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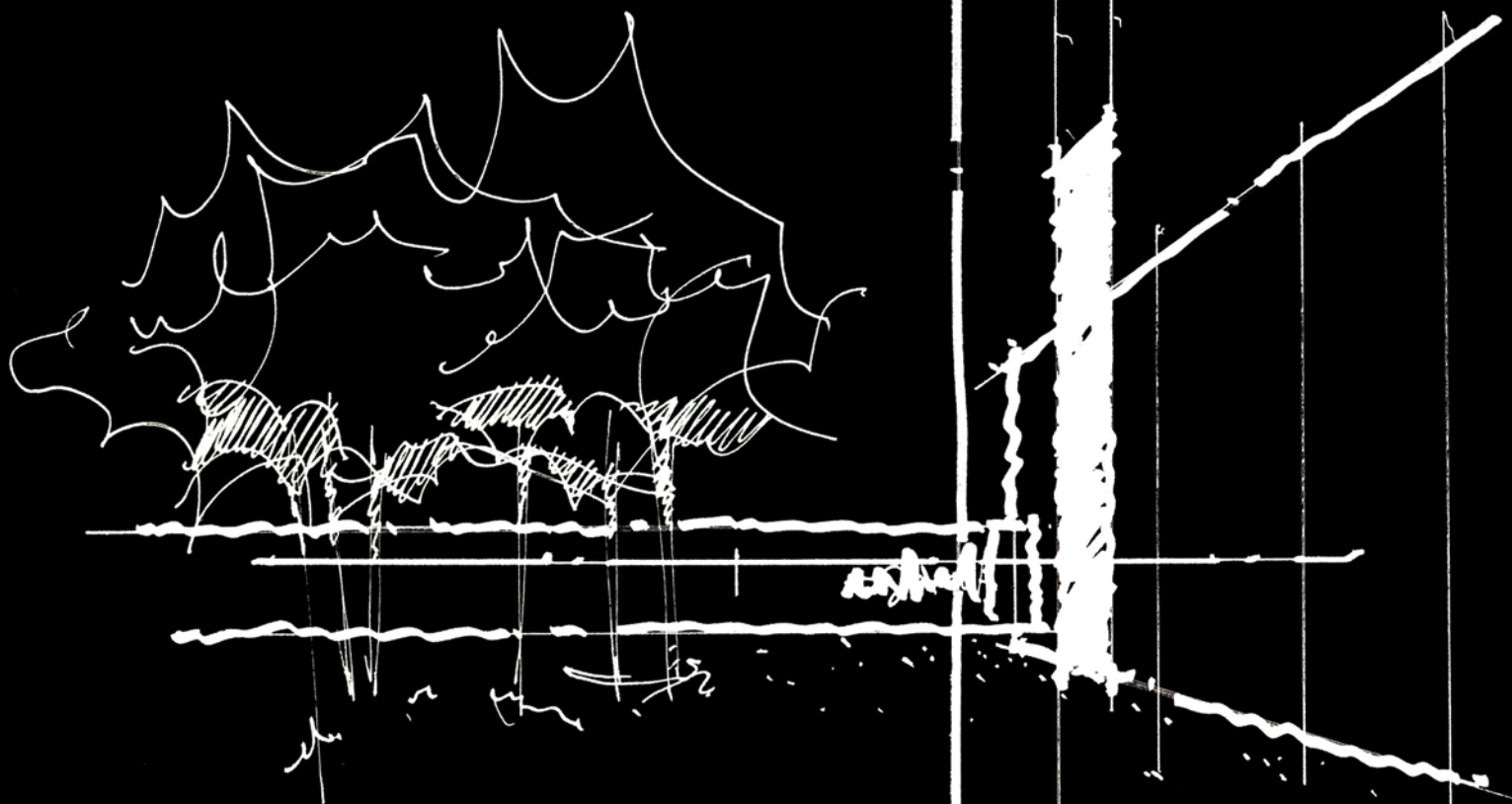
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welcome to The Letter

Welcome

Welcome to the fifth issue of *The Legacy Letter*. The copy you are holding is one of more than 5,000 that has gone out to people in over 56 countries. But you should know you aren't just holding a magazine, you are holding our heart in your hands. Every word and picture is here to tell the story of God's faithfulness to us all.

Jesus has proven His goodness to us by adding to this ministry partners like many of you—those that have taken upon themselves our assignment to **REACH OUT** beyond all borders, to **DRAW IN** with the love of God, and to **LIFT UP** everyone we minister to with strength and courage from His Word. The vision of this ministry has always been a simple one: **just preach Jesus**. To our partners we say **thank you** for sending *The Legacy Letter* all over the world. If you're not yet a partner with us, then please ask the Lord if He has a part for you to play in the ongoing outreaches of PMI. If so, we'd be honored to have you as a part of the team.

