MANAGER'S DESK FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

BACK IN 1992, THE NEW TALLER TOWER WAS CONSTRUCTED. IT STANDS 929' TALL. ANOTHER PART OF THAT PROJECT WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TRANSMITTER BUILDING. PRIOR TO THE NEW TOWER, THE TRANSMITTER WAS HOUSED IN A ROOM HERE IN THE MAIN BUILDING. A ROOM THAT NOW SERVES AS OUR CONFERENCE ROOM WHERE OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET AND STAFF MEETINGS AND MEALS TAKE PLACE.

YESTERDAY I TALKED BRIEFLY ABOUT THE ICE THAT FALLS OFF THE NEW TOWER AND GUY WIRES ON SOME WINTER DAYS AND THE NEED FOR A CARPORT. THE PARKING LOT AREA GETS THE LIGHTER PIECES OF ICE. THE TRANSMITTER BUILDING, LOCATED RIGHT AT THE BASE OF THE TOWER, GETS THE LARGE PIECES OF ICE. PIECES OF ICE CAPABLE OF BREAKING TREE LIMBS. I'VE SEEN PIECES AS BIG AS A FOOT SQUARE AND SEVERAL INCHES THICK LITTERING THE GROUND AROUND THE TRANSMITTER BUILDING ON THE REALLY BAD DAYS. DAYS WE DON'T DARE GO CLOSE TO THE BUILDING.

WELL, IMAGINE THE HITS THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING HAS TAKEN OVER THE YEARS. THE ROOF IS CONSTRUCTED FROM SPANCRETE, PRECAST CONCRETE SLABS. OVER THAT IS A SPECIALIZED ROOF MEMBRANE THAT WAS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR HARSH ENVIRONMENTS. A MATERIAL THAT COULD TAKE A BEATING AND NOT DETERIORATE IN THE SUNLIGHT. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, A SMALL LEAK DEVELOPED. A SEARCH FOR CONTRACTORS WHO DEAL WITH THIS TYPE OF ROOFING MATERIAL TURNED UP ONLY ONE IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN; 135 MILES AWAY. AFTER SOME BACK AND FORTH DIALOG, WE WERE ABLE TO GET THEM HERE TO INSPECT IT. THE ROOF WAS INSTALLED 28 YEARS AGO. WE WERE TOLD IT IS ONLY WARRANTIED FOR 10 YEARS. JUST AS GOD ENABLED THE SANDALS AND CLOTHING OF THE ISRAELITES TO LAST FOR 40 YEARS WANDERING IN THE DESERT, HE HAS ENABLED THIS ROOF TO LAST FAR LONGER THAN EXPECTED.

YESTERDAY THEY WERE HERE TO REPLACE THE ROOF. ACTUALLY AFTER CLEANING, A NEW ROOF MEMBRANE WAS PUT OVER THE EXISTING ONE. WHICH SHOULD ELIMINATE THE POTENTIAL OF A LEAK DAMAGING OUR SENSITIVE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE BUILDING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THAT ENABLES US TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF WHAT GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH AND TO BE ABLE TO BROADCAST THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.