



# The Joseph Project



Transitioning to the Future  
Headquarters of

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## Welcome to the Joseph Project

The following is the proposed concept for the future plans; immediate and longer term, for the Church of God, Ministries, Int'l including the outreach *God's Unchanging Word*, and **News, Nuggets, and Insights**. We understand that all of this is, "if" it is in God's will and should He say the same. While we do not know all that lies in each and any of our futures, we do know that we are commanded to be doing the work (Matt 24:42-46), He has given us to do as understood in the two part commission while we wait for His return. (Matt 28:19-20) We present this with our hopes and prayers that this is, and will be, in accordance to His Will and approval.

### Why Now?

To explain that, we need to give you a brief background of how the COGMI came about. During the years of 1995-1997, the Churches of God began to fraction and splinter. It was during this, time that the New Orleans Church pooled their efforts and purchased it's own building. Note: That is the building that the COGMI now operates out of as our headquarters. When all of the dust settled, the New Orleans COG aligned with the ICG. (Intercontinental Church of God)

Upon the death of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in 2003 we were forced to start over again. After a turbulent beginning, on Dec. 31, 2005, the Church of God, Ministries International was formed. Our first year of operation began on January 1, 2006. From that date until today, God has blessed us with nearly 18 years of continual growth, year after year. While we are not a large organization, God has blessed us with a strong footprint with a powerful message in reaching out and doing our part in fulfilling the commissions.

On September 9, 2016, we aired our first **News, Nuggets, and Insights** as part of *God's Unchanging Word* outreach. This month marks the seventh year of our program. God has blessed it to grow from less than a hundred viewers at that time to literally thousands of individual views each week.

There are several answers in addressing the question "Why Now;" which we will do in this portfolio. But the primary answer is; we are striving to expand our program and we are simply out of room. In short, we need to move on. This has been coming for a while now, but we've been waiting for God to show us the way. We believe the Joseph Project is the answer to our prayers. We believe this is God's way of showing us how to make the needed changes to grow the and serve God's people in the future.





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## What is the Joseph Project?

**T**he Joseph Project is what has literally grown from the actual teachings of what has become the hallmark and the central core of the commission of the Church of God, Ministries International. That is the 'End Time' understanding of duality of God's plan for His church and the end time.

That is the central theme of the outreach and the most important message that God has given to our work. That message is resonating in God's people and producing growth. This message is the understanding of the 'end time duality' of God's plan for salvation for mankind. The central core to that teaching is the understanding of 1 Cor 10, especially vs 11. "Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

The biblical examples of the Israelites for our day are numerous and unmistakable. It is obvious that God intends for His church to be that end time Joseph. I believe the COGMI has been commissioned to be the end time type of the work of Joseph. This is the understanding given to us over these past eight years that was not revealed to our parent church the WCG. It was reserved for the end time church and revealed to us. When God gives understanding, it also comes with responsibility. What are we to do with it?

Notice Isaiah 1:9 "Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we would all be like Sodom and Gomorrah." Read the verses just before that and you will see the condition of the nation, and specifically the cities. We must begin to prepare to flee the city before this comes to pass, and time is drawing ever so short. What is that? Specifically, to be a part of fulfilling what God had always intended for the end time work.

In 2015 we began giving series after series. We have spelled out these understandings over the past 8 years through numerous Bible study series that cover an ar-

ray of topics all pertaining to and building upon one another. The web office has compiled these many sermon series together in one spot of the web and they come to over 130 hours in total. These teachings morphed into what became "The Prophecy Timeline Series." We did not realize it in 2015, but God had put us on a specific path. Each new prophetic series builds upon the previous series. When they are connected you find that they have created a path of revelation of insight not understood before. Through them it has become obvious that God has given us a path for our work, and through the Timeline Series God has given us a roadmap of God's plan for His church for day.

When we understand the core principle these messages, we understand the importance of duality. There is a physical, and there is a spiritual. The Joseph project will strive to do both. We believe that through the purchase of the property, God has provided us with a new home to expand the spiritual end of our work. Additionally, on these grounds we will begin to find a way to help with the physical needs of the brethren as times get tough through the lean years.

One last point about the Joseph Project, we believe that there is a real probability of the reason why God provided us with the Syracuse building in the north. If you are new to the our ministry, you may not be aware of the miracle that God brought with the purchase of that building. It was nothing short of miraculous of how that came about. The path that opened for us was nothing short of miraculous. We believe that God has given us this property in the same manner.

