## History





## Beyond our clients, the new location was our greatest focus this year.

- It was obvious by the fall of 2008; that we had maximized our current facility.
- At our board meeting two weeks before hurricane Ike, our board president directed me to tell our landlord we wanted first option on the space 90 feet from our current site should it become available.
- In early October, the tenants posted notice that they were vacating the building. This was certainly not a time to consider a major build-out of a new facility. Many of our team and their loved ones experienced property damage. Water came in the windows of the Center and three rooms needed repair. Our major annual fundraiser had to be rescheduled.
- However, relocating to the space adjacent to Beamer Road provided too many benefits to let the opportunity pass:
  - Doubling space from 3,000 to 6,000 sq. ft. offered several advantages:
    - · Multiple entrances and layout would separate crying crisis clients from happy class attendees.
    - Counseling room expansion from 4 to 8 would enable us to serve more desperate clients.
    - · Larger, permanent classroom would enable us to expand the curriculum we offer.
    - Providing child care for classes would help clients with other children to attend.
    - Returning Bible study back on-site would hopefully encourage greater attendance.
  - Increased sign visibility would make it possible for us to attract more clients.

"Our plan" was to hire a contractor to complete the entire build-out. However, the commitments for the project fell far short of the amount needed to pay laborers to complete the job. God closed the door on "our plan", but quickly enlightened us to "His plan".

- His plan obviously was to bless others as they used their talents and gifts for His kingdom via this project. This was an exciting time to be in the arena of God's presence and watch Him gather workers and materials to remodel this new space.
- We believe that God will bless all who participated in "His plan". Our deepest appreciation is offered to all who answered His call.

We moved to our new "Twice the Space" location in October and looked forward with eager anticipation of the Lord's vision for the Beltway 8 Center to come to fulfillment.