We've got big news to share with you; so without further ado, we present you with the most exciting issue of this magazine to date.

Enjoy!

Him we preach,

Jeremy and Sarah Pearsons

MOVING DAY

BY JEREMY PEARSONS



This article has only just started and already it has a problem. It's the title. If you've ever lived in a place and then packed up to move to another, then you know this article should at the very least be called "Moving Month." For days, even weeks on end, you're forced to live waist deep in boxes and bubble wrap as you draw closer by the minute to the day when your home will be filled with reluctant-but-kindhearted friends willing to give you an entire Saturday to help you move across town. Like worker ants taking food to the colony, your friends haul box after box out of your house and into a truck that looked big enough at first, but now you're not so sure. Miraculously, it all fits, and you're able to close the door. As the truck pulls away, you take one last look back at the old place and give it a final wave goodbye. You arrive at the new place just as Saturday turns into Sunday. Your friends/movers barely get all your stuff inside before waving goodbye and grabbing one more slice of the cheese pizza you offered them in exchange for their blood and sweat. They may be done, but you're not. No, the fun is only just now beginning as you spend the next several weeks wading in a sea of brown cardboard, old newspaper, and more bubble wrap! For most normal people, these are dreaded days. And we normal people are willing to go through all this because we know there is a day coming when the dust will settle, every box will be emptied, everything will have found its new place, and you'll look around to realize ... you're home.

For months now, I have been a student of this concept of moving out of one place and into another. I have found great comfort in the words of Jesus from John 10 where He identifies Himself to us as our Good Shepherd, the One that calls us by name and leads us out. This is great news for us sheep. We have a shepherd who knows us each by name and is leading us out of whatever it is we're in and need to be led out of. (And all the sheep said, "Baaamen!") When we were born again, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, began leading us right then and there out of sin, sickness, bondage, darkness, and even death itself. But He wasn't just leading us out; He was simultaneously leading us in—into righteousness, health, freedom, light, and life. Thank God for Jesus because we never would've been able to get ourselves out of that mess. We were runaway sheep that had managed to get ourselves terminally lost in the woods until we responded to the voice of the Shepherd that had come to our rescue. If you thought that was good news, wait; it gets better! He led us out once, and He wants to do it again. In fact, every day of our lives He wants us to hear His voice leading us *out of* and *into*. We know this applies to our salvation and all the other spiritual things I listed, but is it possible that the leadership of our Good Shepherd is also available to us when it comes to something as natural and normal as deciding if it's time to change where we live or work or go to school? Let me answer that question like this: if you're leaving Him out of these kinds of decisions, then maybe sheep really are as dumb as they say. The alarming truth is if Jesus is not the One leading you out, then chances are you're leading yourself. It's only when sheep lead themselves that they manage to find deep dark pits or even the jagged edge of a cliff. So before you pack up and move, I want to give you a few things to think about. Things that I believe will help you identify how close you really are to moving day.

There are two distinct phases of change in life, and it is crucial that you learn to identify which one you’re in. PHASE ONE: Change is coming. PHASE TWO: Change is here. Whatever you do, don’t get these two phases mixed up! This is where so many people miss it and end up leading themselves out at the wrong time, in the wrong way. Just because change is coming does not mean change is here.

CHANGE IS COMING

In Genesis 13, God took His friend Abram up on a mountain and said to him, “Lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are” (v. 14). The promise that came next was that God would give him all that he could see in every direction, but first he had to do two simple things: lift up and look from. Most people have let *down* their eyes and are stuck looking *at* the place where they are. Listen closely, my friend: change is coming. How do I know? Change is always coming, but you’ll never see it coming until you lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are. We must never allow ourselves to leave a city, a job, a church, or a relationship just because we’re frustrated with the way things are presently. So ask yourself, “Am I making this move because I don’t like my present position, or am I making it because my future in God is drawing me out?”

If you’re being led by frustration, then you’re not being led by the Spirit. This is why Jesus told His disciples He would send the Holy Spirit, the One specifically assigned to show us things to come (John 16:13). As a spirit-filled believer, you have resident within you the ability to hear the voice of your Good Shepherd and to know with certainty when change is on the way. Maybe you don’t know all the details. Or maybe you don’t know any of the details. It doesn’t matter. All you need to know right now is that change is coming. Are you sensing on the inside that the Lord has begun talking to you about making a move in your life? Even if it’s a big one like changing your job, moving to a different city, or even something as significant as starting a church, there’s no need to break out into a cold sweat. It’s not moving day yet.

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You’re in the time leading up to the big day, and often that time is longer than you think. When David was just a boy, the prophet Samuel anoints him to be the next king of Israel. David then lives for years with the knowledge that change is coming before it comes time to move into the palace. For a more recent example, I only have to look at our own lives.