What is the Joseph Project? It is God's way of giving us a way to fulfill our part of the end time commission, and to care for God's people in the end of days. When we consider the Syracuse building, we have to consider, is it possible that there will be a Joseph Project north and a Joseph Project south? Time will tell. It is definitely something to think about. .



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# The Joseph Project The Move

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## Challenges to Overcome The Right Location to Make the Move

**The benefits far outweighed the obstacles that needed to be overcome.**

**Location:** Its proximity is far enough from any major city to give it some protection during the tough times.

It is only approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours away from N.O., depending upon where you live. It is also close enough for those still living in the city (N.O. Brethren) to get to from time to time to help on the property, or possibly move to. It is in a location that as we make the transition, we can keep the work going and expanding.

**Internet:** The property is Fiber-Optic Ready. It will give us the speed need to continue live streaming. Once we get everything together, including a building for taping, we can finally have one location to handle it all, including live streaming.

### **The purchase pluses outweigh any lack or negative**

**It is an up and running Farm:** In the past, the owner used to grow and sell the hay. There's enough land that if God blesses the growing seasons, the land can pay for itself in upkeep and utilities.

It has plenty of rich high and fertile land and three ponds.

It already has a large workshop / storage area 32X96.

It has a 24X24 greenhouse for growing and seed establishment.

It has fenced pastures to run cattle, etc.

It is located on two paved roads but far enough away from the closet town.

It's in an area where there is plenty of wooded acres (approx. 25 acres).

The location is very rural and far enough away from city for some protection

### **The Home / Offices on the Property**

The main building is approximately 4,400 Sq. Ft.

It's actually a very strangely built house for a home. But it will work effectively for our needs. It appears it is designed for more like a chalet of a resort, which actually works better for us. We can use it for the church HQ: the bottom is suited for offices, church production, printing, mailing, and etc.

Initially, the upper floor can be used as a residence for the grounds keeper / possible guest quarters, ministerial conferences and even for classes if we ever grow to that point.



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## Challenges to Overcome

**The Challenges to Overcome:** The need to move out of the city and keep the work going for as long as God will allow us is the biggest challenge.

Our present location in Gretna was a very safe and secure area for a very long time. But, over the past couple of years the climate around us has changed dramatically. In the future it may become necessary to for us move.

That means the New Orleans church may need to consider selling the building. This would of course have to be run by and approved by the local congregation. I'm only stating that here because I believe, in the not so distant future, that time is coming. This will not be accomplished overnight.

If / when that day comes, we could use the funds from the sale to help build a new multipurpose church building on the new location.

## Phase III Future Development

**Micah 4:4** *Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken.*

**This may be getting ahead of ourselves, but we wanted to take a moment to introduce you to some future plans should God bless us with the opportunity.**

Our church location is in close proximity to very large tracks of land that will be available for the church to purchase for future home sites for the brethren.

**For example:** One such track just came on the market, it is over 400 acres that has a 20 acre lake and they are breaking it up to smaller parcels. If we had the funds, we could secure the whole parcel. There is a time coming where you might want to flee from the cities. Then when the time comes you could obtain your own 2-5 acre plot (or larger if you prefer). Brethren could sell their home or have a second home, move to the country with other brethren, retire and build on your own piece of land just minutes away from the church property.

This may sound like a dream right now, but so did the possibility of the new headquarters a few years ago.

**INTERESTED in living just a little taste of the kingdom?** Give us a call.

There is much planning that needs to be done, but if we start now, who knows what God can do for those who trust Him and love Him in the future.

One last item for you hunting, camping and fishing enthusiasts; the new church is located about 15 minutes away from the MS. Old River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) a **15,091-acre** of MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks



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**Matt 13: 44** “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

## **The New Headquarters by the Numbers BY THE GRACE OF GOD: OUR SPECIAL FIELD**

Before I cover the actual purchase figures, let us explain how we came to the decision to make this purchase. : **1st.:** We kept in mind the prophetic warns of Jeremiah 45:4-5 *“But the LORD has told me to say to you, ‘This is what the LORD says: I will overthrow what I have built and uproot what I have planted, throughout the earth. <sup>5</sup> Should you then seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them. For I will bring disaster on all people, declares the LORD, but wherever you go I will let you escape with your life.”*

These specific verses are to be understood for our time. We are at that point of time where it appears God has called for an end. We knew we needed to finish the work in an area outside the city. We also understand from these passages that this would be different from the grandeur days of the WCG are over. This would be a bare-bones effort.

