

# Harborcreek Deputation Letter

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Dear friends of Harborcreek Community Church,

June and I are in a new chapter in our lives. As you know, **we are starting a church in Erie—Harborcreek to be specific.** We are beginning with many who are "down on their luck" but hungry for and even, in some cases, full of God. Tonight we ate and visited with two, no, three families. One family had lost their business and was starting over; another was living in a trailer park having lost their house, the third was about to move from a trailer into a house. One of these trailer park couples is older, grandparents of eleven. The remarkable grandmother of this home has been instrumental in the salvation of a neighbor—a neighbor full of faith and ready to be a core leader in the new work. This same grandmother is deeply concerned for the spiritual growth and development of her six kids and eleven grandchildren. She has been seeking and praying for a church toward which to encourage her family. **She believes she's found it here.**

Add to these three families, three more: a narcotics and alcohol counselor who says he would like training for ministry (we are meeting on Tuesday mornings), a Chamber of Commerce director and his wife who said when learning of the church "Could this be a God-thing?", and a deeply spiritual construction worker—and you see God at work almost everywhere we turn. Yes, He has gone before!

In addition to the growing number of believers the Lord is raising up, a number of prospects for salvation are under cultivation. More and more unchurched and spiritually lost will surface in the future. Millcreek has averaged one salvation decision for Christ each week. We expect the same so keep this in your prayers. **The Lord will direct the building of His church (I Cor.3:5-7).**

Each month, additional Bible studies (when you read this we will have two), will be formed. Monthly fellowships and service projects are being scheduled. In our initial studies, those involved are asking such questions as-- "What will be the unique values of the new church? How can we be so devoted to the Lord that we will be distinctive and contagious in a spiritually depraved and needy area? Please pray for God's Spirit to give us clear answers.

And please see yourself as strategic partners as you pray and give as led. Two year commitments of financial support are welcomed and needed. For those prompted to give, remember to make your check to Millcreek and place a note in the lower corner of the check "for Harborcreek".

As able, please **plan on coming to Northwest PA to work and play.** A number of mission teams are coming up from various areas. You would be used strategically according to your gifts and interests. Together, we are building by God's grace and Word into the lives of people as we move toward the grand opening on **Oct. 4, 1998.** We believe that the work in this region will set a tone and pattern for the entire Northeast. And you are part of this vision and labor.

We rest and labor in Him together.

**In His grace and for His glory,**

***Howard and June***

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PPS In a future mailing, we will try to send envelopes and labels. Please let us know of prayer requests and praises as we will be remembering you in prayer