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AT DEDICATION—Millard Loftis (third from left) officiated at services Wednesday evening, Sept., dedicating the congregation's recently purchased property at Wilder and Two Mile Roads. The men are displaying drawings of proposed structures for the site.

Loftis Takes Full-Time Work With Bay City Area Mission

BAY CITY, Mich. — After 18 years of work in the Detroit area, Millard Loftis and his wife, Helen, have moved to Bay City to help develop what he calls "one of the twentieth century's greatest mission opportunities."

There are 110,000 people in the metropolis, and a total of 176,000 people who come to Bay City to shop. It is known as the shopping center of Bay County and especially the thumb-area of Michigan; shoppers travel as far as 100 miles.

"Thriving industry, expanding business, growing religious bodies, full employment, and a large population equals a great opportunity for the Lord's church," says Loftis.

Loftis is now seeking to tell "The Bay City Story" to as many as possible. "We need 10,000 Christians to join us in prayer for the church to meet its challenge here," he said. "If you will join this band of pray-

ing Christians, send your name to be added to the book of those who are helping through prayer."

"There are 22.6 million tourists annually in Michigan, and according to Michigan State Police, 34.6 percent these will travel by our building on Expressway I-75," said Loftis. "These people are going grouse, pheasant, deer hunting, fishing, skiing and vacationing in the great water Wonder Land of the world. We need to tell them of the opportunity to stop and worship with us."

Several Christians and churches are assisting Bay City in developing a working-fund to enable the church to carry on an active work program. "The development of this fund is an absolute necessity to enable us to meet the challenge," Loftis added.

Upon arriving in Bay City, Bro. Loftis found that the great-

est immediate need was to acquire suitable land for a church location, since the area is growing rapidly and choice land is being taken by industry, business, and apartment buildings.

"By practically begging we were able to acquire a key site just off the Expressway I-75 on the corner of Wilder and Two Mile Roads," he explained.

These two acres will provide the young church suitable property on which to expand in the future. "Since the church had been told many times over that property was not for sale to churches, we believe it is the providence of God that made possible this purchase," he concluded.

"We need the names of your friends and relatives who live in this area, whom we can invite to our fellowship. We ask you to help us meet our challenge by helping us meet our needs."

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