On the night before Thanksgiving 2009, as Sarah and I lay awake in our bed staring up at the ceiling, we began to talk to each other about our future. When I look back on it, I realize that it was the Lord talking to us through each other. We talked for the first time about the possibility that Jesus was calling us into our own ministry. We dreamed out loud about having our own land and buildings, a place from which we could preach Jesus all over the world. We knew in that moment that the Holy Spirit was telling us that change was coming. But like I said, just because change is coming does not mean that change is here. David didn’t run out of the house and up to the palace door still wet with anointing oil, demanding his seat on the throne. A move like that could’ve put an early end to God’s plan for his life. So what did he do? He went right back out into the field and continued his shepherding job. Sarah and I didn’t hand in our resignations the next day. Instead, we went back to work and stayed faithful to do our jobs until it was time to go from “change is coming” to “change is here.” Starting this ministry was one of the easiest things we ever did, but

I am convinced that if we had launched out while still in phase one, we would have stressed and struggled to make our own way. I have some advice for anyone who believes change is coming. Allow me to quote David and say, “Wait ...Wait, I say, on the Lord” (Ps. 27:14).

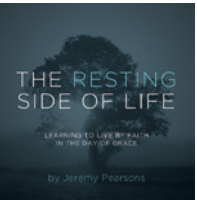
But there’s something funny about change. The day after phase two, you go right back into phase one. From the time we launched this ministry more than four years ago, we have been on the lookout for our own land and building to call home. Three years ago, we got so beside-ourselves excited because we believed change was coming and that very soon we would have our property. We looked at a bunch of different places—some I believe the Lord showed us; others I think we showed ourselves. More than once we thought we had found what we were looking for only to see it sell to someone else or to realize later it wasn’t right. I have to be honest and say, at times, it was challenging to sustain that excitement over the span of three years while we continued to work from our living room couch and our staff all squeezed into the upstairs office in our home. “Isn’t change here yet, Lord?”

CHANGE IS HERE

We must learn to appreciate the time we have in phase one. While change is still on the way, we should be preparing for the big move. To do that, I believe you must look closely at everything you own, and put it in one of two categories: pack it or trash it. Today you are the sum total of who God has created you to be plus some not-so-good stuff you may have added to yourself along the way. Revelation from the Word, life lessons learned, godly character He has developed in you: these are all things to take with you. Hurt feelings, bad attitudes, guilt and condemnation: these are all things that should go in the same place the apostle Paul put his trash, “I count... [my past] as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him” (Phil. 3:8-9). About a year ago, the Lord told Sarah and me to start stripping away everything from our lives and ministry that wasn’t real, authentic, or placed there by Him. This is an ongoing process, but I believe we’ve come closer to being only what He has created us to be. Which is probably one reason why at the start of this year Jesus was able to lead the operation of our ministry out of our home and into a new place. I’ve never been so excited to pack up and move out before in my life! And you’d better believe we are only taking with us what is useful for the call of God on our lives.

MOVE OUT, MOVE UP, AND MOVE ON TO THE CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

No matter where you are right now, you must know that change really is on the way. Take this time to pack it or trash it, streamlining your life from the inside out in preparation for this next step in God’s assignment on your life. My final piece of advice is this: always remember that we are not of those who draw back (Heb. 10:39). So wave goodbye because you’re never going backwards again. Move out, move up, and move on to the call of God in Christ Jesus. When moving day finally arrives and the call of your future is drawing you to a new home, you’ll be ready to roll with confidence, courage, and a spirit of adventure. ■

