

A REALCase Study

“God’s *Theater of Miracles*”

The Atlantic Christian School

The School that was IMPOSSIBLE
by Man’s Standards

However, it was

Developed by God

Using Christian Community Development Corporation, (CCDC) a 501.c.3

For \$1.00

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A school that had no money, no major donors, \$100,000 in Debt,
and nothing of any value except faith and the Grace of God.....

Now sits as a **68,000 square-foot building** on a **37-acre campus**
with **5 ball fields** that are fully irrigated, and the **huge solar panel**
system on the roof of the entire building.

It truly was and is
God's Theatre of Miracles.

With NO permanent home for 25 years, and NO land, and NO major donors, GOD produced a 37-acre campus and a 68,000 sq. ft. building with 5 ball field and a track, serving 425 students.



God's Provision

For Years We Prayed!

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He DID!

Only it was 37 Acres!

Compelling Outcome - by God's Provision

The school has since been Blessed with a huge solar power-generating system on the roof.

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 - By God's provision, CCDC built the 68,000 square foot Atlantic Christian School for \$ 56 per square foot.
 - CCDC also built 5 ball fields and Track at a cost of \$650,000 and donated the fields to the school valued at \$2,100,000. The Charitable Contribution Tax Deduction was passed along to 14 small donors. They achieve a tax deduction of of nearly 3 to 1.

It started here - when **the school lost its lease.**

This 3-story 72-year-old building was our
TEMPORARY HOME – By God's Provision



After 25 years of not having a real home...

**This 3-story 72-year-old building was our
TEMPORARY HOME – By God's Provision**



We got **notice to vacate** the building in 24 months.

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**NEW YORK
AVENUE SCHOOL**

The image shows the exterior of a brick building with a sign that reads "NEW YORK AVENUE SCHOOL". The sign is mounted on a brick wall above a decorative entrance. The entrance features a green-patina pediment supported by two green-patina columns, with a semi-circular window below. The building is made of light-colored bricks and has several windows visible. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

ACS had **NO MONEY**, and was **\$100,000 in debt**.

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The kids needed a permanent home for their school.

The Children Prayed and
Believed for God's Provision...



And the little ones PRAYED,
so we made them a **PROMISE**,
and they **BELIEVED...**

They Prayed and Believed for
God's Provision...



What happened next was **an incredible sequence of miracles.....**

In fact, we call it....

"God's Theater of Miracles"

A tiny thought



blossomed into a full blown VISION!

The Compelling Outcome - by God's Provision

AWESOME! AMAZING!
God's Handiwork - by HIS Provision



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 - **The Investor/Donors realized a tax deduction of of nearly 3 to 1 based on their investment.**

Build it and They Will Come - by God's Provision

The Beautiful Varsity Baseball Field –
Our Field of Dreams
Donated **Free & Clear** by God's Provision



Before it all Happened - by God's Provision



The Land was Cleared by Ed Stella as a partial Gift-in-Kind, saving us about \$4,000 per acre.

Inspiring Progress - by God's Provision

**We Still Had NO MONEY!
But we dedicated the Land to HIM!**



Talk about Faith! - by God's Provision

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Mrs. Cassell

**Our Blessed
Kindergarten Teacher
put the shovel in the
ground, when we still
HAD NO MONEY!**

Inspiring Progress - by God's Provision

Pre-Construction Prayer Meeting – by God's Provision

The Youth Worship Team

Praised God, even
when we still
HAD NO MONEY!



