

## COMMUNITY EMBRACES THE CROSS

Kerrville, Texas – Kerrville has finally embraced “*The Empty Cross*” that stands a top of a 1,930’ hill overlooking the Hill Country community and IH-10. Now the town’s leading year-round tourist attraction, The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden has become a source of income for the community and a landmark recognized across the USA and world. This assessment is based on daily attendance from at least 26 countries, national and international press coverage, in both secular and Christian media, and ratings as a top local attraction on numerous tourism websites, including Trip Advisor, the leading tourism website.

Last week, the Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation announced it would be giving a grant of \$125,000 for construction to the 501c3 art organization. This is the third grant awarded to TCKF by the Peterson Foundation. Since the beginning in 2005, the non-denominational, non-profit spiritual garden has been built on faith in God, without debt or public tax money.

In another show of community support, the YO Ranch Hotel and their Branding Iron restaurant are giving a “Cross Discount” to their guests who mention the cross. The Super 8 Motel will be doing the same. Other local restaurants and motels are expected to offer a “Cross Discount”.

The Mamacita’s restaurants in Kerrville and San Antonio have art displays and literature which directs thousands of people to the Kerrville cross. In addition, Mamacita’s is providing a “Cross Discount” to cross supporters.

Cody Goss, owner of Goss Pest Control and Tim Thomason, owner of Nature Blinds, recently donated a billboard sign at the intersection of IH-10 and Hwy 16 (at Exit #508) so visitors can find their way to the cross.

Dr. Robby Carpenter, DDS has donated thousands of audio CDs, which are given away free to the visitors who come to The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden.

Recently, Edmund Jenschke Inc., a Kerrville heavy equipment contractor, donated their work to build a handicapped ramp to the cross, and an 800’ “Prayer Path” on the top of the mountain for garden guests.

This new Prayer Path was the idea of Jeff Anderson, President of Partners In Ministry. Anderson noticed that hundreds of garden visitors were writing their prayer requests on flat smooth, limestone rocks and placing them near the open cross. These Prayer Rocks will now be located along a winding trail on the top of the hill, in sight of the 77’7” massive contemporary cross sculpture. This sculpture is billed as the most symbolic cross in the world. Guests will be able to find solitude as they walk down a trail lined with the prayers of the saints. Landscape contractor, Rick Martin will also be donating thousands of potential Prayer Rocks that will be placed on both sides of the trail.

On Saturday morning, 10/12/13, Partners In Ministry is hosting a Community Service Initiative (CSI) to help finish the Prayer Path and clean up the garden grounds. Local pastors and hundreds of members of Christian churches in the area will be enjoying a free breakfast at 8:00 AM, at the foot of the seven story cross, before spending the morning sowing their work into the garden. Individuals interested in donating their efforts should contact Partners In Ministry (830 792-3131, ext #2) or go to their special project website [www.csiday.com/register](http://www.csiday.com/register)

The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden, which is filled with 2.3 million dollars worth of Christ-honoring sculptures donated by internationally collected artists, Beverly Paddleford, David Broussard and Max Greiner, Jr. The unique garden is located approximately half way between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans on IH-10, at the same latitude as Israel. Many garden visitors claim to have experienced the presence of God, genuine miracles, angels, physical and emotional healing during their visit.

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