



40 DAYS *of* PRAYER

Seeking God's direction for OneWay's new home



WEEK ONE
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FOCUS: *Pray for the Lord to lead OneWay in identifying the perfect sized facility to balance our current needs and future opportunities.*

The OneWay team has been growing the past few years, and we believe that **our vision for the future will require us to continue to add more staff.** But during the pandemic, we began to **shift in unexpected ways.**

During the past year, as we all worked from home due to the pandemic, a number of our team members based in the Naperville/Aurora area decided to leave the ministry to pursue interests that had been on their hearts for several years. As we have brought on new staff members, we have been more open to **hiring top-notch candidates who live in other parts of the country, and even other parts of the world!**

With a larger percentage of our staff working remotely, we need to evaluate what type of facility we would need as a headquarters both today and as we continue to expand. This will also affect the number of interns and residents we can take on as we continue to invest in activating the next generation of Kingdom workers.

Verse: “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

WEEK TWO
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FOCUS: *Pray for the Lord to provide clarity in properly weighing the opportunities of building a new facility on vacant land or purchasing an existing building.*

What would it look like if we could build a facility that not only met **our day-to-day work needs**, but could also fulfill **our bigger dreams**? What if we could provide **housing for our summer interns and year-long residents**? A place for **overseas partners** to stay when they visit? A hub for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways? Creative studio spaces in an **environment surrounded by nature**? A **retreat** for our board, team and partners?

These are some of the things we've dreamed about over the years. A generous partner has offered to sell us a beautiful piece of undeveloped land in the vicinity of our former headquarters. At the same time, building costs have climbed. **Is God leading us to build, rather than buy an existing space?**

Verse: "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." 1 John 5:14

WEEK THREE
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FOCUS: *Pray that OneWay leaders would be able to discern the Lord's leading regarding teaming up with another ministry to jointly purchase a larger, more cost-effective facility and dividing the space.*

We know that **many ministries have been impacted by the pandemic**, including area churches. We've talked to pastors who are looking to purchase space, but also are trying to navigate the commercial real estate market.

We are asking God to show us whether it would be wise to **team up with another ministry** to purchase a larger space than either of us could afford on our own. Real estate prices are lower per square foot in a larger facility. Would it be possible to **work together with another ministry** to purchase a facility and use it together?

Verse: "Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:12



WEEK FOUR. WEEK FOUR.

FOCUS: *Pray for the Lord to raise up partners to help fund the cost of purchasing land and/or a building.*

We can't do this alone! OneWay was in the middle of a **\$4 million capital campaign** when the pandemic began, \$2.9 million of which was earmarked for our next facility. We felt the Lord leading us to put that initiative on hold due to the financial strain and uncertainty the virus had caused for so many people.

Once the Lord makes it clear to us what type of home we should pursue, we will need to once again ask God's people for help in raising the funds necessary to purchase our next home. Please pray for God to guide our steps in this regard.

Verse: "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24



WEEK FIVE
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FOCUS: *Pray for the Lord to open doors that are otherwise not feasible.*

His ways are better than ours. During these 40 days, we humbly acknowledge that God has **answers to questions we haven't even thought to ask**. He can point us in **new directions**. And He can **open doors** where we might not have been bold enough to knock.

Please pray that we will trust Him to direct our paths, **even in ways that we wouldn't have pursued without Him**.

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