

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Psalm 36:9

the LifeWord

with Michael Green



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Dear Friend:

Just over one year ago, after much prayer and counsel, the LifeGate was born with the call and vision, *"Building Christ Into Every Life"*. Since then, this adventure ride has afforded us a front row seat to witness God's favor, provision and protection.

Soon after, against major odds, the NorthShore facility, which was not for sale, breathed a LifeBreath and we dedicated the place to God, not us. On that first day I announced, *"God has been so good but only half of our dream has come true!"* Since that day, we have interceded and beat the bushes for God's best.

Fast forward to right now as the second part of our prayer petition has come to tangible life in the realization of another great facility that, like the other one, never even made it to the public sales market.

The moving around is over!

Miracle after miracle, God's faithful hand has guided our steps and I am often reminded of the Psalm line, *"The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad"*.

Glad is the word as we hit the ground running and set up house in a permanent SouthShore location. No more equipment moves. No more weekly set ups and tear downs. The chairs are already set up. After years of discomfort, the patient, wonderful children who were gathering into one room now have their own class rooms and play areas. Regular classes, rehearsals and prayer times are now here.

Soon, we will announce the Thursday Prayer Time on the SouthShore to partner with the Tuesday Prayer on the NorthShore.

Also, coming to both sides, the *"LifeGate Enrichment Series"* of classes and seminars to follow the *"Building Christ..."* charge.

The LifeGate story is one of miracle provision that, at times, has been slow yet spectacular at the same time. In the beginning, we knew we were not called to kick open what God had closed or attempt to resurrect what good counsel and prophetic direction declared as gone. The LifeGate was not going to be a recycle project but a brand new experience/adventure beyond our biggest dreams and

most diligent prayers. See Isaiah 43:18-19.

Overwhelming revelation let us know that God wanted to do this new thing but, in the process, much would be expected from us and the wonderful ones who would join themselves to the call. At this vantage point, we can now see a new family coming forth along with great new opportunities to further the Gospel.

As is what is usually the case when making big faith steps, our young church navigated a brutal assortment of personal and ministry harassing land mines but we found ourselves becoming stronger and more focused on the call at hand. Experimentally, we have learned the fullness of the concept of being *"sustained"* in our walk. It is now part of our message.

An old Broadway lyric proclaimed, *"Bit by bit, putting it together"*. Isaiah said, *"Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little"*. That's us! Step by step, God has done great things and, this week, it is for all to see and rejoice. It has been one of those, *"Faith becoming sight moments"*.

Linda and I truly thank all those who have remained diligent, patient and faithful. We also thank those who been joined to us since the LifeGate journey started; you have brought fresh life and energy to our family. To those yet to arrive, the place is ready, join us and see God do great things!

It's time to rejoice.

It's time to say, *"Thank You"*.

It's time to look forward, not back.

It's time.

Michael

PS: This Sunday, March 1st at 10:30 am, the LifeGate South opens. Located at 1317 Butternut Ave (just off Clearview) in Metairie. This will be the only service this week. The regular schedule resumes on March 8th.

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