**2nd:** We did not want to leave a burden on the members. I remember many conversations with GTA and his referencing the constant crisis at HQ and asking people to sacrifice. It reminded me of the time of Solomon after he died where we read about the burden of the taxes upon the people. (I Kings 12) That meant, that what ever decision we made, it would have to be within the means of what God had already provided.

**3rd:** We know times are getting more and more difficult. We also understand that we are living in the time of the seals. That means there will be less and less income over the course of time. Thus the purchase had to be debt free. There were many other considerations, but if these three weren't met, we couldn't make the deal.

**Now let me tell you how God had blessed us to make the purchase.**

**PURCHASE PRICE: \$800,000.00** The actual value and last appraisal came to over one million dollars. We purchased this land and buildings with no balance due, and we are still “debt free.”

**We were told there were other deals on the property this past year for much more. But each of the deals failed and it went back on the market. We were also told that this was the lowest bid they ever accepted.**

**HOW WE CAME UP WITH THE FUNDS:** Of this purchase, **just over \$400,000.00** came from our actual working budget. The balance of the funds came from ‘special larger one time donations’ from individuals who told us to use them for what we felt would be serve the church. We put those special donations into a special account for when the day would come that God would show us how to best use them. Of these donations, we received a special anonymous \$100,000.00 donation that put us over the top to make the deal. The great news is we have just enough in our budget to operate the upcoming year.

Let me close with something I hate talking about, money, the income. I hate talking about it, if you talk about how much is received, it feels like bragging. If you talk about a slack of funds it sounds like you're poor mouthing. The COGMI lives within whatever God provides. And thanks to you, and your support, wise saving, and God's blessings, we had just enough to make the deal. Please accept our sincere thanks for your trust and support to make this possible. Thank you, and praise God for this incredible opportunity.

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The Joseph Project The Office/Home



Various angle photos of the central hub of this unique building, designed with special attention for the use of the office and home. The centerpiece is the fireplace. From the moment you enter the building you are give beautiful views of the land, through the wide expanse of the windows.



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Various angle photos of the central hub looking back from the glass walls. Gives you the perspective from the hub, to the second floor.



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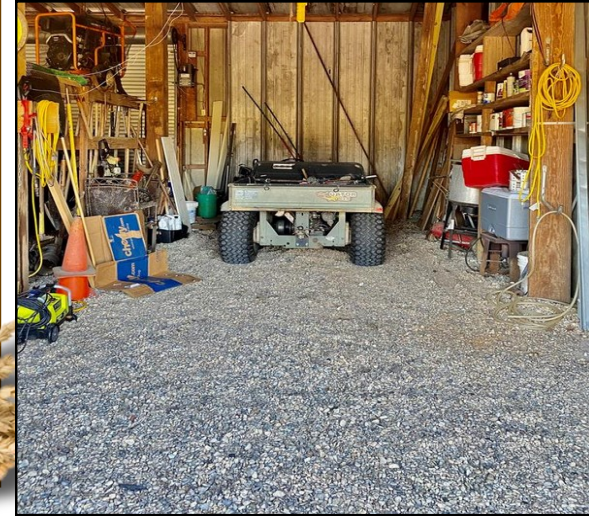
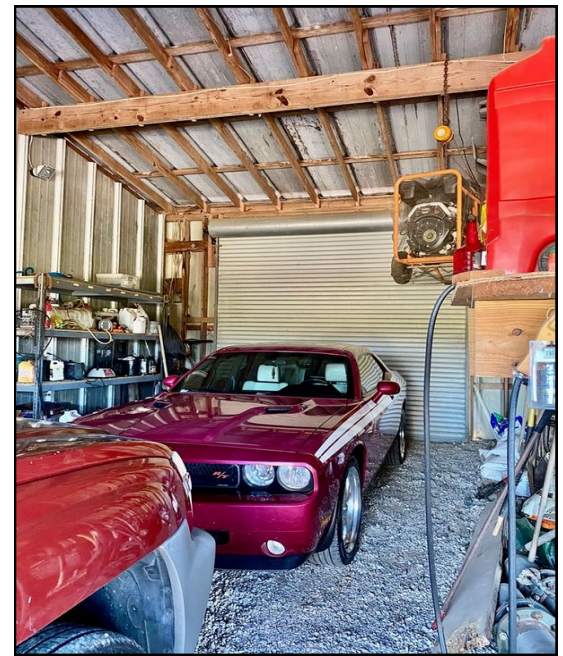
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The Joseph Project The Workshop





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