Graced by **Goodness** - and by God's Provision

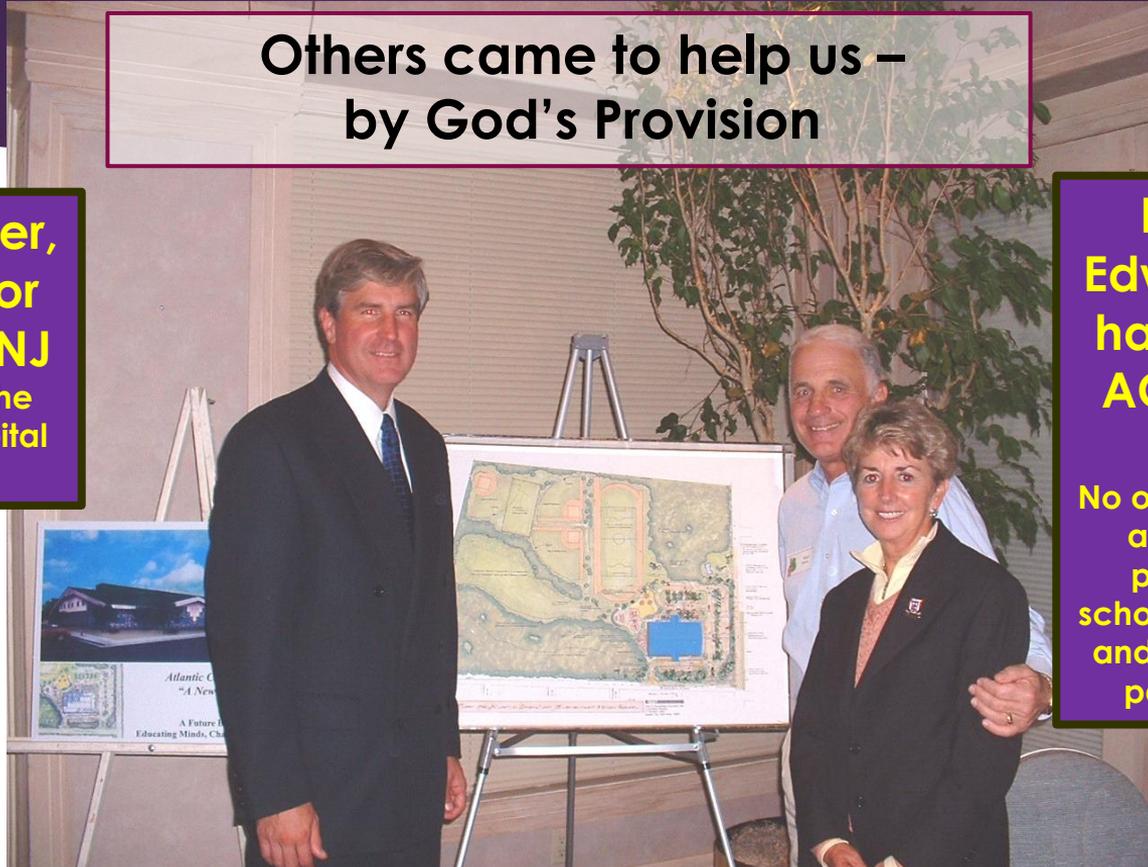
Others came to help us –
by God's Provision

**Brett Schundler,
Candidate for
Governor of NJ**

Lent his name to the
project for the Capital
Campaign

**Roger and
Edwina Hansen
has supported
ACS for many
years.**

No one knows, but they
actually covered
payroll when the
school only had 40 kids
and couldn't afford to
pay the teachers!



Here is Our "WHY" - The Kids & The Kingdom!

The students were joyful and hopeful—
for God's Provision

Lisa Dye's Class
Anticipating a New
School!



Gradual Beginnings - by God's Provision

The Land was Cleared - by God's Provision



**Volunteers with chain saws made
the first on-site labor effort,
and created a wonderful mess!**

Senator Support - by God's Provision



State Senator, Bill Gormley lent his name in support of the project.

