



Old-world charm meets suburban progress in downtown Boerne

Facts about Boerne

- 15 miles Northwest of San Antonio, TX on I-10
- The Boerne region has a population of 53,000
- Kendall County has a population of 28,500
- Boerne is ranked #48 in *Money Magazine's* 2005 list of 100 best places to live
- Rapid change from rural feel to suburban growth
- Originally a traditional German Texas town

Why Plant in Boerne?

- **Need** for the gospel is great in this region as many people are unsaved and unchurched
- **Opportunity** is present with a committed core group and supportive mother church
- **Desire** from an MNA qualified church planter to establish a church in Boerne

The Boerne Project

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

A Growing Region in Texas Hill Country

Ask any resident of Boerne and chances are you will hear that Boerne is a great place to live. Beautiful landscapes, an ideal climate, a thriving local economy and proximity to San Antonio make Boerne an attractive city.

Boerne, Texas, is at the center of a fast-growing region located 15 miles Northwest of San Antonio. Drawn to the region for its beauty and recreational opportunities, new residents are finding the charm of a small town with all the conveniences of the big city a short drive away. Such a combination was recognized by *Money Magazine* in ranking the city of Boerne #48 in their 2005 survey of 100 best places to live.

The Need for a PCA Church Plant

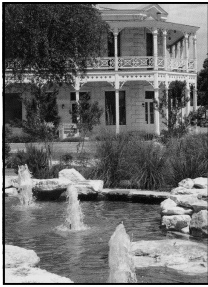
With an abundance of leisure and recreational activities, there is no shortage of competition for the worship of God. Careers, family gatherings, golf, and home projects are all pursuits which compete for the hearts and minds of the Boerne area.

One-third of Kendall County's population has no religious affiliation. In addition, one-fourth of the people are under-churched, attending churches that do not believe salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone.

While churches are springing up in this community, what is missing is a Reformed witness that accurately interprets the Word of God and rightly advances the kingdom beyond lifestyle concerns towards true heart change. Many people in the region have been unresponsive to a message centered on behavioral modification and a Christianity which lacks historical roots.

What is needed is a church that will be a city set on a hill, that will influence the culture with a thoroughly biblical gospel message, not a message solely of behavioral change, but one of total *gospel transformation*.

Vision



The Boerne Public Library in the beautiful historic downtown

“We want to demonstrate to a watching world the kindness of God which leads to repentance.”



Many residents find the slower pace of life in a small town attractive.

Mission

We are committed to glorify and enjoy our triune God through the ministry of His inerrant Word, Christ-centered worship and faithful witness in the Texas Hill Country and beyond.

Message

Our aim as a church plant will be to proclaim the true gospel message in the Boerne region. The gospel is not about doing better or being nicer, but that sinners are forgiven and accepted by God through the work of Jesus Christ. When we trust Christ we are given a whole new life and the object of our worship is changed. We believe the gospel is the good news of salvation and also the power for living life with new affections.

Vision

The transforming message of the gospel is the heartbeat of the church plant. We want to demonstrate to a watching world the kindness of God that leads to repentance. As we rely on His grace and embrace the gospel, every area of our life is affected. Transformation can be seen in our relationships, careers, and community.

We will pursue the vision of *gospel transformation* through:

- Biblical worship that is God-centered and engaging
- Christ-centered, expository preaching that addresses the mind and heart
- Historical connection to the rich theology and faith of the Reformers
- Missional outreach that communicates the message of hope in Christ
- Loving community that is authentic, relational, and full of grace

Project Timeline

July 2005	Received approval from South Texas Presbytery
Fall 2005	Fund raising for project
Late 2005	Church planter to move on site
Early 2006	Community groups, outreach, leadership development
Late 2006	Launch public ministry

Leadership

Church Planter

Allen Taha has served the last four years as an associate pastor at Trinity PCA in Kearney, Nebraska. Pastoral experience in a smaller city and being a native Texan has prepared Allen for the relational and spiritual dynamics in Boerne.

Allen is an MNA-approved church planter and has been involved in three PCA church plants. He received his Masters of Divinity from Covenant Theological Seminary where he is currently enrolled in a Doctorate program.

Allen and Tracy met at Texas Christian University and later served on the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ at Texas A&M in a ministry of evangelism and discipleship. They have been married for ten years and have three children. As a family they enjoy traveling and time together. They have a passion for ministry and a great desire to plant a PCA church in Boerne.

Core Group

A group of families committed to the vision of planting a PCA church in Boerne has been meeting together since 2001. The group has been studying the Bible and reaching out to the community. They have been praying for a PCA church in their area while worshipping at Faith PCA of San Antonio.

