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*A Ministry of  
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# VISION21 TOGETHER

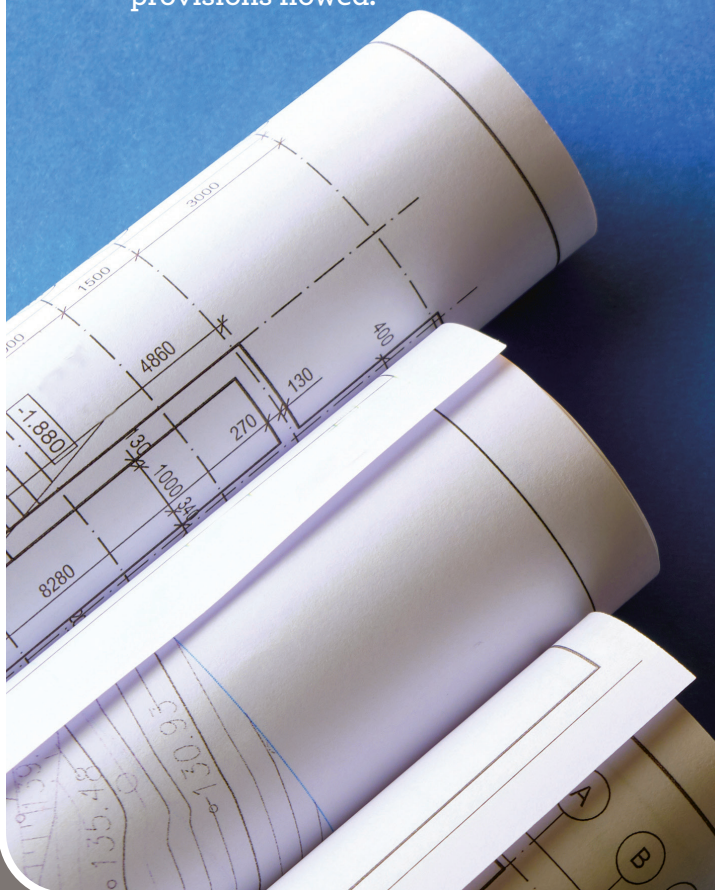
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When God instructed Moses to build the Tabernacle, He commanded, “whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring . . . an offering to the Lord” (Exodus 35:4). The people of Israel brought generous offerings so that “the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much” (36:7). God, who had given Israel all that they possessed, provided more than was needed. They were the channel through which God’s provisions flowed.

Centuries later God instructed Solomon to build the temple in Jerusalem. God showed him the precise location. And He moved Hiram, king of Tyre, to provide cedar trees, fir trees and as much gold as Solomon desired with which to build the structure. Who could have guessed that vital building supplies would come from a foreign king? “The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will” (Proverbs 21:1).

More centuries passed. The temple Solomon built was destroyed by Israel’s enemies who subdued the nation because it forsook His Word. In captivity, “the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem” (Ezra 1:1, 2). Again, God used a foreign king, pagan and superstitious, to build His house.

Ages continued to roll. For its idolatry, much of Israel was taken into captivity. A succession of captors came and went—Babylon, then Persia, then Greece and then Rome, each overtaken by its successor. The Roman emperor appointed Herod “the Great” to rule the Jewish region of his empire. From 20-19 BC, Herod rebuilt the



temple on a grand scale, the temple from which Christ would drive the money changers and perform other works displaying His deity. Herod is known for many wicked atrocities, ordering the death of baby boys in Bethlehem among them. Yet he is the one God used to build Israel's temple in Jerusalem. Herod, who was not truly Jewish, and who was utterly set against God, was God's instrument for that task.

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projects named above. God provided for them by means no one would guess.

Together, let us give our best, as was done at the tabernacle, and let us "get" from the unexpected sources that God can and will use. Our task is to give and to pray continually that God will move others to join us in giving.

## VISION21 **TOGETHER** NEWS

# Celebrate! We've passed the \$1 million mark by more than \$300,000!



## \$1,335,052 Raised

- Five hundred forty-four donors are now enlisted.
- Our Dollar-a-Day campaign finished larger than ever—more than \$300,000 is pledged, and
- Harford Christian Educational Foundation (HCEF) just voted to give a \$30,000 grant to Vision21.



### *Flying Fact*

Did you know that HCEF began making annual grants to HCS in 1993? Since then it has given \$756,288.



Hurdle #2  
**\$2,000,000**  
**\$644,948**  
Needed

## *In Support of* Vision21 *TOGETHER*

Harford Christian School has been, and continues to be, no small part of our lives. Ruth (Beck) came to HCS from public school in 8th grade; Mark came to HCS from public school in 11th grade. We graduated in 1982, married in 1986, and were blessed with 8 children, all of whom attended HCS from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Ruth has been volunteering and working at HCS for several years,



**Mark and Ruth Edwards**  
Vision21 Supporters

and continues there even though our youngest child is now a senior in college. To say HCS has impacted our lives and the lives of our family in a positive way for decades, is absolutely true. We are grateful to God and the dedicated staff of HCS for investing in our lives. God has used our affiliation with HCS and Reformation Bible Church to give us a great education, grow our love for God and His Word, build life-long friendships, and see answers to the prayers of God's people. We count it a privilege to be fellow-laborers in this endeavor, and are excited to watch the Lord continue to expand the ministry of HCS with a growing enrollment and the Vision21 building program.

**Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give;  
not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.**

II Corinthians 9:7

## MAKE A GIFT OF SUPPORT TODAY!

**To make a gift of support online go to:**

**[www.reformationbiblechurch.org/support-rbc](http://www.reformationbiblechurch.org/support-rbc)**

and select Vision21 in the dropdown menu.

To go directly to the support page, scan the code and select Vision21 in the dropdown menu.



**For more information about other ways to make a gift of support, call 410-457-5103 or**

**email:** [vision21@harfordchristian.org](mailto:vision21@harfordchristian.org)

### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>Vision21 Building Fund</b>	<b>\$1,335,052</b>
Number of Donors	544
Average Gift Size	\$471.62
Largest Gift	\$100,000

## We're letting our light shine!

You have an open invitation to attend any of the Vision21 Together Friends Reception events throughout the year.

Let us show you what we are doing for our youth and our nation, and why our mission is so vital. Experience an educational institution where learning takes place with a biblical worldview.

To reserve your place and date, call **410-457-5103** or register on our website at **[www.harfordchristian.org](http://www.harfordchristian.org)**.



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