We Gathered and Gained Support - by God's Provision

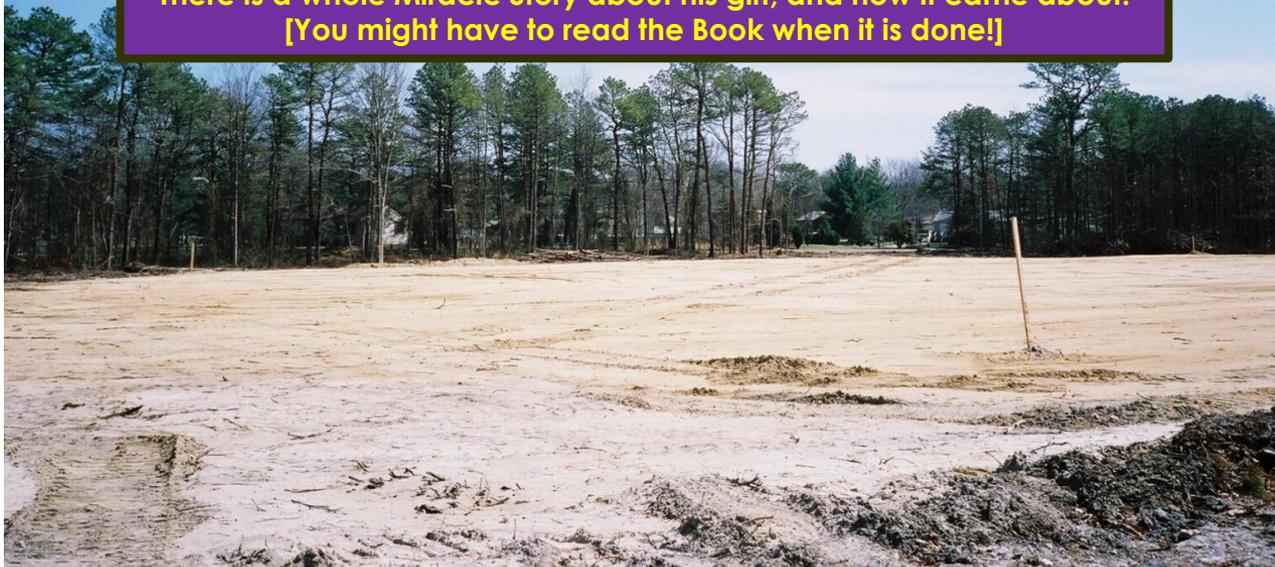


The Pad Site Raised 6 Feet- by God's Provision

The Pad Site was Raised 6 ft- by God's Provision
This require 12 feet of fill!

**Bill Bowman was one of the MOST
Generous of the Gifts-in-Kind Donors.**

There is a whole Miracle Story about his gift, and how it came about.
[You might have to read the Book when it is done!]



Steel Arrives On the Ground - by God's Provision

The Steel Arrived- by God's Provision



Inspiring Progress - by God's Provision

Preparing the Steel - by God's Provision



Signing Steel Beams - by God's Provision

Mrs. Shirk & Kids
Autographing the steel
with prayers of THANKS!

**Signing the Steel –
by God's Provision**



Steel Beams Going Up - by God's Provision

Steve Mercer (Not shown)

Steve was the Contractor who
drove the project.
He manufactured and installed
every steel stud in the building
at lightning speed.
And He wasn't even SAVED!
His is now!



Gradual Beginning - by God's Provision



Signing the Steel - by God's Provision

Inspiring Progress - by God's Provision



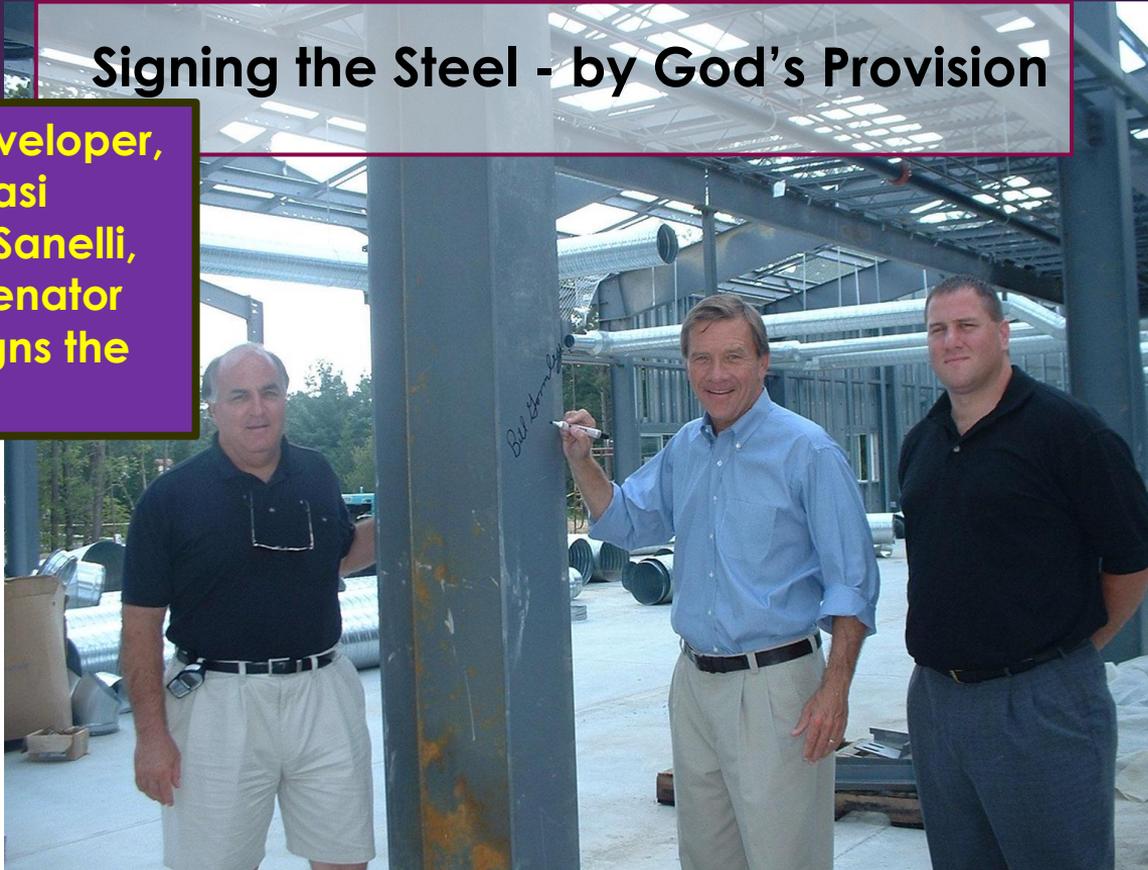
**Scriptures on the Steel –
by God's Provision**

