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Houston Pastor to Announce Movement to Bring United States to Its Knees
(Houston, Texas)

Pastor Steve Riggle of Grace Church in Houston, Texas will announce Wednesday night June 24, 2008 immediately following the end of regular weekly prayer services the start of a national movement that will begin in Houston with the symbolic construction of two mammoth crosses marking the north and south entrances to America's fourth largest city. The group will unveil a billboard along Interstate 45 and turn on a search light that will point skyward to mark the place where one of the two crosses will be built.

"Our country is wealthy beyond most people's ability to conceive and yet 1% of our population sits behind bars and little girls can no longer play unsupervised in their front yards," stated Riggle. "Something is wrong. It is obvious that there are no lasting, effective political solutions. We believe that God is waiting on the believing part of our country to pray with one voice and then be influencers in our cities by serving the felt needs of our communities."

The movement has the backing of some prominent Houston-area businessmen as well as pastors from around the country including nationally known pastor Jack Hayford from Van Nuys, California. "We are excited about what is going on with Grace Church and Pastor Steve Riggle in Houston, Texas," Hayford said.

The group, known as Make Your Mark, has land at prominent, high traffic entrances from the north and south to Houston along Interstate 45. Core samples and drawings have commenced and the FAA has approved crosses of heights of at least 150 feet in both locations. "Our plan is to take them higher if possible," said AmeriSciences CEO, Barry Cocheu, one of the businessmen who have joined forces with Pastor Riggle and other clergy members.

The group is building a website for people to sign up from all over the world and come to Houston to pray for a change in the direction of America's and the world's values. "We believe prayer matters," said Pastor Riggle. "We believe that our city and our country needs a focal point for unified prayer. In our Wednesday night prayer meetings, we were used to seeing about 800 people, but recently that number has gone over 2000 people on several occasions. We firmly believe God is moving in the midst of the darkness, which

we recognize as the moral decay of our country. We are simply doing what we believe God is already leading.” “We want to recruit and coordinate 1000 churches in our city that will join together once a month through media technology where every congregation prays in their building with the meeting being led from the south campus by city prayer leaders and pastors,” stated Brian Gowan, former chaplain at Methodist Hospital and staff member at Mission Houston for the last 9 years. He has recently joined the Make Your Mark movement to oversee this area of development.

Also included in the group’s movement, started out of Riggle’s Grace Community Church in Houston, is the sponsorship of an inner city homeless mission and the building of Grace Village, a resource for people in need providing everything from food and shelter to job training, car repairs and counseling. “We believe prayer is what will change our country’s heart and action on our part is what will help people in need,” said Bill Pittman, President of the Galveston County Homebuilders Association, another businessman who has joined the group. “We don’t believe we can separate the need for prayer from the needs of hurting people,” he finished.

Battle Cry Houston will seek to connect 1000 youth pastors and workers, helping them reach many thousands of students to combat the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, and the impact of fatherless homes, in cooperation with Ron Luce of Acquire the Fire which hosts teen conferences drawing thousands in major cities across the United States.

Grace Community Church was founded in 1983 by Pastors Steve and Becky Riggle in the NASA/Clear Lake area in south Houston. Beginning with 12 people, it now has over 12,000 members in two locations on Interstate 45 in Clear Lake and The Woodlands. The Clear Lake campus auditorium, built to serve our city, seats 10,000 people.

ABOUT PASTOR STEVE RIGGLE

Steve is the founding and current senior pastor of Grace Community Church in Houston, Texas. Situated on two 80 acre campuses that mark the entrance to the city from the south and the north along I-45, Grace has grown from 12 people in 1983 to over 12,000 active members today, with more than 100 ministries. In October 2006, Grace moved into one of the largest worship centers in the country with a capacity of 10,000 people.

Steve also serves as the President of Grace International, an association of more than 1500 churches with thousands of credentialed ministers. He is the founder of “The Center for Leadership Development,” which provides training for vocational and volunteer ministry individuals and organizations. Steve is the founder of Clear Lake Christian School and Discovery Kingdom Child Development Center.

Steve has trained thousands of ministry leaders overseas in a variety of conferences. During one ministry trip Steve and his wife Becky were taken hostage by four prisoners during an attempted prison break. Steve was seriously stabbed seven times and Becky

was shot. They have appeared on numerous television and radio shows giving their story of God's amazing deliverance.

Steve is a founding member of the Board of Directors of King's Seminary with Dr. Jack Hayford, an executive member of Houston Area Pastors Council, and serves other ministries in the city in various capacities.

Steve has an earned Masters Degree from Oral Roberts University and an earned Doctorate from the King's College and Seminary. He is the author of The Sharper Edge.