

Footprints

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“...and through us, spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.”

2 Corinthians 2: 14-15

God never ceases to amaze!

For the past four years we have been working towards an after-care facility for young women coming off chemical addictions. Many of you have been supportive in your prayers and your financial support. It has been amazing to me to see the number of you who would support a dream with nothing tangible to see or touch. We are now ever so close to having that tangible means to accomplish God’s work. We have said that this IS God’s work and he would support it and I believe he will. But now we need to get started on something beyond the dream. We need to embark on the ACTION part of our project. We need your help, not only in prayer, but also in dollars.

Recently, we became reacquainted with a young couple we had met last year at Warren Days. Mark came over to our table and said something like, “I’ve been thinking of you, but I had forgotten your names.” So we gave him one of our brochures and reminded him of our mission. He left saying he would be in touch. Imagine our surprise when about an hour later he reappeared and said, “I remembered this on the way home. My partner wants to sell his farm and it sounds like just what you are looking for.”

We contacted his partner and made arrangements to see the farm. Mark was right! It is entirely appropriate to beginning the work God has given us to do. It is a five-acre farm, with a house that will accommodate from six to ten residents. It has an out-building that has had three critters used for milking, and enough space to have a working garden. There is sufficient space in the house to allow for a cottage industry, such as we originally planned – making canvas bags, like beach bags, totes, and maybe even purses. This becomes even more necessary as we begin in the off-season.

What makes it more attractive is that we can lease with an option to purchase, so that we can get started.

One of the indications that this is God at work, is the name of the farm presently --- “*Deliverance Farm.*” Want another indication of God at work? The folks who are leasing/selling the farm are doing so because they will be traveling throughout the United States doing evangelistic work – helping churches grow and preaching to the unchurched.

In order to get started we really need immediate help, not only in prayer but also in finances. Our projected costs to operate the first year are \$98,000, or about \$8200. per month. 80 churches at \$50.00 per month, or \$10.00 per week will provide half that, or enough to get us going. So, we need prayers, we need you to spread the word, we need you to support God's work caring for His children who are hurting – folks who really want to change their life around.

Our original plan called for six months to one year of residential living. Advice from professionals is that residents, especially women, will not commit to that term. They have children to which they want to return; they have families to which they want to return. We are now planning on a ninety-day program that can be extended to six months.

We would like to be able to welcome our first resident by mid-October. To do that we need help now. Will you help? Will you put your check in the mail today? Remember, not only are you doing God's work, it is also tax deductible. We are a 501c3 corporation. Send your contribution or pledge to

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Blessings to you all,

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