

“The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Kerrville???”

Kerrville, TX - The idea of a cross on a hill that once offended atheists and caused a 14 month lawsuit is now being acclaimed by many locals as ***“The best thing that ever happened to Kerrville!”*** THE COMING KING SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN is now Kerrville’s top, year-round tourist attraction. This assessment is based on daily attendance, national and international publicity in newspapers, magazines, websites, social media, videos, radio and TV. Area businesses now benefit from the steady increase in tourism generated by the non-profit spiritual park. To the amazement of most locals, THE COMING KING SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN continues to draw thousands of people to a 1,930’ hill overlooking IH-10. Attendance in 2014 was estimated at 91,250 visitors.

On April 22, 2015, Tim Carle of San Antonio, TX, who has visited more than 40 times, and has brought over one hundred other people to the garden, said this:

“This is one of the most beautiful places in the world! This place has anointing and peace.”

The free, 24.5 acre, non-denominational Christian park has placed the small Hill Country town on the world tourism map. Kerrville is located 60 miles northwest of the two top tourist attractions in Texas, the Alamo and San Antonio’s River Walk. The spiritual garden also happens to be located at the same latitude as Israel, approximately halfway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, on IH-10.

Many people come to see almost three million dollars worth of monumental sculptures, donated by three internationally collected Christian artists; Max Greiner, Jr. , Beverly Paddleford and David Broussard. Over a dozen large Christ-honoring bronze and steel sculptures are planned for the garden. Seven contemporary Christian sculptures are on display now.

Even in its unfinished condition, thousands of tourists from at least 55 countries and all 50 states have traveled to the Texas garden. They are coming to view a massive, 77’7” open cross sculpture called *“The Empty Cross”*, promoted as the *“Most Symbolic Cross Sculpture In The World”*. 77 Bible verses are presented in three languages, on 16” *“Scripture Tiles”*, in a 300’ long cross-shaped garden, which leads to the open, Cor-ten steel cross. While many sculpture gardens around the world exhibit religious art, the Kerrville art garden is unique.

The unusual Hill Country attraction is being built without admission fees, investors, commerce, public tax funding or debt. The privately owned Christian garden is funded through the free-will, tax-deductible gifts of supporters of THE COMING KING FOUNDATION, the non-profit, 501c3 *“art museum”* that operates the outdoor Tabernacle.

Curiosity also draws thousands of people off the trans-continental highway into the Christian garden, which has some of the best views of Kerrville. A recent visitor, on April 2, 2015, posted this comment on America’s top tourism website, TRIP ADVISOR:

“Beautiful, Respectful and Spiritual! My husband and I stopped to see this sculpture garden on our planned scenic drive through the Texas Hill Country. We were very surprised to see such an extraordinary property of this quality and magnitude high upon a hillside along a regular Texas highway. We only knew about this attraction from the Roadside America website. I am so glad that we took the exit to find this treasured ground and look forward to visiting again when totally completed.”

The Christ-honoring garden has united Kerrville area churches and ministries, of all Christian denominations. The giant cross and the presentation of the Holy Scriptures have unified most of the Catholics and Protestants in the small Hill Country community. This rare unity was clearly evident when over 300 Christians of all denominations volunteered in October of 2013 to build a 600' "Prayer Path", in one day. This "Community Service Initiative" project was under the leadership of Jeff and Barbara Anderson, who currently head ServKerrville.

Recently, on Saturday, April 4, 2015 dozens of pastors, priests, evangelists, choirs and worship teams came together on the top of the mountain from across the area and USA for a non-denominational RESURRECTION CELEBRATION. Baptists, Episcopalians, Pentecostals, Lutherans, Methodists, Assemblies of God, Presbyterians, Catholics, Church Of Christ and non-denominational believers all praised God under "The Empty Cross". 881 people from eight states and two countries came to the garden in cold, windy overcast weather on April 4th. The next day, EASTER Sunday, 764 visitors came in the rain from 14 states and four countries. These visitor numbers were verified by paid TCKF counters.

Vehicle numbers have been tabulated electronically since the first of 2015. 10,816 vehicles were documented entering the garden between January 1, 2015 and April 30, 2015. Approximately 28,121 people (2.6 per vehicle) visited the garden park during the first four months of 2015, more than the entire 22,347 population of the City of Kerrville (2010 Census). This positive tourism trend is expected to increase as construction of the free park is completed.

However, many visitors are not coming to see the dramatic vistas or the monumental art; they are coming to experience the presence of God. The impact of Kerrville's sacred garden is difficult to measure. To date, 18 people are known to have canceled their plans for suicide, after coming to this holy ground. These people were literally saved from death when they read the four large Prayer Plaques posted inside side the seven story cross. One lady had the suicide note written and the gun loaded, while another had disposed of most of her possessions, before she found deliverance at "The Empty Cross".

Thousands of people report they have experienced genuine Biblical type signs, wonders, miracles, and healings on the mountain. This includes strange sparkling particles that form on the faces, hands and clothing of many garden visitors. This "Glory Dust" has been witnessed by thousands. This glitter-like substance is believed to be the supernatural phenomenon mentioned in the Bible (Ex 34:29, Isa 60:1 and Acts 7:55). Thousands of strange light forms have also been photographed with still and video cameras around the gigantic cross. These light forms are believed to be the Angels described thousands of years ago by the Jewish prophet Ezekiel (Ezk 1:15). As of this date, 97 pages of "good comments" have been collected and can be read on TCKF websites. This is not your normal tourist attraction!

ABOUT TCKF: The Coming King foundation (TCKF) is a non-profit, 501c3 Art Museum. Trustees include laymen, artists, pastors, missionaries and evangelists from many Christian denominations. For more information visit: www.thecomingkingfoundation.org

ABOUT THE GARDEN: The 24.5 acre art park is the only place in the world where the 77'7" contemporary sculpture called "*The Empty Cross*" can be seen. It is the "Most Symbolic Cross Sculpture in the World". In addition, seven other monumental sculptures can also be viewed at this location. It is also the only place in the world where all of Greiner's monumental sculptures are on display. A "Path To Heaven" uses 77 scriptures, in multiple languages, to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The free garden is open from 6:00 AM until midnight, 365 days a year. Tax deductible donations are welcomed to help complete the garden.

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