Mother Church

In conjunction with the Southwest Church Planting Network, Faith PCA of San Antonio is serving as the mother church. Faith has been instrumental in providing prayer and teaching for the core group and a gathering place on Sunday. The Boerne church plant is grateful for Faith's partnership in advancing the gospel through church planting.

Presbyterian Church in America

This project is affiliated with the Mission to North America (MNA) of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which seeks to plant new churches. MNA helps to recruit, assess, train, and oversee church planters.

We will be a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a national denomination with historic roots in classic biblical Christianity as found in the Westminster Confession of Faith.



Pastor Allen Taha, his wife Tracy, and their children, Braden (2), Kendall (5), and Ethan (5)

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How You Can Help

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Prayer Team

Without God's leading and provision for His church, this project will not move forward. We ask that you partner with us in prayer for the glory of God and the advancement of the gospel through church planting in the Boerne region. Let us know if you would like to be a part of our prayer team and we will provide regular updates.

Contacts and Referrals

If you have any friends or family members in the Boerne area feel free to refer us to them. You can call or e-mail us and we would be happy to contact them.

Financial Support

Starting a church takes prayer and people, and it also takes financial support. Typically it takes three years for a church to become self-supporting and financial support must be raised to cover costs until that time. Partnership funds to complete the Boerne project are \$170,000 spread out over three years. This is in addition to giving by the new congregation and support from the Southwest Church Planting Network.

We are seeking churches and individuals to partner in ministry with us:

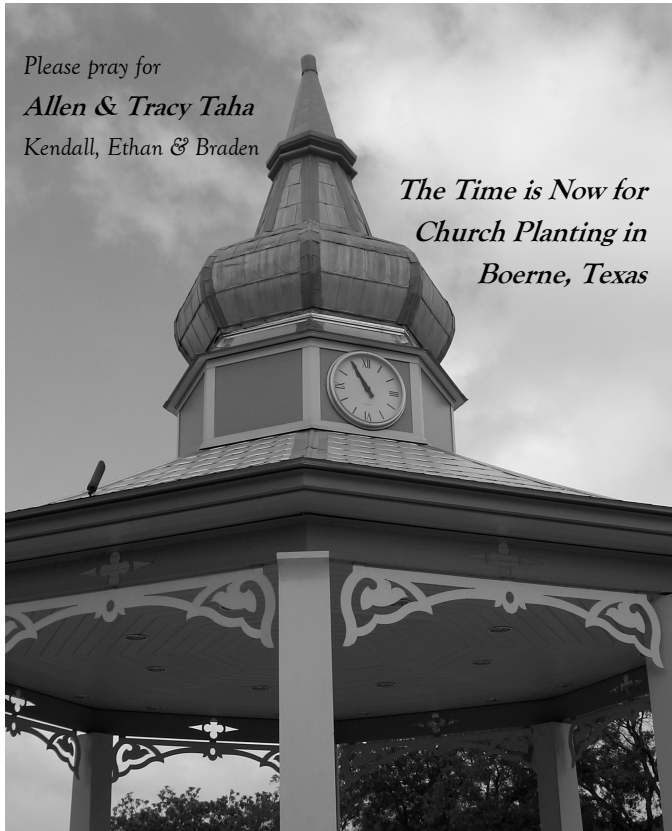
- ◆ 3 churches or individuals giving \$ 30,000 over the next three years
- ◆ 3 churches or individuals giving \$ 5,000 over the next three years
- ◆ 5 individuals giving \$100/month over the next three years
- ◆ 15 individuals giving \$50/month over the next three years
- ◆ Many churches and individuals giving however God has enabled them

Would you prayerfully consider generously investing in this work of gospel advance?

Please make checks payable and mail to:

Mission to North America - Boerne Project
1700 N. Brown Road, Suite 101
Lawrenceville, GA 30043-8143

Support the Project



The gazebo in historic downtown Boerne

Pledge Card

A printable response card is provided below to indicate your support of the Boerne Project. Please let us know if you would like to join the prayer team and/or financial support team.

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Thank you for your interest and support of the church plant in Boerne. We will send regular updates to keep you informed how God is working as He expands His kingdom in Boerne and the surrounding Texas Hill Country.

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Mission to North America, Presbyterian Church in America

Yes, by faith, subject to God's provision, I (we) would like to express my (our) intent to give to the Boerne Project and to MNA by:

- ☐ Prayer: I (we) would like to pray for the development of this ministry and for the hearts of people to be touched by the Gospel.
☐ Daily ☐ Weekly

- ☐ Financial Tax Deductible Gifts:

One Time Gift of \$ _____

Ongoing Gift of \$ _____ per _____ for _____ years
(M)onth, (Q)uarter, (A)nnual 1, 2, or 3

- ☐ Receive Church Planter prayer letters

Name _____
(Title, Mr., Mrs., Ms.) (First) (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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- ☐ I would like information on how to transfer funds electronically.