

SPECIAL UPDATE

From the Hutchens Family in New Zealand

Building Update 3

It's been a few weeks since I was last able to send out an update concerning our purchase of this building. That's not because nothing has been happening, trust me! It's because we've been waiting and working through various things, and seeking the Lord's direction.

In our last prayer letter from a couple of weeks ago, I wrote of how the building had been found to be in need some strengthening. We've been working with the engineer to draw up plans that will strengthen it appropriately. We received the final draft of those plans last Friday, and submitted them to a builder for a price estimate.

The builder came back to us on Wednesday, which was supposed to be our confirmation date for the sale. We had to ask for another extension through today (20 September) to allow for the price estimate to be passed along to our lender for their approval. We also asked the sellers to consider a price reduction to help us manage the extra cost of the strengthening.

Late Wednesday evening, we received word from the lender that the strengthening plan was approved. Then, early this morning I received word from our lawyer that the sellers had agreed to reduce the price per our request. And thus, I am thrilled to report that we have **confirmed** our contract to purchase this building, giving the Lighthouse Baptist Church its very first property. This morning has largely comprised of me sending messages to various friends and family to tell them the good news, and now I am thankful to share that same good news with all of you!

Our settlement will take place in 3 months. This was a condition of sale from the sellers, because there are two churches currently renting the building, and the sellers wanted to give them ample time to relocate. We'll take possession in mid-December, and immediately set about the work of strengthening and remodelling. We'll tell you more about this process in due time! For now, rejoice with us as we praise the Lord for His provision!

The Hutchens Family

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