



CHURCH
ROATAN





ORDINARY PEOPLE EMPOWERED *by an Extraordinary God!*

For over 14 years, through the power of the gospel, the mission of R Church has been to...



On the ultimate sticky note, Jesus offers these life-changing instructions: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Mark 12:30-31).

As we look around the Roatan area, we easily see that the harvest is plentiful (Matthew 9:37). We are the body of workers whom Jesus has assembled at R Church who are rolling up our sleeves and getting to work!

“This is not about bricks and mortar. It is all about continuing to change lives.”

What does this quote mean? Certainly, without a building, our vision to continuously launch more life-transforming ministries and other ministry offerings will be stifled. The building, however, is not the end goal. It is only a tool that will be used to impact people for generations to come.

Imagine a community center where Recovery meetings, discipleship classes, training classes and Bible studies can be offered throughout the week! Where proper classrooms for babies and growing families can be nurtured and where childrens and youth activities can flourish.

Lives are being changed by God through R Church while having only a few hours space per week! We look forward to what God can do with a full-time, permanent presence on the island. Being a part of God’s loving community is life changing. Having the opportunity to serve others is life changing. Knowing that you were created in God’s image and are loved unconditionally is life changing. May this vision for a transformational community center become a reality!

Our Campaign Verse is...

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

- Psalm 127:1

Please join in praying for R Church to be led and guided by God as we move forward to grow His kingdom!

Dear R Church family,



Travis & Tish Morin

What an amazing time to be a part of R Church! Over the past 11 years, our lives and those of our families and friends have changed forever. When R Church's time renting space at Infinity Bay came to an end, the church leaders met, talked and prayed about what this meant for the church and the ministries. Our conclusion was the realization that "if we want R Church to be present and impacting lives in Roatan in 20 or 50 years, we need a permanent home." We have been very thankful to be allowed to rent from the wonderful facility of Governor's Palace over the last year but we know our time is limited as they have renovations planned in the near future. The reality is that places that can accommodate our numbers are becoming fewer and fewer each year.

As we began to pray about this we started to seek input from others and look at land options. Our ultimate belief has always been that our Lord will lead the way and make it a clear choice. I recently read, "It is not about bricks and mortar. It is not about dollars and cents. It is about changing lives." As we enter our campaign titled **Growing for Tomorrow**, I would add to this that we are not building a temple. We are building a disciple factory focused on producing life change in all those who enter!

I ask that you prayerfully consider your role in this campaign by joining us in praying, "God, what do You want to do through me?" Tish and I are praying about our sacrificial commitment and are being challenged through this same process.

We know whole-heartedly that the **Growing for Tomorrow** is a campaign that will enable God's people to create lasting impact and change on Roatan for many generations. Through your generous support, our church family will live out the call of our mission statement to "love God, love people and expect change!"

Thank you for your love of Roatan and R Church and please prayerfully consider joining us in supporting this exciting campaign.

En Cristo,

Travis



Dear Friends,

What an exciting time to be a member of R Church! Over the past 14 years, our lives and the lives of our congregation have been deeply touched by the incredible people of R Church. We are truly blessed to be a part of a community that is growing and changing lives here in Roatan and beyond.



As the campaign chair of **Growing for Tomorrow**, I am reaching out to you with a heart full of hope and a vision for the future of our ministry. We firmly believe that, through God's love, we have the potential to expand our outreach and provide a dedicated space for our growing congregation.

Now, let us reflect on our mission statement: "Love God, love people, and expect change!" With this growth, we will be able to construct a church building that will serve as a beacon of God's light in our community.

The words of Psalm 127:1 remind us that unless the LORD builds the house, it's builders labor in vain. The Growing for Tomorrow campaign is our strategic plan to deepen our ministry in the community. We are convinced that, in order to continue attracting and equipping people in their faith, R Church must have the necessary facilities.

Now, how can you be a part of this transformative journey? I urge you to wholeheartedly seek God's will for your family's role in this campaign. Take a moment to pray and ask, "God, what do You want to do through me?" Open yourself to the Holy Spirit's leading, and brace yourself for the amazing things God has in store for all of us and for those who will one day call R Church their home.

It's important to note that God is calling us to Equal Sacrifice, not Equal Gifts. We recognize that every member and friend of R Church has different financial capacities. We simply ask that you consider how you might give sacrificially to **Growing for Tomorrow** over the next three years.

