

## HAL & CHARLIE PETERSON GRANT MAKES KERRVILLE SCULPTURE PRAYER GARDEN GROW

KERRVILLE, TX--Thanks to a \$125,000 “Challenge Grant” from the **Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation**, work will resume on the 23 acre **The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden** in Kerrville, TX. The “all or nothing” grant issued last November required that **The Coming King Foundation** (TCKF) raise over \$125,000 before May 31, 2011 to receive a Matching Grant. The funds will now be used to build the main entrance of the “free to the public” landscaped park. The privately owned Christian Garden will have walking trails, bike trails, waterfalls, wildlife observation areas, picnic areas, scenic views, world-class landscaping, an amphitheater, artisan’s area, strolling troubadours, story tellers and more than a dozen monumental Christ-honoring sculptures. The Gospel of Christ will be engraved on 16” “Scripture Tiles” in multiple languages.

Many believe the Garden will be a national tourist attraction and boon to the Texas Hill Country economy. Todd Parton, Kerrville City Manager said: ***“This is a neat project. It is unique, there is nothing like it.”*** Ray Watson, Executive Director of the Kerrville Economic Development Corporation commented: ***“What a great project! Being from the panhandle, I truly have seen the blessing that the Groom (Sculpture Prayer Garden) project has been and look forward to this (Kerrville garden) being the jewel of this area.”*** Dr. Phil Webb, a physician formerly from Kerrville said: ***“The cross is magnificent! The Garden is as valuable as any economic venture that the City could pursue, and it is a no cost to them. It will bring countless dollars into the local economy.”*** Upon seeing the cross sculpture, Sudie Burditt, Director of the Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau said: ***“Awesome! Breathtaking! The cross is dignified and so inspirational. I could never have imagined the dignity.”***

Christians across America have “sowed” into this spiritual Garden so Jesus Christ can be lifted up in the Texas Hill Country. A \$20,000 gift given by Lyle and Patsy Jordan of Kerrville was donated just a week before the grant deadline. Providentially, the Jordan’s gift makes it possible for the “people” to symbolically “cross the Jordan River” and enter the “Promised Land”.

The **Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation** grant, along with donations from many individual Christians, churches and companies, will allow the 501c3 non-profit art foundation to build the Garden’s front entrance on Benson Dr., which faces **IH-10**. However, about \$2,000,000 is still needed to finish the entire 23 acre Garden park, and additional funds will be needed to build a Visitor’s Center and Chapel..

The spiritual Garden is being built on faith in God, without debt, public tax money or professional fundraisers. To date, \$2,000,000 has already been raised and spent on the project. \$3,000,000 worth of monumental Christian sculptures have been donated by three internationally collected artists including Max Greiner, Jr. of Kerrville, Beverly Paddleford of Lander, WY and David Broussard of Dallas, TX. The Hershel Reid family, formerly of Hunt, TX donated the valuable 23 acres of land to TCKF.

The massive, 77'7" cross sculpture, the centerpiece of the Garden, was erected on July 27, 2010. As a result, **"The Empty Cross"** is already becoming a national landmark. At the time, thanks to opposition of atheists and others, the internet search engine **Google** reported over eight million stories running in all media, across the USA about the spiritually symbolic cross. Tens of millions of people now know about the Kerrville cross on **IH-10**, due to opposition and a 15-month lawsuit filed to stop the cross.

Former Governor Mike Huckabee said: ***"Max Greiner had a vision for a Garden filled with sculpture, not to promote art, but to promote Jesus Christ. On the pathway to bringing the vision of the Sculpture Prayer Garden to fruition, there has not been one obstacle that God has not overcome. If you want to be involved in reaching out to hundreds, thousands- even millions- who need Christ in their life, pray for the completion of the Garden and give financially if God leads the way."***

The red/brown, Cor-tin steel modern art cross sculpture by Kerrville artist/evangelist, Max Greiner Jr. symbolizes the resurrection, the shed blood of Christ, the narrow gate, the light of the world and the door to eternity by which all must pass through to find the true God. The artist and his wife, Sherry, owners of **Max Greiner, Jr. Designs**, of Kerrville donated the massive sculpture, along with **Eagle Bronze Foundry** owners, Monte and Beverly Paddleford, of Lander, WY. This was done for the glory of God and to bless the Texas Hill Country.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> **TCKF** installed new 21 new Trustees to lead the Christian arts foundation into the future. Trustees include business leaders, pastors and evangelists from various Christian denominations. The 2011 Trustees are: David and Janice Baca, James and Sharan Barnett, Randy Choat, Dr. Bruce Cook, Chris Daniel, Clint Fiore, Max and Sherry Greiner, Ron Hicks, Rebecca Jons, Rev. Fern Lancaster, Carol Lenard, James McKnight, Norm and Nancy Redhead, Johnny Sharp, Barbara Sullivan, Dru Williamson, and Rev. James Wilson.

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**The Coming King Foundation** will begin construction on the main entrance of the 23 acre **Sculpture Prayer Garden** on **IH-10** in Kerrville, TX and will be opened to the public upon completion.

Thanks to the financial supporters of **The Coming King Foundation**, the “all or nothing” \$125,000 Challenge Grant issued by the **Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation** in November of 2010 was secured just one week before the May 31, 2011 deadline. Pictured left to right: Brian Oehler, Director of the **Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation**, and artist/evangelist, Max Greiner, Jr., President of **The Coming King Foundation**.

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