

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q: WHAT IS UNSTOPPABLE?

A: Unstoppable is a 3-year stewardship campaign to grow the kingdom by purchasing and remodeling this incredible facility that God has given us. At the same time this is so much more than a fund raising campaign. We are going on an exciting spiritual journey to find our place in God's Unstoppable mission! We believe God is calling us to grow our ministry impact by making better use of the building and establishing it as the permanent home of Faith Mountain, and this is about following his call.

## Q: WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH?

A: Unstoppable's two main goals are to purchase the building and then radically improve our ministry space. See the Ministry Vision brochure for full details of our construction plans, but in general we hope to create first class ministry areas for Children and Youth, Adult Sunday School, enlarge the fellowship space in our lobby, move our offices upstairs, improve the sanctuary and do an extreme makeover of the front of the building, so that more people in our community will be drawn to Faith Mountain and therefore to Christ.

## Q: WHY SHOULD WE TAKE ON THIS PROJECT NOW?

A: First of all, the investor that purchased this building on our behalf has made an amazingly generous offer by agreeing to match the funds we raise up to \$400,000! She believes in Faith Mountain! Her generosity should inspire us to stretch and grow. This matching gift will come as a discount off the sale price and will allow us to purchase our building for \$1.15 mil when it has a market value of \$2.5 mil. If we do not take advantage of this offer by February 2012, we may never have a chance to establish this building as a permanent home.

Second, her offer is designed to motivate us to raise the funds for our remodel plans. If we achieve our goal of raising \$600,000 we can purchase the building and complete the remodel all in one campaign. God has truly moved mountains!



## Q.: HOW MUCH WILL THE PROJECT COST?

A: The cost is estimated between \$450-600,000 depending on what amount of work we try to complete. The higher amount would allow us to accomplish most of the things we would like to do right now. We will adjust remodel plans based on the results of our campaign. Please review the detailed architect plans and “virtual tour” DVD in the Ministry Expansion Brochure. Faith Mountain will be transformed into a beautiful ministry center that gives glory to God, is attractive to new visitors and has room for growth.

## Q.: HOW REALISTIC IS OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$600,000?

A: Very realistic! Almost four years ago, when we were still in the high school and about half the size we are today, we raised an extra \$100,000 in a one year campaign! We are now double that size (2X) and we are asking for **three year** commitments (3X). That makes it very realistic to raise six times what we raised before, or \$600,000 for a much greater cause. At the same time, this is still a God-sized goal!

## Q.: WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR US TO REACH THIS GOAL?

A: Great question!

First, it will take all of us. Faith Mountain has always been a church where everyone does their part, whether in ministry or in financial giving. We are not a church with a few wealthy families who give a majority of the funds.

Second, it will take sacrifice. We will never achieve our goal if our people choose only to give from leftovers or one-time gifts. All of us must pray, plan and prioritize our finances to maximize our gifts to this campaign.

Third, it will take vision. We have to be able to see beyond ourselves to the needs of our community and to the heart of God. God has placed us here to impact our community. It would be real easy to sit back, rest and just enjoy what we have...but that would break the heart of God and take us off our mission. The Bible says that God wishes “none to perish, but all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). We need to share that same vision!

Finally, it will take consistency. All of us can give significantly more over time with small weekly amounts in addition to special lump sum gifts. We must make lifestyle choices that follow in line with our mission to “Love God. Love Others. And Make Disciples.”

## Q: CAN I SIMPLY DIVERT MY GIVING FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND PUT IT IN UNSTOPPABLE?

A: No. Absolutely not. The money collected through Unstoppable must be an “above and beyond” fund and is targeted toward our future expansion of ministry, not our present ministries. Regular tithes and offerings are still necessary for the normal operation of the facility, staff, ministry and maintenance. Unstoppable should be a sacrificial offering, given freely “above and beyond” normal tithes and offerings. The Finance Team and Elders must reserve the right to use portions of this fund to offset any losses to the general fund if we see a drop in general giving as a result of Unstoppable. If you are not presently tithing to support the general fund, we strongly encourage you to do both. God will bless your sacrifice.

## Q: WHAT IF WE RAISE MORE OR LESS THAN OUR GOAL?

A: We have limited the scope of our remodel plans based on the \$600,000 goal, but there are plenty of desirable improvements around this building, including the kitchen, roof and HVAC units. Raising more than this goal will allow us to pursue additional improvements. If we raise less than our goal, we may not be able to purchase the building, and we would need to reassess which remodel elements to pursue first.

## Q: WILL WE BORROW ANY MONEY TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS?

A: Yes. It would be extremely difficult to purchase the building without a loan, the same as most of us could never buy a home without a mortgage. Otherwise, we would have to raise over \$1.7 mil in cash, which is not a reasonable amount. Our current rent payment can support a mortgage loan for the discounted sale price of \$1.15 mil, and we hope to obtain a construction loan based on the amount we raise in the stewardship campaign, so we can begin that work in April 2012. Please pray for God’s wisdom, as we certainly do not wish to borrow more than we can afford.

## Q: HOW WILL WE MONITOR THE PROGRESS?

A: We will report progress to the entire congregation as things proceed. We will use email updates, small groups, town meetings and the bulletin to communicate. Please provide your current contact information on the commitment card to ensure you will receive updates. If you make a commitment, you will also receive confidential updates from our Financial Secretary as to your specific record of giving for tax purposes.



## Q: HOW WILL I BE ASKED TO COMMUNICATE MY FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO UNSTOPPABLE?

A: We will ask everyone in our church family to make their commitment on or before Sunday, November 13th during our regular services. “Celebration Sunday” will be a wonderful time to celebrate all that God is doing. A commitment card will be provided both prior to and during services. Total pledges will be based on giving over the 36 month span of the campaign.

## Q: WHEN WILL THE GIVING BEGIN?

A: One week after making your commitment, we will encourage everyone to bring their “first fruits” during a special collection time in our regular services on either Sunday, November 20th or 27th. This will be a time to deliver special lump sum gifts or deliver the first installment of your weekly, monthly or yearly pledge. We hope this exciting kick-off to our fulfillment period will help us raise significant funds up-front. The more we raise before the end of 2011, the sooner we will be able to close on the purchase of the building and begin the remodel work.

## Q: IS THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP UNIFIED IN OUR EXPANSION PLANS?

A: Our Elders, staff and ministry leaders are all unanimously in support of Unstoppable! We believe that our early “leap of faith” in this direction was confirmed by the owner’s generous offer of \$400,000 matching funds. God is clearly moving and we invite everyone to follow his lead!

## Q: WHAT IS MY PART?

A: Every person has a role to play in the body of Christ! Some suggestions:

- PRAY. Take some time to talk to God about what He would have you do.
- PLAN. Look at your finances and find ways to give generously and sacrificially. Take a look at the “Creative Ways to Give” insert to see many options for your giving.
- PLEDGE. Communicate your commitment on Sunday, November 13th.
- PARTICIPATE. Be consistent. Choose to give your time, talent and treasure as we move ahead!

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