

## ICEV Update

September 5, 2008

- **Prayers:** The ICEV Masjid opened its door for the first time on August 29<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Ramadan. The Masjid is open to all for five daily prayers. Prayer times are posted on the Masjid lobby. Daily Taraweeh prayers are being held immediately after Isha prayer, which begins at 8:30 PM. Hafiz Gufran is leading the Taraweeh prayer and will Inshallah complete the recitation of the Quran before the end of Ramadan. Today, Juma Khutba is at 1:00 PM. Please provide your opinion about changing the prayer start time to 12:45 PM. Depending on your input the start time may be changed from next week. We have asked the Imams to start the prayer on time and complete the prayer within 30 minutes to allow you to easily return to work.
- **Parking:** We only have completed construction of approximately 20 parking spots in front of the Masjid. About the same number of parking spots on our driveway. The remaining parking spots (approximately 60) will not be completed until funds are secured for its construction. In the mean time arrangements have been made with the Holy Trinity Church (where we used to pray) to use their parking lot. Please consider car pooling to minimize parking congestion. If no open parking spots are available when you arrive, please park at the HTC. Volunteers will shuttle people to the Masjid. ***Under no circumstances we are allowed to park in the neighborhood behind the Masjid or at the Church in front of the Masjid*** (please see map on the reverse side). Parking at these spots will result in complaints to the City which could jeopardize our occupancy permit.
- **Funding Situation:** The ICEV bank account is almost depleted. Outstanding pledges are being actively pursued in order for us to pay the contractor for the completed work. New contributions (donations and loans) are also desperately needed for the construction of the parking lot and the rest of the Masjid structure. A community meeting and fund raiser is organized for the evening of September 13<sup>th</sup>. Additional details will be provided at that meeting. Please come forward with your contributions in this blessed month of Ramadan. We also encourage all of you to contact your friends and relatives to donate generously for this cause. Please note that according to the opinion of majority of the Islamic scholars, your zakat money can be used for building a mosque in a non-muslim country. ICEV will gladly accept your zakat money for the Masjid construction.