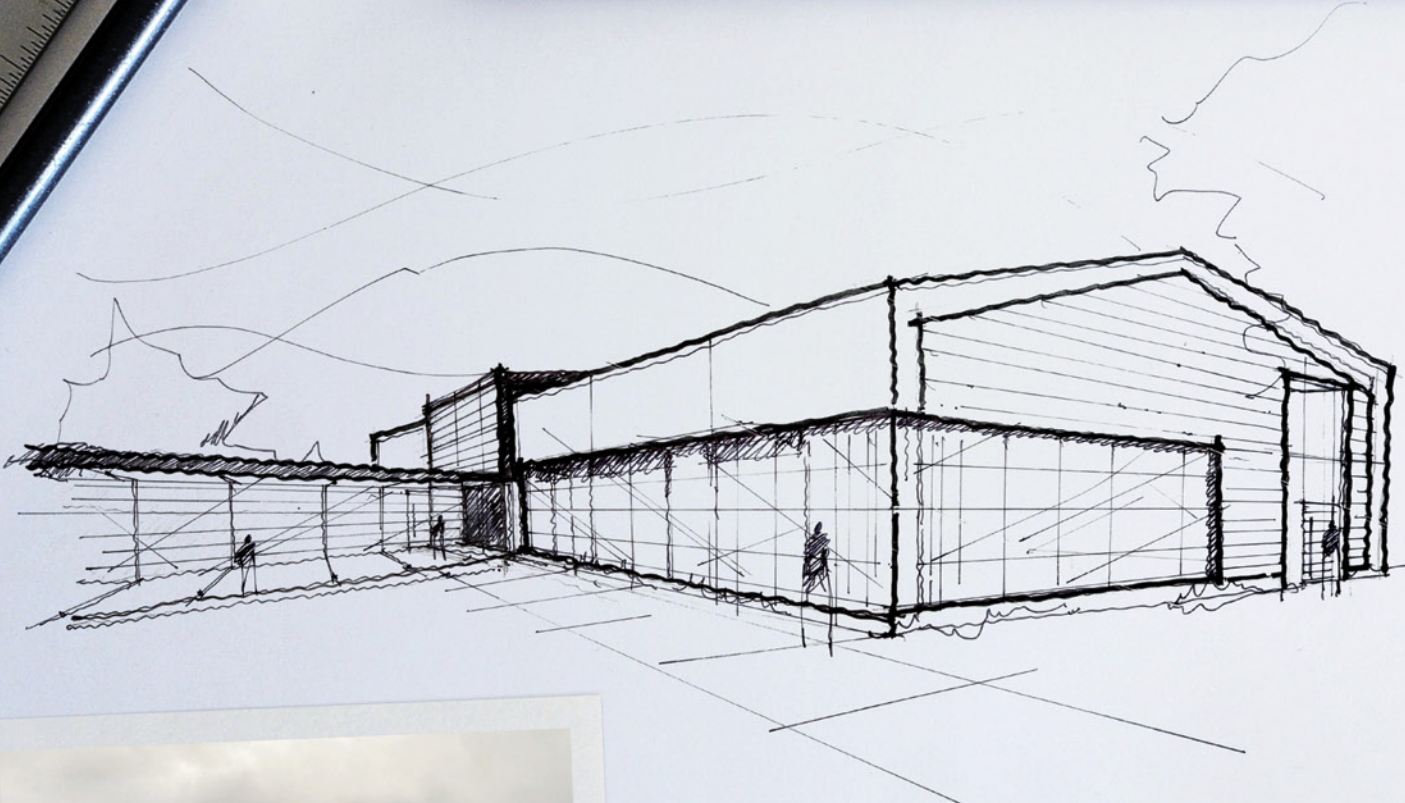
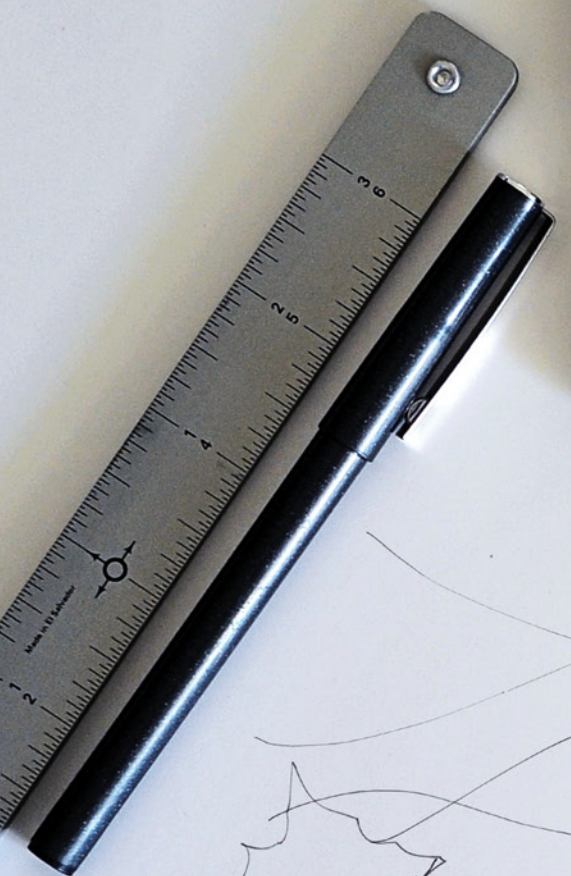
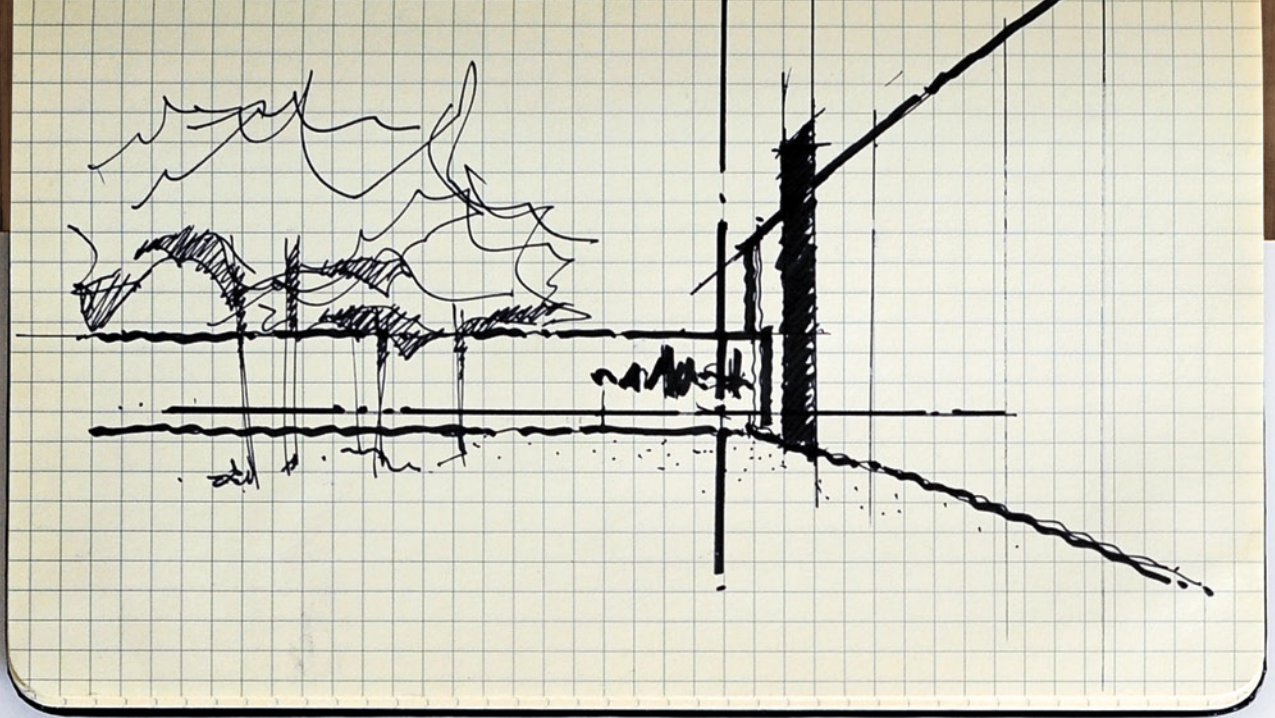