**Scriptures
(Mark 11:22 shown)
Scriptures are “buried in the building,
on many of the steel beams.
God's Word is Both
Hidden and Revealed
at ACS!**

Gradual Beginnings - by God's Provision

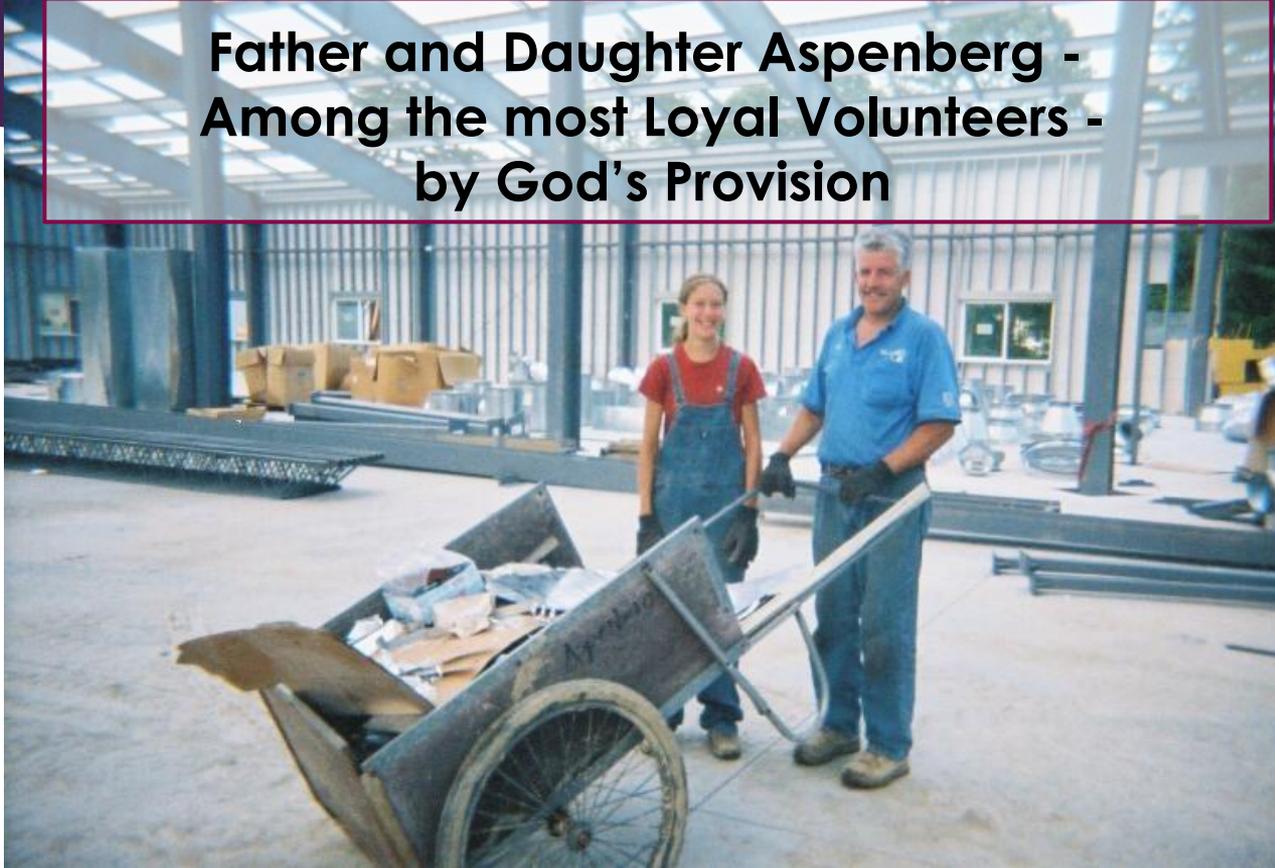
Signing the Steel - by God's Provision

Volunteer Developer,
Larry Masi
& CSA, Joe Sanelli,
watch as Senator
Gormley signs the
steel.



