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BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

**Going
up?
Yes!**



Elevator components staged in Stone Hall



Installation underway

Two of the most exciting components of our Capital Project are currently being installed – **our new large elevators!** The two Schindler traction elevators will replace our one, small elevator. These elevators do not require a machine room inside the building. Each elevator has the capacity to carry up to 3500 pounds – or the equivalent of 23 people at one time. The interior of the elevators is stainless steel and measures about 8'6" x 5'6". As part of the building improvements, there will now be a generous lobby at each level where congregants can easily find information on video screens. Once the elevators are installed and functional, the old elevator will be removed.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



Entrance into future
Library reading room

On the mezzanine level, doorways from the existing hall have been cut to the new Library, restrooms and storage room and steel framing of the entrances is now underway. Final mechanical, electrical and plumbing preparation for these rooms is almost complete. When finished, the Library will be across from the new Toddler and Nursery rooms. Below this area is the choir room, where the men's and women's restrooms are undergoing renovation, and repairs will be made to the water damaged choir room ceiling and walls.

Also on the other side of the mezzanine near the two elevators, new ceiling grids have been installed and the new walk-in cooler has been assembled in the future Flower Room. Shop drawings for the cabinetry in the flower room and in two mezzanine kitchenettes have been approved.



New walk-in cooler in
Flower Room

Part of the Capital Project is updating our fire alarm system – an enormous safety improvement over our current manual system. Sensors are being installed throughout the church building to detect excessive smoke. In the event of a fire, the sensors trigger an alarm, sounds, lights and a voice recording to alert occupants to exit the building. When complete, the system will be monitored 24/7 and the fire department is automatically notified in the event of an alarm.



Examples of fire alarm devices being
installed throughout the Church
building

MISSION COMMITMENT



Our Capital Campaign partner **International Association for Refugees (IAFR)** demonstrates NPC's three mission goals, thanks, in part, to your campaign contributions:

- **Proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior** – Since 2012, IAFR has provided over 20,000 Bibles to residents of Kakuma refugee camp and its surroundings in Kenya, including 600 last December. The Bibles are translated to languages spoken in Kakuma: Turkana (a local language in Kenya), Arabic (the Sudans), Swahili (East Africa), Amharic (Ethiopia and Eritrea), and Kinyarwanda (Rwanda, Burundi, & Congo).
- **Caring for the Vulnerable** – In late January, IAFR received test results affirming the high quality of a successful, 9,000 gallon per hour water well drilled near Kakuma. The borehole is the fruit of over eight years of work and prayer.
- **Building Up the Global Church** – IAFR's partner, National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK), is in charge of the solar pump that keeps the well water running, building a reservoir and water kiosks, and managing relations with the Highlands, the area to be served by the well.



Refugees receiving in-language Bibles



Clean water at the Kakuma refugee camp

CAPITAL



CAMPAIGN

Financial support for the Capital Campaign has been truly amazing however we do need more gifts to complete the project debt free. What compels others to give to the Campaign?



Elder **John Witherspoon** said, "My wife Loris and I both grew up in Christian homes and became members at NPC in 2002. We fell in love with National -- its Sunday worship services, its stimulating classes, and the friendliness of its people. We used to go home from evening adult classes saying to one another: 'Where have we been all our lives?' So how could we not make a serious commitment to the Capital Campaign when the opportunity arose?"

Member **Darryl Jackson**, who served on the Facilities Master Planning Team, believes contributing to the Capital Campaign demonstrates his strong commitment to 'Building Together for the Next 50 Years.' "The various improvements and updates are long overdue. In addition, we owe it to future generations who will worship at NPC," Jackson said.



The next NPC generation is embracing this opportunity! NPC's Director of Finance and Administration **Leah Skrine** said many younger individuals and families clearly see the long-term benefits of the Building Together project and have committed to this exciting campaign.

Interested in doing your part to achieve our goal? Email or call Leah at lskrine@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7484 for more information.

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