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Dear Greenwoods Family,

As we venture into live streaming territory, and in order to successfully set us up for continued live streaming once we're back indoors, a technological need has presented itself; and the leadership and I are humbly asking you, the Greenwoods family, to help us meet this need.

In speaking with other churches and pastors who are facing this very thing, it has become very clear that Greenwoods is in need of a robust, live streaming desktop computer. In fact, many have called it a "high end gaming machine." Yes, we can stream from our tablets and phones, but the elders and I see that streaming has gone far beyond just the capability to do it. We now have a virtual audience at Greenwoods that weekly tunes into our services. And our virtual audience is larger than our physical gathering. Many of these virtual congregants are visitors, but they are also members of our family who (for many legitimate reasons) aren't ready to physically gather. Choppy video from a phone, and sound that stutters and drops out does NOT offer anyone a satisfying church experience. Having a very capable, robust, high end streaming workstation would ensure that the quality of Greenwoods' virtual services is top notch. If we are to offer our excellence to God, then this now includes excellence in our live streaming experience.

The other reason for this high end workstation is that I am now using professional audio, video, compression software not only in live streaming our services, but post service as well – in making our live services available for later viewing, this takes processing power for rendering audio and video into good quality videos for later posting. My laptop (2015 MacBook Pro) is frequently over-heating and shutting down because I am now using cinema level audio and video software (i.e. – software that requires horsepower beyond my laptop's capabilities). Thus, this desktop would serve also a high end audio/video/rendering station.

Walnut Hill Community Church went through this exact same issue, but before the pandemic affected everything. As I have shared our needs with them, they have prayed about us, and are generously offering to fund 50% of the purchase of this workstation. The total purchase price for this system is \$5,000.00 (\$4,941.05 as of 9/8/2020). So, we find ourselves in need of raising \$2,500.00, and we are asking you, our church family, to pray about helping us achieve this goal. Please understand that this workstation will serve Greenwoods very well, for a many, many years to come. It would set us up for excellence in our outdoor services, and set us up beautifully for indoor worship (when it's deemed safe to return indoors). Meaning, the elders and I are assessing both our needs now (outdoors) *and* setting us up well for the future (indoors). Apart from some cables, no more hardware would need to be purchased for indoor worship. Please pray for this need, our virtual church family.

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for..."

Ephesians 1:11 | Message Paraphrase

Our reach of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ has now extended globally with this technology – we have people regularly tuning into Greenwoods from Canada, South Africa, France, Germany, India, North and South Korea, China, Japan, Greenland, South America, and more!

We are hoping to purchase this new system in the next 14 days. Please pray and consider helping us financially (above and beyond your tithes and offerings).

- If you send a check or bring it to the live gathering on Sunday, we are asking you to write “GCC streaming computer” in the memo.
- If you are using online giving, click the green “give now” button on our website (www.greenwoodschurch.com),
 - underneath the box where you can designate the amount of your gift, *first* click on “add or change funds,”
 - in the drop down menu next to “General,” select the option “Other (please designate in comments),”
 - enter the amount of your gift,
 - click the green “Next” button below,
 - make sure the box next to “recurring gift” is **unchecked**,
 - enter credit card/bank account information
 - consider whether you will cover the transaction fees,
 - *and please add the following in the comment box: “GCC streaming computer”*
 - and then click the green button to finalize your gift.

Thank you for your generosity and your prayers, and may God bless all of you!

In His Grace,

Pastor Trip Weiler & The Elders
Greenwoods Community Church