Faithful Partners - by God's Provision

**Father and Daughter Aspenberg -
Among the most Loyal Volunteers -
by God's Provision**



Compelling Outcome - by God's Provision

Signing the Steel - by God's Provision

County Executive
Denny Levinson, signs
a Beam as Volunteer
Developer, Larry Masi
looks on.

Denny later helped us
gain a SUBDIVISION in
28 days!

Impossible?
NOT with God!



Inspiring Progress - by God's Provision

**The walls are going up!
And the Flag is Flying!**



Inspiring Progress - by God's Provision

**Getting Ready for the
Massive Green Steel Roof!**



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The SITE is still just DIRT.

Will It get done in time?



Inspiring Progress - by God's Provision

The Mayor Greet Us - by God's Provision

Sanelli and Masi
"schmooze" with the
Mayor!

And why not? He had the
Township waive the fees
for our subdivision!
Unheard of!



Roofers are **a Tough Bunch** - by God's Provision

Our Motley Crew - by God's Provision



Now this is a **TOUGH** bunch of guys!

Our Steel workers. Can you believe that these few guys put up all that steel!



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The Building is Closed In - by God's Provision



**Notice....some 20,000 pieces of stone
are yet to go on the building!**

10,000 Stones by Volunteers - by God's Provision

Volunteers Installing 10,000 out of 20,000 pieces of exterior stone - by God's Provision

Seriously! Volunteers climb up on the scaffolding to place mortar and stone on the face of the building!



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Future Memorial Area - by God's Provision

Watch this
transformation!
From this....



Honoring God and Our Country

Veterans' Memorial Area - by God's Provision

To this.....



Honoring Our Country and Our Veterans

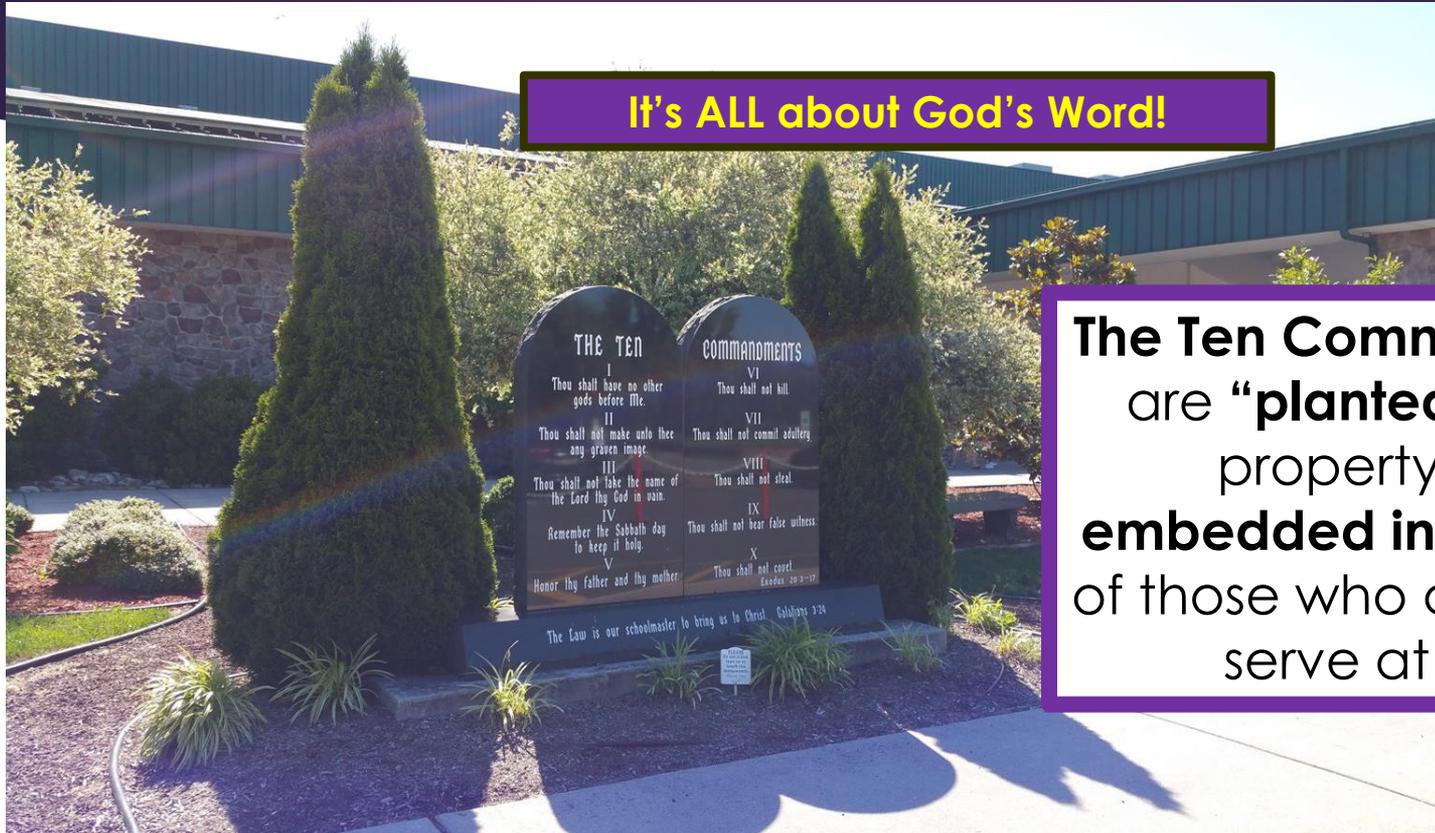
**And This!
You should see this
place in Veteran's Day!**



