team 2, Team 3, etc), setting up team leaders to organize team food prep. Teams can determine how they will provide meals, either by day or by meal- breakfast, lunch or dinner.
2. Your church should decide in advance how to pay for the meals, i.e. church buy meat & members provide sides, or whatever works best for your church situation.
3. Be aware that these volunteers are working hard and need a hearty breakfast to start their day—not just cereal and milk. These are not finger food workers so feed them well and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ while working together to grow the Lord's work in your community.