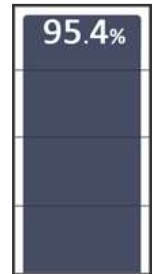


Hello Hillside!

If you heard the recent budget update, you know that we are really close to our budget goal this year. We are a little behind but considering all that has happened over the last year in our economy, we are really encouraged.

The reason I'm sending out this letter is because we wanted to present a challenge to everyone at Hillside. **Wouldn't it be great to say that in the worst economy in a generation (or two!) that Hillside Church made its budget?** That should be really exciting to everyone and a great indicator of how you all have remained generous people and not let fear rule in your hearts.

Here are some numbers. Assuming we make our monthly goal in November and December (that's important and we can do that if everyone continues to give faithfully), we will end 2009 about \$12,000 short. That means we will have received about 95.4% of our budget. Pretty close!



Here are some more numbers. Hillside has about 65 families. **If each family gave a one-time, extra \$185 gift before the end of the year, we would make (and maybe surpass) our budget.**

Now I realize that \$185 may be too much for some people right now. That's okay. We don't want anyone to feel pressured. The \$185 number is just to show you how attainable this goal is if we break it down. And, on the other hand, some people may be able to give more (maybe much more) than \$185 right now.

This has been a tough year in a lot of ways and, again, we are so encouraged by where your giving has brought us so far! **However, would you please pray and consider if you would be able to make an extra donation before 2009 is over?**

I won't be frustrated if we fall a little short. I know God will provide what this church needs to do the ministry God has given us. I just wanted to give you the opportunity to be a part of something exciting before the opportunity passed. Thanks for thinking and praying about this.

I look forward to seeing what God does in our lives and in this church.

Learning to live,

Josh Brgoch
Elder & Treasurer