Donates $25,000 for food inventory in JFM

Their byline is straight out of Jeremiah 29:7, quoting the prophet’s challenge to invest in the city where one lives, even if you are there under adverse circumstances. The statement may seem a bit ironic, since Harris Creek Baptist’s main worship center is located in a rural exurb several miles outside of Waco, nearer McGregor than Waco. But physical location has little impact on their missional call to help the city prosper. “Harris Creek exists to seek the welfare of the city by transforming individuals through loving God, loving others, and serving the world.” And nothing speaks louder about that call than genuine action. For years, this congregation has donated hundreds of bicycles and toys for Mission Waco’s Christmas toy store to serve low-income urban children. More than giving gifts, they come with scores of volunteers to serve the parents who are buying for their children. Some of their members lead chapel at the homeless shelter and participate in other local ministry activities. The church’s downtown congregation, which meets right in the heart of the city at the Waco Hippodrome, has exploded in attendance these last few years. With a solid history of compassionate involvement with their members and staff, the recent meeting with Jimmy at the World Cup Cafe, arranged by Trent Horner, HCBC’s new community pastor, and Bethany Stephens, the mission’s director, was natural. Far from it! “We believe in Mission Waco’s project to bring healthy and affordable food to the North Waco neighbors living in a food desert,” they said. “So to help your project our church has raised $25,000 so you can complete the food cost.” Now that is a church that lives out its missional call to seek the welfare of the city. Thank you, Harris Creek. We are humbled, once again, by your generosity!

The 30-day Challenge

Push to complete renovations

Ed Mazanec is a man with a plan...a four-week plan! And that plan impacts scores of workers and sub-contractors to complete their work and get final inspections by October 30. While the store is taking shape, there are numerous tasks that require specialization and time yet to be found. By November 1, we hope to turn the store over to the food team to set and fill the shelves, train the staff, and plan for the grand opening, sometime in November. The calendar is set!

Contagious Giving!

Chip & Joanna Gaines’ gift to Jubilee Food Mkt has ongoing impact