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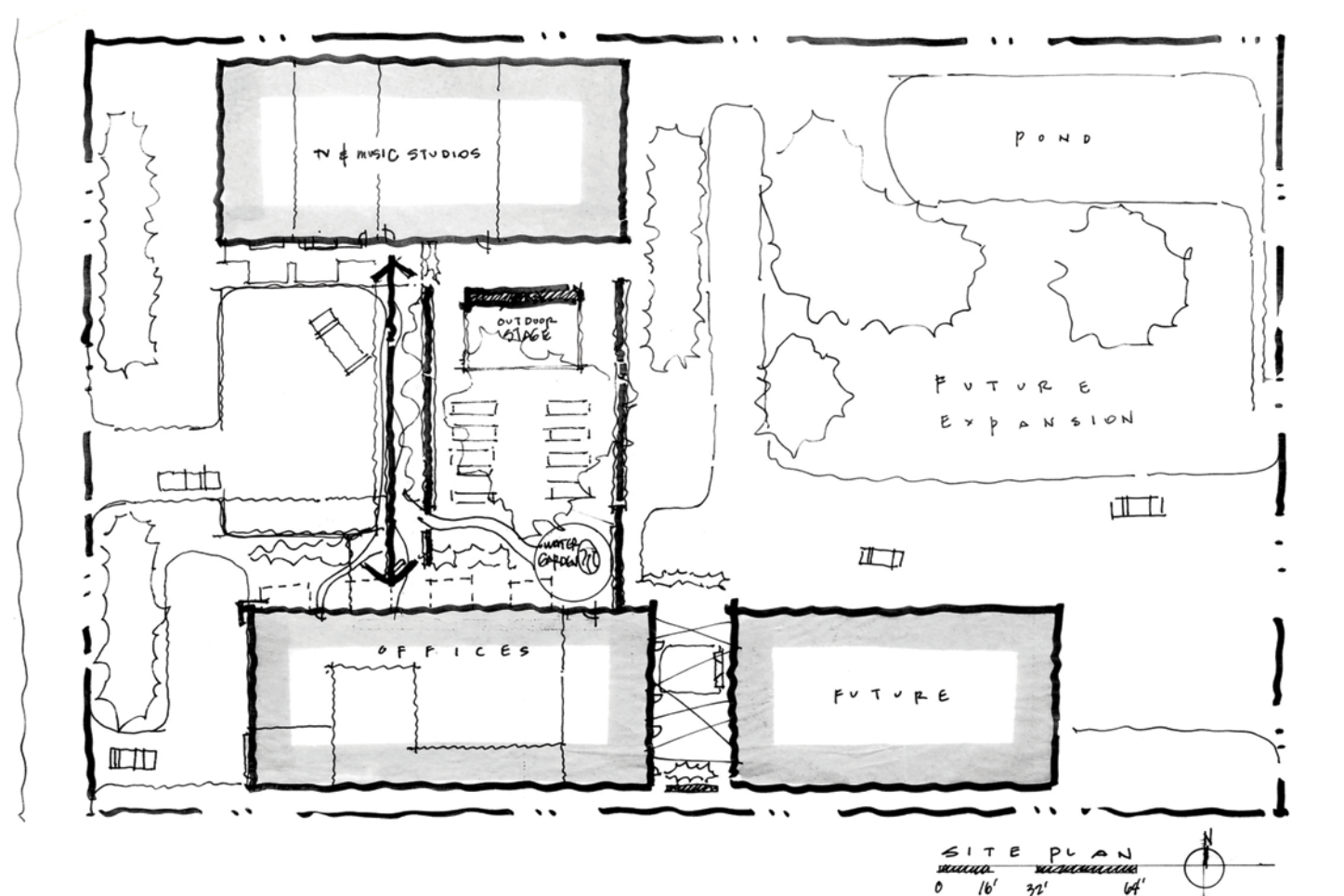
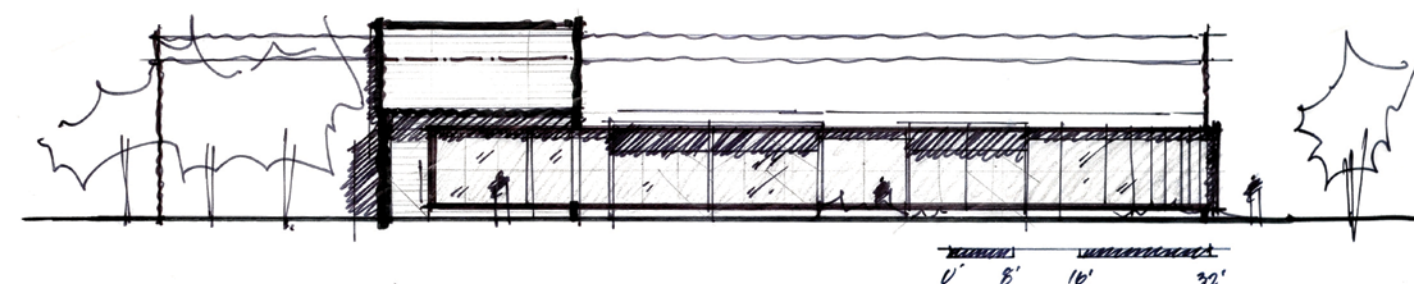
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WE'RE HOME.

IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN ON A ROAD TRIP, YOU KNOW THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE THE DRIVE HOME TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU BELONG. FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS, OUR MINISTRY HAS BEEN ON THE ROAD WITH NO REAL PLACE TO CALL HOME. THAT WHOLE TIME WE KNEW THE LORD HAD SOMETHING GOOD FOR US, AND WE WERE HUNGRY FOR A HOME BASE TO OPERATE OUR MINISTRY FROM AND A PLACE THAT WOULD SERVE AS A PLATFORM TO REACH THE NATIONS.

We've spent years dreaming out loud together, talking about our future land and buildings. Over the years we've looked at many potential places. In the fall of 2014, we realized we had grown weary in the search, and we made the decision before the Lord and before our staff that our days of searching were over. We decided we would rest and let the Lord bring it to us. Well, He came through. Less than a month after the decision to rest and let Grace go to work, we found ourselves standing on the grounds of our new ministry headquarters. On January 7, 2015, we closed on our first building completely debt free! Soon we'll begin the buildout of this 8,000-square-foot warehouse. In addition to the purchase of this building, we are also currently leasing the fully functioning 3,000-square-foot television studio inside one of the other buildings on property.

This was a big step for us—one that required courage. At the moment our building is an empty warehouse, but we're looking at it through the eyes of faith, not at what it is but at all that it can be. We believe the Lord is enabling us to build out and furnish our new place, further equip the studio, then acquire the other buildings at the right time. As you can see, we have already begun planning the next several phases, and we are thrilled to watch our faith become sight. This project is the biggest thing we've ever set our hands to, but we face it unafraid. The only reason we have this place now is because our God is the God of miracles, and we will continue to feed on His faithfulness to us while we watch His good plan come to pass.



