

SWIM is not a church, although it does have that capability.. It is a ministry of evangelistic outreach to the world.. The piece of property you're referring to is a billboard and a piece of property on SR 50.. I have to tell you this story for you to get the gist of what is going on.. I have always dreamed of owning a billboard, ever since I was a little kid. I checked the regulations in every county and I always had my eyes open when researching properties.. One day I saw this piece of property on SR 50.. I thought great we have the first requirement--frontage... So I went to the sale and even though there was competition I got the property.. So that was the first miracle.. But next was the hardest part .. changing the zoning..it was Agriculture and the requirements in Lake County for a billboard was either commercial or industrial zoning.. So I applied for a zoning change.. The only catch was I had to go before the Board of County Commissioner to make the final decision. This was back when Richard Schwartz headed the commission.. You know he was pretty no growth and hated billboards.. So I went before them and asked for the zoning change..on the grounds that it was contiguous to commercial property.. That day there were approx 7 cases before me.. Every case was turned down, they had engineers and plans and had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars... I was the last case.. But something amazing happened, they argued, asked questions, but in the end granted my request.. It was a miracle I had my billboard location. So Smallwood put a sign on it.. Right afterwards.. Swartz led the charge to completely ban billboards in Lake County.. I think that was one of the very last ones constructed. Every time my family and I would drive by I would tell my kids .. "Do you see what God can do?.. He can do anything". The billboard was a monument to God.. I wanted to buy the billboard from Smallwood and put it in the name of the ministry so that it would be passed on for generations and the lease checks would continue to advance the kingdom of God through my children and their children..But a funny thing happened when I sat down to negotiate with Smallwood about buying the sign.. He said he wanted to buy the sign from me.. I was shocked...I was shocked again when he accepted my price... My wife and I decided that the money was still God's money and that we would give the property to SWIM.. That was our intention all along that the monies would go to SWIM.. I immediately deeded it over to SWIM, because he wanted to close within 30 days and I didn't want to give him an opportunity to back out.. So that's what we did.. The monies that SWIM receives are used used to advance the kingdom of God around the world.. We've been able to build and start many churches, support different missionaries around the world, and help with numerous special projects.. So that's what happened.. It was a miracle from start to finish..SWIM will continue to be a blessing to people around the world.. It will continue to be an ongoing ministry... As far as the IRS and the State of Florida are concerned, I can assure you, SWIM is in full compliance with the letter of the law. Thanks for asking .. It is truly one of the most incredible things God has done in my life.. because it proved to me that he was my partner and that nothing was impossible with him.