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Accomplishing together what we could never do alone

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Rainier Avenue Church

A story of two adoptions



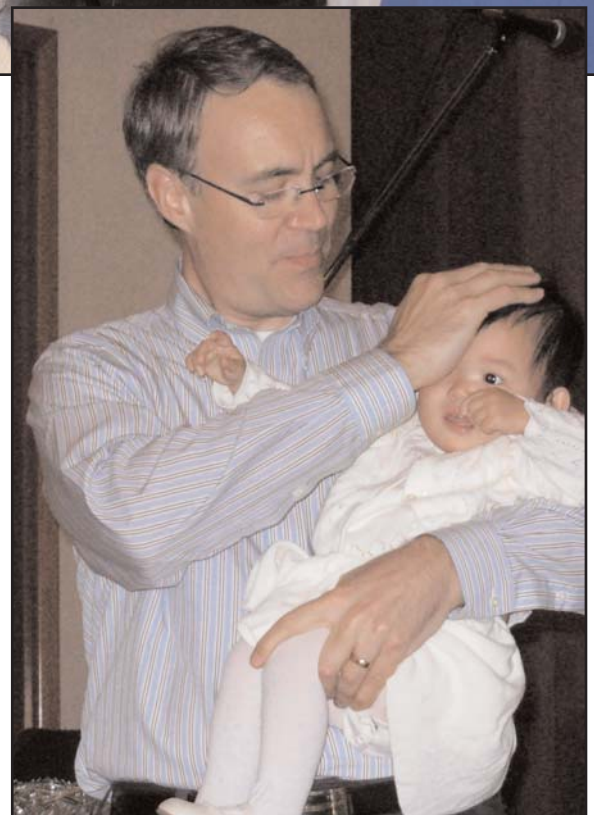
"God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:5

Recently two joyous and wonderful occurrences took place at Rainier Avenue Church. On the same Sunday Anna Mei was adopted into the Jukanovich family and Barbara, her new grandmother, was adopted into the kingdom of God.

Dano and Jennifer Jukanovich, members of Rainier Avenue Church, welcomed their daughter, Anna Mei - born in China, into their home in October of this year. She was baptized at Rainier Avenue Church on

November 4th. Her grandmother, Barbara, came for the ceremony. After the service, Barbara shared with Pastor Paul Olver, that she accepted the Lord into her heart.

Dano and his brother, Marko, were taken to church by their mom, Barbara, when they were young. Because of this, they accepted Christ into their lives. They are very thankful for that. Today they are in awe at how God has now received their mother into the kingdom of God and that she has joy in her heart because she knows she is a new creation. She says she knows what happened to her is real and that she will hold onto that.



Rainier Ave church building in use

The new lobby area has been a great meeting place for a number of groups and ministries. Not only has it been a place for fellowship on Sunday morning, it has served as an ideal place for community interaction in several ways. Each month the Coalition for Community Development and Renewal gathers to discuss networking opportunities for neighboring church-

es and organizations and to pray for the Rainier Valley. New Horizons Ministries has held trainings aimed at teaching people how to meet the needs of homeless youth in the Seattle area. House of Oaks Ministries; our daughter church launched earlier this year, holds strategic planning meetings in order to prepare leaders for church and street outreach in the Tukwila area.

The Hillman City Business Association uses the space to hold community meetings. And the Beloved Community ministry of our church facilitated several interactive sessions addressing race and prejudice. The words inscribed in the lobby floor depict what is taking place in this newly renovated section of the building: words like “heal,” “rescue,” “transform” and “grow.”

Ways to Pray

- ♦ The gift in-kind possibilities totaling \$320,000 to yield fruit
- ♦ Architect and contractors to finalize details for Phase II
- ♦ Be able to begin construction in Spring 08

What will the Phase 2 renovation look like?

Completing Phase 1 has contributed to a new surge forward at Rainier Avenue Church, but that only makes Phase 2 all the

more urgent. Envision an exterior face-lift that makes the church much more visible and attention getting. Imagine an updated sanctuary that will accommodate multiple services at optimal times — in Spanish and other languages — as well as our multi-ethnic services in English. Glimpse a wheelchair lift that makes the sanctuary platform accessible to all. Picture a two-story addition with a multi-purpose room for meetings and classes, after-school tutoring and summer programs. Visualize a new kitchen and expanded Fellowship Hall where youth and parents gather for family nights and neighbors are welcomed for an international feast. All this can happen for less than \$1 million - the equivalent of buying just two average priced houses in Seattle!

Time capsule to be placed in church

Rainier Avenue Church was started in 1904 and constructed a frame building on the corner of Rainier and Juneau St. Three years later, the surrounding neighborhood was incorporated as Hillman City before being annexed by the City of Seattle. Now, Rainier Avenue Church is the oldest organization in the Hillman City Neighborhood. The Hillman City Business Association (of which the church is a founding member) and the Rainier Valley Historical Center are working on a Time Capsule commemorating the centennial. They have asked to include it in the Phase 2 renovation of our building. A plaque or piece of artwork will mark the spot on the northwest corner of the building. This is a great recognition of the contribution of Rainier Avenue Church to the development — and revitalization — of the community.

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“By Faith” is the campaign to raise the necessary funds to renovate the existing church building and add 2,000 square feet of ministry space, including handicap accessibility for all, so that the Rainier Valley of Seattle can be reached for Christ.