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WELCOME TO LEGACY STUDIOS

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2015, WE HAD OUR FIRST FAMILY NIGHT IN OUR NEW LIVING ROOM AT LEGACY STUDIOS. FIFTY OF US CAME TOGETHER TO THANK THE LORD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE. WE SANG SONGS, WE HEARD HIS WORD, AND WE ATE PIZZA. NO BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE!

Family Night exists as a ministry to our partners and friends—our extended family living all around the world. Our assignment has always been to preach Jesus to every generation. Our mission field is the living room because that's the room where every generation comes together. Starting April 3, we will be able to stream Family Night live online *from our living room to yours*.

Stay tuned to our website at www.pearsonsministries.com/FamilyNight and *The Legacy Letter* for future Family Night dates and times.



ALL ABOUT the heart

“Above everything else, guard your heart, because from it flow the springs of life” (Proverbs 4:23).

We have been not only encouraged but also commanded to guard our hearts. Why? Our lives depend on it. A guard has the responsibility to watch over, to make secure, and to protect from danger. Some people may passively skim over this verse and think, “Oh, that’s nice and sounds easy enough.” But take a closer look. Some translations say to guard your heart with *diligence*. A diligent guard is always on duty.

GOOD GOD!

TESTIMONIES FROM PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF
PEARSONS MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Dear Jeremy and Sarah,

Last December, you offered your partners a free message of choice, so I requested “Fully Persuaded.” I listened to it everywhere, and it changed my life!

I was in the process of a new church plant while I listened to your testimony about taking a vacation to Hawaii with your family. Your teaching about God’s command to rest stirred my faith, so my family prayed and decided we should not go to an African country but to Dubai instead. This excited me because it was the first time I would be able to vacation with my family since becoming a pastor seven years ago.

We started believing for provision for the trip, and miracles upon miracles began rolling in. A member of our church paid for our accommodations (over \$600). And then someone else sowed over \$150 to help pay for our visa. A friend gave us a spending voucher worth over \$100, and we even had clothes given to us for our travels.

I am currently writing this testimony from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Thank you for preaching, teaching, and sending the message of God’s goodness around the world. Now our family is going to be believing for rest periods every December. We can’t wait to see the miracles God has in store for us next year, and, yes, our partnership with your ministry is a huge blessing. It truly is a fertile ground in which to sow seed.

Pastor Maxwell
Nigeria

Dear PMI family,

The Lord has used this ministry to take me deeper into Him, and for that I am eternally grateful indeed.

On November 2, 2014, I received word that the property and business where I work had been sold, and the same day the outgoing owner shut the business down and laid us all off. It

was a bit of a shock as we didn’t think we would be shut down or without income so close to Christmas. I admit I let fear and worry in for a couple of days, but I clung hard to the Lord. Online sermons provided a diet of the truth of the Word of God for me to feast on all day every day! By November 6, the new owners had hired us all back, and we were working by the end of the month. Praise the Lord!

I just wanted to say thank you for serving the Lord and for teaching the uncompromised Word of God.

Mae
Canada

Thanks to a timely word from you, I have recently been able to overcome a difficult time in my life.

It began with me spending a lot of time helping a family overcome the fear of death. Then I received a book in the mail, and as I read it, it began to influence my emotions and confuse me. I became so emotional I had to put the book aside. There was this unexplainable pressure inside me, and I didn’t know what to do. I prayed and kept asking the Lord why I was so confused and crying all of the time. This went on for about 4-5 days.

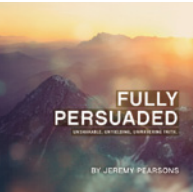
Then on Sunday, September 21st, I listened to you on the BVOV preach about responding to pressure. As I was listening, the emotional pressure just lifted, and I could think clearly again. **I was on top, full of assurance and trust, and enabled to stand in faith again for the things I was believing for.** I didn’t have any more need to cry. The truth was so evident to me—like night and day.

So I just want to praise God for the words He spoke through you to me. God bless you in your ministry.

In His service together,
Anneli
Sweden

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We’d love to hear what our GOOD GOD is doing in your life. Please contact us at info@pearsonsmministries.com with your testimonies and requests for prayer. Jeremy, Sarah, and the Pearsons Ministries team pray regularly over their partners and friends.



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“Thank You for Loving Me”

FROM IN LIGHT OF LOVE & GRACE

It means so much to have people in your life who believe in you and support you in what God has called you to do. It’s so nice to get a phone call every so often from someone who loves you and just called to tell you that. Jeremy and I have those kinds of friends in Mylon and Christi LeFevre. Some of you may remember Mylon from the Christian band Broken Heart that had a huge impact around the world and in the Christian-music industry. Mylon has always encouraged me as a songwriter, and his wisdom has been a huge blessing to me.

