

case study



Honeywell and Remote Protection Systems Provide Integrated Security for Church Expansion

Established in 1990, Victory World Church began with six people meeting in the living room of a small apartment. Now, the church is a thriving multi-cultural organization with a main campus in Norcross, Georgia that welcomes more than 8,500 people to multiple services each weekend. The non-denominational

ministry has expanded to include two satellite campuses in the greater Atlanta area, and in 2009, Victory World was one of 100 churches identified by Outreach Magazine as one of the fastest growing multi-ethnic churches in America.

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The Situation

Three Victory World campuses welcome more than 10,000 members and offer child care and youth services as well as worship services in English and Spanish to worshippers from over 100 nations. It's a priority to provide a safe haven in which individuals from many different cultural backgrounds feel secure.

To accommodate its growth throughout its 20-year history, Victory World recently began construction of a new facility (Victory North in Kennesaw), and started renovations to an additional site (Hamilton Mill in Buford). Church officials had worked with Scott Hightower from Atlanta-based Remote Protection Systems to upgrade security at the main Victory Atlanta campus, so they turned again to him for a cost-effective solution for the new sites.

"Scott did a great job helping us update the security for Victory Atlanta, so we took everything we learned and incorporated those things into the Victory North and Hamilton Mill sites at the beginning of construction," said Dennis James, director of church security. "That made it much easier on us," he said.

“Because the equipment was so cost-effective, we were able to add a lot more cameras than we had anticipated.”

— Dennis James, Director of Church Security

The Solution

"Victory World wants the latest technology to protect their property, and they also work hard to stay within their budget," said Scott Hightower, president of Remote Protection Systems. "We put in a Honeywell system that integrates video surveillance, intrusion detection, and user-friendly access control. It's perfect for their needs now, and it will expand with them as they continue to grow."

Hightower recommended a combination of high definition dome cameras and high-resolution day/night fixed cameras to provide complete coverage of the church properties during the day and at night. Surveillance footage is retained by a mix of HRXD and HRSD digital video recorders. Access to the buildings is easily handled with WIN-PAK® access control software. "We have 850 staff and volunteers who have access to different areas; plus, people are constantly changing roles," said James. "Someone might leave employment with Victory but continue to volunteer, which might change areas where they need access. I used to spend a lot of time making new cards and deleting old ones. The Honeywell system makes it easy to go in and update a card right away."

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The Benefits

In addition to having the sites monitored by a central station, church officials use NetAXS® web-based access control to manage the integrated access, intrusion and video systems remotely from their homes, a benefit James personally appreciates: "Here in Atlanta we have a lot of storms each fall, and our old security system would go crazy," he said. "I'd be out in the storm at 2:00 a.m., driving around the church and checking doors. Now, if the alarm goes off in the middle of the night I can just check my home computer. I don't have to get out and drive over."

Another benefit is the ease of tracking the numerous access cards issued. Hightower showed church security staff how to make a temporary card for someone, for example, on the first day of the month that will automatically expire on the last day of that month.

The investment in Honeywell security helps Victory World fulfill its mission to spread the gospel, and also supports its commitment to being good financial stewards. The installation at Victory North gave church officials a chance to see what the integrated technology could do and gave them a head start on ideas for the new construction. They're looking forward to using the system for a long time. Best of all, when construction is finished, James and his staff will be able to monitor all three campuses from one site.

The Products

- HD3CH and HD70 dome cameras
- HCS544 high-resolution day/night cameras
- HRXD and HRSD digital video recorders
- NetAXS™ web-based access control
- WIN-PAK® access control software
- VISTA-128FBP and LYNX Plus security control panels
- 6160 keypads



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