

# Mission Teams Vision Letter

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**This letter was used to recruit mission teams. Note the vision casting. People want to be a part of something that is working. Too many of these letters have a "*please help us because we have poor*" feeling. This was intended to be different. Dozens of teams helped in the project:**

Dear Construction Crew,

Well, your plans for the summer of 1997 will probably be shaping up soon. So, we want you to consider making Millcreek Community Church part of those plans.

Why? Because I am convinced that the dramatic growth we have experienced in the last 9 months will continue. You plot the growth:

September 3, 1995 25 people average

December 3, 1995 104 people average

March 3, 1996 115 people average

July 7, 1996 135 people average

And its not just about attendance! Since our Grand Opening (10/1/95), 35 people have committed their lives to Christ, 30 people have been baptized, and over 250 people now come at least once every six weeks. This growth is remarkable, but fragile. Since 70% of M.C.C. did not attend anywhere regularly before the Grand Opening, the vast majority are "new" at the church thing --- and definitely the "Jesus" thing.

So, we believe that with one summer of mission team assistance, we can give Millcreek all its needs to continue to be the most successful Northeastern SBC church ever.

What will that take? I believe two things:

1) Additional Sunday School space and auditorium space

2) A church owned parsonage Let me explain why.

By constructing a 40' x 60' addition, we will be able to change our auditorium to allow seating of 190 people in the auditorium. Also with the addition we will be able to accommodate the many in Sunday School as well. In other words, Millcreek will be able to comfortably reach an average of 175, asize that enables it to be a medium size church.

I mentioned earlier that this would be the last time Millcreek will probably work with construction teams. Why? Because starting in 1997, Millcreek will begin a process where we start one new church per year. But we want to get our base settled first.

The project not only includes the addition, but also the construction of a parsonage. Of course, many churches are moving away from parsonages. However, if our church can join with yours and others we can build the home for a significant savings - and thus the church saves money every month on its mortgage. We turn that savings into new churches (one per year!)

Here is our projected time frame:

Before teams arrive: foundations poured, utilities stubbed up

Week 1: June 1-7 Framing, sheeting, flooring (building dried in)

Weeks 2-4 Roofing, windows, electrical, plumbing, A/C, doors, concrete driveway, insulation

Week 5 Sheetrocking & finishing, siding

Week 6 Trim, sanding and painting, flooring

Every team would be working in both locations.

All materials will be on sight before you arrive (we are acquiring a mortgage). There are many options for lodging: a local hotel, a local trailer park, a Baptist camp, or at the church (we have temporary showers).

I have enclosed a preliminary drawing of the addition/ alterations to the church facilities and for the parsonage. These are preliminary drawings and will be followed by professional prints if you are interested.

I will be contacting you in a couple of weeks.

Blessings,

Ed Stetzer