

CASE STATEMENT
“Imagine”
Crossroads Community Church

Crossroads Community Church exists to reach people for Christ, helping them to become fully devoted followers of Christ who impact their world.

Starting with six people in 1987, our growth as a church has been God-sized. Over the last 32 years we have witnessed 1,378 people, of various ages, go public with their faith through baptism at Crossroads. We have heard and seen countless stories of the kind of life change, that only occurs through the love of God, as people become followers of Christ.

In our 32 year history, we have used six different locations in two communities, always looking for the best tool available to reach people for Christ.

We purchased 81 acres of land with plans to build a facility. We never imagined that, in addition to purchasing land, a building would be given to us. Yet, in 2010, the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Adrian signed over the title to the land and building at 119 N. Broad St. Their decision was driven by the belief the building could increase Crossroads' effectiveness.

We began holding services at Adrian High School in July of 2012 and have held services there for over six years. We are grateful the district opened its doors to us. It is a beautiful facility and has been a useful tool for us. However, we've reached a limit to our effectiveness. By renting a facility, we only have access to a limited number of hours a week.

Throughout Crossroads' existence, it's been essential to listen for God's leading, then boldly pursue His plans. We are committed to this path. Our commitment has always been for our locations to be tools to help us accomplish the mission God has for our church. In listening to God, it was clear next steps for Crossroads included having a location of our own.

Now is the time for us to move forward and further invest in a facility with optimal environments for children, students, and adults at the Broad Street location. ***Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.***

This location puts us in the heart of the community we are trying to reach. The building plan for Broad Street gives us the capacity to pursue Crossroads' purpose and mission in the years ahead.

Our leaders are preparing a capital campaign to raise funds that will allow Crossroads to do what we do best: **Creating safe spaces where anyone can hear the truth of Christ in a way they can understand and respond.**

Imagine...

Imagine what can happen in spaces designed especially for kids, where dedicated Kid Crossing staff & volunteers reach children in age appropriate spaces. Imagine what can happen in these spaces if we have access to them 24/7 rather than just a couple of hours prior to our services. We believe that these environments will be so kid-focused that kids will beg their parents to return week after week. Statistics show that the older a child gets, the less likely they are to meet Jesus. We want to seize the moments now.

Imagine student spaces that are designed specifically with middle school and high school students in mind. A place they will love and a place where they are excited about inviting their friends. A place for students to explore what it means to meet and follow Jesus alongside their peers. A place where they are valued and accepted. A place where it's safe to voice your opinion and ask questions.

Imagine OUR CHURCH designed with our community in mind, a lighthouse, a place where no one stands alone.

A church where...

**More lost will be found.
The EXCLUDED are INCLUDED.
Those without hope find hope.
The prodigals come home.**

This means your family, your friends, your coworkers, your children.

Every number has a name! Every name has a story! Every story matters to God!

Imagine what is possible when each one of us prays and asks God how we can financially support this effort ... and we do it! Imagine what reaching people for Christ looks like as we expand our serving in and beyond Lenawee County, Romania and Honduras.

God's plans are always God-sized and His plans for Crossroads are no exception. Each one of us is instrumental in this project. Every person's investment contributing to create a tool to help Crossroads continue to fulfill our vision and purpose. TOGETHER with HIM, we can see this happen for HIS glory. We are passionately committed to this **because people matter**.