Your commitment, whether big or small, plays a vital role in the realization of our vision. Together, we can make a lasting impact on our community and continue to be a source of God's love and grace. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for being a valued part of R Church.

Thank you and God Bless!

Lisa Blythe

Campaign Chair

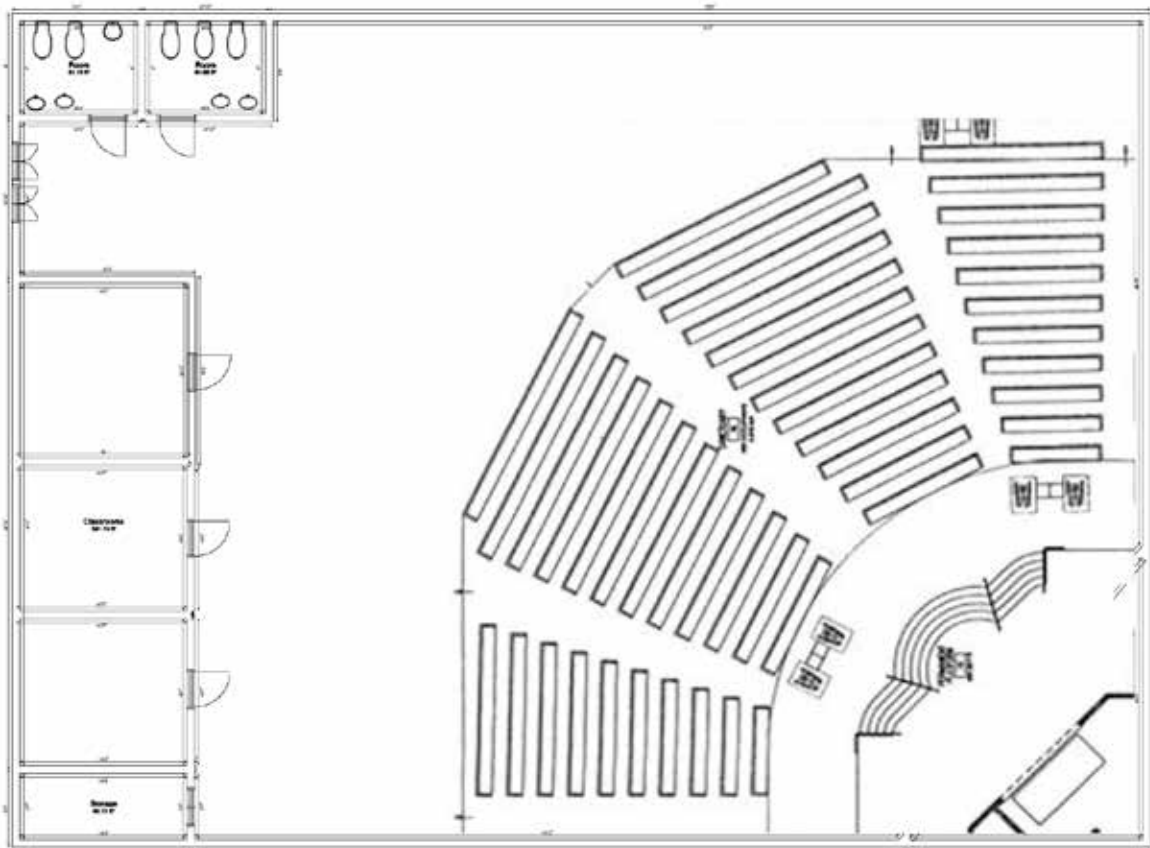


Example of 70 ft x 100 ft Metal Frame Church Building

A Center for the Community

R Church is the ultimate God connection story. Over 14 years ago, a few expats had the foresight to launch an english-speaking, non-denominational church in Roatan out of their desire to worship and serve God.

The land needed has been determined to be at least one acre minimum. For parking of just 75 cars, a minimum of a half acre of land is required, When you add a 70x100 building with basic infrastructure that is just under one acre. The search committee and local experts have recommended extra land for additional classrooms or buildings for growth. Without this extra buffer of land, the church will risk becoming land-locked later and having to move locations again which would add future unnecessary costs as land prices continue to rise. Below is a sample rendering of the worship center.



FAQs

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT?

