Shiloh Story – Millers' Perspective

In 1981, when we began praying about building a facility that would combine the home and the office, we began to realize that the Lord was asking us to build a facility that would be more than that... Therefore, even in the planning stage, we wanted the Lord to be in charge of every detail because we quickly realized that this project was much bigger than what we were capable of doing on our own. From the beginning, we had a strong sense that we were the builders and temporary residents, and that this facility was primarily a tool to accomplish the Lord's Kingdom work. Through 18 months of working and planning with the architect, the plans developed into the facility that is now present. Even during construction, which lasted almost a year, we saw God's faithfulness throughout the process in leading and guiding us detail by detail. This was not an easy year in our lives, but we were encouraged by God's faithfulness and provision. It was obvious that God continued to bring quality craftsmen to work on different aspects of the project. In July of 1983, we moved into the office and the first floor, and a small portion of the second floor, then finished the second floor a few years later. In 1993, we completed the last major portion by finishing the apartment above the garage.

From the beginning, we wondered how much property that Lord would eventually add to this project. And if this building would become one of several in whatever ministry He had in mind. In all, with God's provision, the property now consists of five lots that were purchased over several years. Also, because of the location, we were able to obtain zoning allowing for multiple uses for the property.

It was important to us for the facility to be available for the Lord's work, and indeed it was used by many groups, especially the large upper meeting room. International students, the Christian college group, Youth for Christ, women's Bible studies, Backyard Bible clubs, church socials and showers, small group get togethers, large sitdown dinners, all took advantage of the space. Even the parking lot was used for Sunday School and church garage sales. We felt that these uses were a support to various ministries, but did not sense that this would be the long-term use of this facility. We felt that, in God's economy, eventually, the whole facility would be used for full-time ministry.

When the Lord started leading us to sell our orthodontic practice and move to Denver, we believed He desired us to sell the facility to a group who would continue to use it for His Kingdom work. As with the rest of this more than 25 - year adventure with the Lord regarding this facility, this process, at times, tested our faith and patience. We have grown to learn over the years that being stewards of the resources with which God has entrusted us has been both rewarding and challenging. What has helped us persevere through what may be the last part of this process for us, is remembering God's faithfulness in the past, and His promise to continue in the present and the future.