One evening we were hanging out with Mylon and Christi at their house, and Mylon sang a chorus he said had been rolling around in his heart. I loved it so much that I asked him to sing it again so I could record it on my phone. It goes like this:

*“Thank You, Thank You,
Thank You for loving me,
Thank You for proving it every day,
Thank You for loving me.”*

He asked me to help him finish this song, and, of course, I said yes!

As I began praying about where to take the verses, I found that a song of thanksgiving is one of the easiest to write. I realized that the moment I wake up, I have something to be thankful for:

*In the morning, Your mercy awakens my heart,
In the evening, Your presence lights up the dark,
I can’t outrun it, Your goodness is chasing me
I will not fight it, I’ll fall here at Your feet.
In the morning, You arise with healing in Your wings,
In the evening, You lie awake thinking of me,
I don’t deserve it, still You made me worthy,
I cannot earn it, so freely I’ll receive.*

A song of thanksgiving is powerful because thanksgiving is the language of faith. The Lord spoke to my heart once and said, “Give thanks a lot in the space between the unseen and the seen.” A thankful heart will get you from where you are to where you need to be. A simple thank you goes a long way.

When I started to write the bridge of the song, I got a little overwhelmed by His love for me, and this was the only way I could describe it:

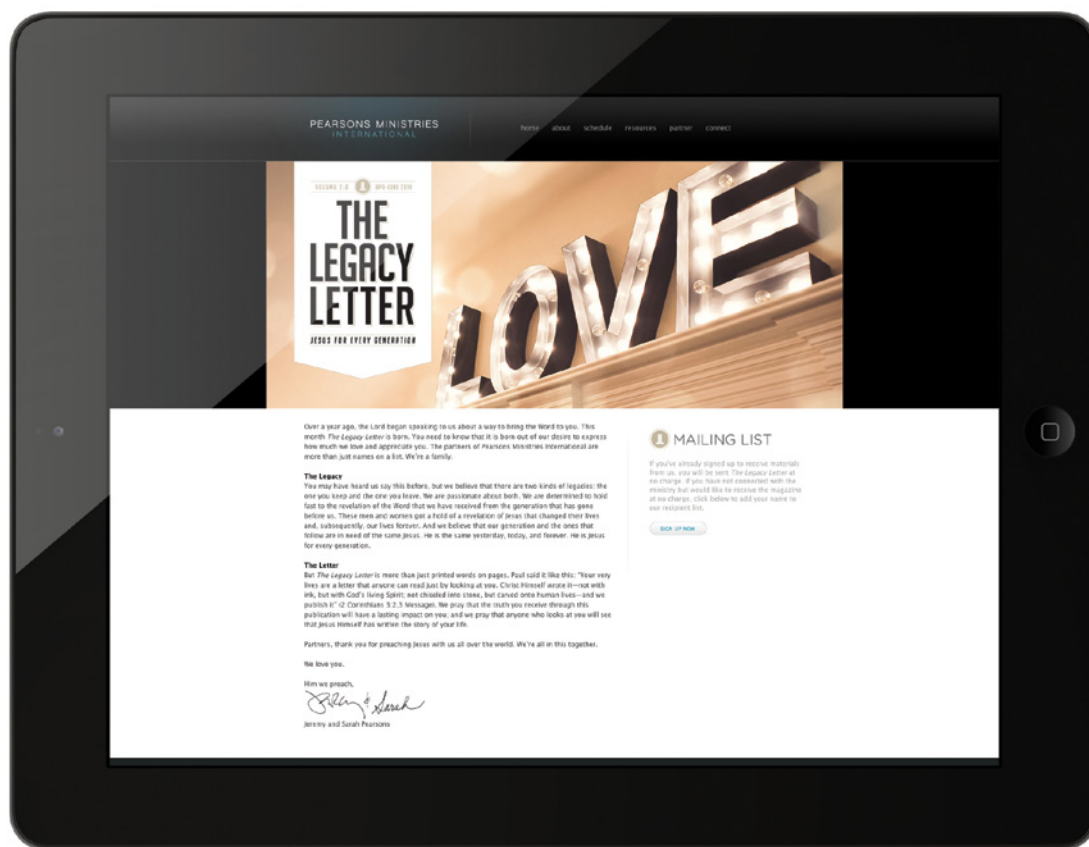
*Oh how high, how wide, how deep is Your love for me,
I’m caught up in the wave of Your mercy,
I’ll ride on, I’ll let go and let love carry me,
How high, how wide, how deep is Your love for me.*

You and I have so much to be thankful for. We have a God who loves us and goes out of His way to prove it to us every single day of our lives.

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