R Church has a vision to expand our ability to provide hope and love to our neighbors in Roatan and Honduras. This vision includes building a Community Center where people can gather for a variety of services and meetings every week.

WHERE IS THE PROPERTY LOCATED?

R Church is currently evaluating 3 tracts of possible land locations. Each is between 1-2 acres in size.

DO WE HAVE SAVINGS FOR R CHURCH?

Yes, R Church has approximately \$50,000 in savings for seed money as of January 1, 2024 to put towards the building campaign.

HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?

- In 2002, Greg and Angela Ruark established the International Worship Center in West End, Roatan. Jeremy and Melissa Dyck made the decision to come in January 2009 to begin working with the newly named R Church.
- Jeremy went back in 2011 to the USA and Travis Morin began in November 2011 and was officially called as Pastor in April 2012. Since that time the church has grown from a small group of 35 expats to a large and diverse community of believers from many different countries and cultures.
- For nine years R Church rented the Conference Room at Infinity Bay and then has rented at Governor's Palace since October, 2022. Governor's Palace is slated to start renovations soon which would eliminate this as an option.

WHEN WILL WE HOLD OUR FIRST SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER?

R Church hopes to celebrate Spring, 2025 in the new Worship & Community Center.

WHAT ARE THE PROJECT COSTS, GOALS?

- The cost of this project is estimated at \$500,000.
- The *Growing for Tomorrow* Campaign aims to raise \$500,000 or more to secure payment and financing for at least 1 acre of land to handle space for parking and an approximately 70 ft x 100 ft building capable of holding up to 400 people for future growth.

HOW ARE WE PAYING FOR IT?

We will fund this project with proceeds through three-year contributions from the *Growing for Tomorrow* campaign. A successful campaign will allow us to be able to complete the construction with the assistance of mission teams and volunteer labor.

WILL R CHURCH CONTINUE TO MEET AT GOVERNORS PALACE?

R Church will continue to rent worship space from Governor's Palace as long as we are able out of the general operating budget until the new building is completed. It is likely that we will have to rent at a transitional location upon the start of their upcoming renovations.

HOW WILL I BE ASKED TO COMMIT?

The *Growing for Tomorrow* campaign will invite every active household and visitor in R Church as well as church partners in the USA and Canada to prayerfully consider a three-year commitment above the ongoing support for the mission and ministries of the church. The three-year contribution period begins in April 2024. New members and visitors to R Church who attend in the coming years will also be invited to support this campaign.

WHO CAN I TALK TO IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact Lisa Blythe (campaign chairperson), Lavina Jeter or Dave Charles (campaign coordinators) with any questions or suggestions.

HOW CAN I PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS CAMPAIGN?

Please pray for unity in our congregation, wisdom for our leaders, and the provision of resources. Also ask, "God, what do You want to do through me?" We trust that God will use this endeavor to continue to bring transformational power to Roatan.



Campaign Goal

WHAT IS OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL?

Based on our feasibility study, our campaign goal is between \$400,000 and 500,000. Yes, this is a wide range. It is our prayer that God will move among us and possibly in someone not yet known to reach the higher number, our “stretch goal,” which will allow us to totally complete a building.

*“Equal sacrifice;
Not equal gifts”*

In our church building campaign at R Church, we are faced with the question of feasibility. Can we raise \$500,000 dollars? Humanly speaking, it may seem impossible. Yet, we find hope in Matthew 19:26, where Jesus assures us that with God, all things are possible.

But our campaign is not just about achieving financial goals. It is about embracing our mission to grow the kingdom of God. As believers, we are called to be a shining light in the darkness, welcoming those who haven't yet met our wonderful Lord and Savior. Our building and ministry goals are interconnected, relying on our continued growth of His kingdom

As we spend time in prayer and seek God's guidance, let us ask, “God, what do You want to do through me?” Let us open our hearts to be moved by the Spirit, to give sacrificially and leave a legacy for the next generation. By living out the command to love God wholeheartedly and love our neighbors as ourselves, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of the people in Roatan.



God, what do You want to do through me?



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GRATITUDE SUNDAY

March 10

MINISTRY SUNDAY

March 17

PRAYER EVENT

March 19

COMMITMENT DAY

April 7

ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY

April 14

FIRST FRUIT OFFERING SEASON

April 21



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