Veterans' Memorial Area - by God's Provision

Honoring God's Word and His Commandments

It's ALL about God's Word!



The Ten Commandments are **“planted”** on the property, and **embedded in the Hearts** of those who attend and serve at ACS.

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We opened in January. The school building was BUILT in 5 Months!



Compelling Outcome - by God's Provision

Our Outdoor Kids Play Area- by God's Provision

**Ralph Clayton was touched to supply a
playground for the little kids!**



Compelling Outcome - by God's Provision

Part of Our Amazing Ball Fields - by God's Provision



After picking up literally THOUSANDS OF ROOTS from the dirt, by hand, the ball fields came out magnificently!

Compelling Outcome - by God's Provision



Our Full-Sized Running Track- by God's Provision

Bob Green's Engineering design of the track was PERFECT!

Our Baseball Field of Dreams - by God's Provision

Volunteer Coordinator, Ray Picking, became the grounds keeper before stepping up to become the Boys Varsity Baseball Coach. Ultimately, he became Baseball Coach of the Year.



IMMACULATE!

The Lord ALWAYS Finishes what HE starts.

Our Joyful Ribbon-Cutting- by God's Provision



**Despite HUGE Challenges...which are inevitable
when doing something of significance for the
Kingdom, God ALWAYS finishes HIS work.**

Singing in Awe - by God's Provision

When Pat Robertson flew in to dedicate the gym, we were truly humbled!

Lucy Masi and Janice Picking were also front and center with Pat Robertson!

PS – Lucy was lead to Christ by Pat when she put her hand on the TV and prayed with him 20+ YEARS AGO!

Ray Picking, and ACS Board Chairman, Carl Erlandson, were front and center with Pat!

ME? After having doubted that we could ever MEET Pat Robertson (5 years prior), he flew in and rode shotgun in Janice's mini-van with me driving! I was privileged to escort Pat the entire evening, to dedicate the Gymnasium at ACS. AMAZING!



“Front Row Seat at God’s Theater of Miracles”

This Gymnasium would become the very place that our previously “losing” basketball team would WIN 70 games in a row when the school opened!
Under the coaching of THIS LITTLE GUY, Tom Piotrowski!



What a Blessing! Truly the Front Row Seat to hear Pat Robertson share with us. And ALL God’s people said, AMEN!

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Student & Family Impact

1. Students are thriving spiritually and academically.
2. Students are taught everything from a Biblical perspective and world view.
3. Many Students are more motivated to continue their education at a Christian College or University.
4. Students learn about serving God by serving others.
5. Families are Strengthened.
6. *Many Lives are being Impacted for Eternity*



God's Theater of Miracles Could be in **YOUR** City?



For Years We Prayed!

We believe that this can happen in cities and communities across the country....right now!

If we act.

Please pray about joining forces with us to
“Impact Lives for Generations to Come!”

Become part of ...

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For more Information: How you can
get your own
Front Row Seat at
God's Theater of Miracles...

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