

Still Waters

CHRISTIAN BOARDING SCHOOL

...He leadeth me beside the STILL WATERS

October-November 2021

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

Making Up for Lost Time

As most of you know, our bus was in the shop for the entire summer months. Although the work necessary is still not completely finished just yet, we got it back in driving condition not too long ago. Since we were unable to travel around to churches this summer as we normally would do, we have been doing our best to get around to churches as we are able, in efforts to help raise additional support for the home, hopefully generate a burden for this ministry in others, and also to expose the young men to more good preaching, singing, and to provide them with an opportunity to learn more and to serve.

Although not able to take all of our young men with us, the Lord allowed for us to make some large trips recently. We were able to take part in approximately 22 different church's missions conferences, jubilee meetings, youth meetings, revival services, and even some local church work-days just over the past month. It was a very tiring, yet very rewarding trip and we count it such a blessing to have been able to be with each of these churches and are thankful for the opportunities that were given to share our ministry with others along the way.



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Project Updates

Some have been asking for an update regarding the various projects that we have been raising funds towards, that of roof replacements, HVAC unit replacements, and a commercial-grade generator. We are still in need of financial assistance in each of these areas.

However, as mentioned in our previous letter, the roof replacements have become a more urgent need as the days pass by. We have had the roofs measured accordingly and are now awaiting quotes from various companies. Our rough estimate at this time is \$50,000 in order to complete this project accordingly.

Please help us pray that the Lord will make a way for these projects to be both financed and completed as He would see fit to be done. If you might be interested in either making a monetary donation towards the funds for these projects, or perhaps would like to come and assist in the physical labor required to complete such projects, please let us know. We are excited to see how the Lord chooses to answer these pressing requests.

"Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." Isaiah 58:12

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Upgrades

While we await the funds for our major projects, the Lord has made way for us to make some other much needed updates on a smaller scale here around the property as of late. We have been slowly working to update the property as we are able, to help make it an even more enjoyable environment for all who come here. We feel that the house of God and the ministry property should be visually appealing to those passing by, and to those that may enter.

A big thank you to Bethel Baptist Church in Greenfield, IN for making a major update feasible though a donation of both funds and labor. Through their generosity, we were able to replace all of the old carpet in both the living room and dining room with laminate flooring, as well as install/replace 28 fans and lighting fixtures throughout the home. It has already made such a difference. We are grateful for their interest taken and investment made.

Work Hard, Play Hard

While on our travels throughout the Carolinas, we were able to take the young men traveling with us to both the zoo and the aquarium thanks do a generous designated donation. We had such a wonderful time and we are so grateful for the opportunity to make these memories and share this experience together with them.

Happy Thanksgiving

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We celebrated Thanksgiving Day this year with a delicious meal, complete with all the traditional trimmings. Some of the young men helped prepare the meal. As our tradition has become, beginning the week of Thanksgiving, each young man wrote down at least one thing that he was grateful for daily on a paper leaf. We then took those leaves and displayed them in our dining room for all to see. While sitting around the table on Thanksgiving Day, they each took down their leaves for the week and read the things they were thankful for aloud. It was both very refreshing and encouraging to hear each of the boys share about how they were thankful for this ministry and for the opportunity to be placed in this home to receive the help and guidance that they so desperately need. We pray that this spirit of thankfulness will continue to dwell in their hearts throughout the year to come.

Laborers Needed

We are still greatly in need of some additional laborers here in the ministry. The work is much and the hands are few. If you, or someone you know, might be willing and looking for a place to serve, we ask that you please pray earnestly about if God would perhaps have you to help labor together with us in this unique, and much needed, ministry work.

Spotlight Feature

Hello. My name is Joseph Marks. I'm glad to be in an environment where I can get the help I truly need and change for the better. I got saved shortly after being sent here to the home, when I was 12 years old in a good, Bible-believing church. Bro. Gary Crisp was preaching about how if you die and you're not saved, then you will go to hell. That night, the Lord convicted my soul and I got saved. The Lord has been good to me and blessed me more than I deserve. Thank the Lord I got saved!

Christmas Time is Here

Christmas is right around the corner. For any church, or individual, desiring to do something special for the young men here this year, please reach out to us and let us know. We would greatly appreciate it.

Happy Birthday!

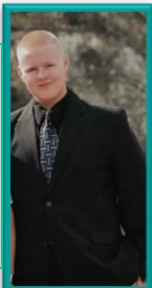
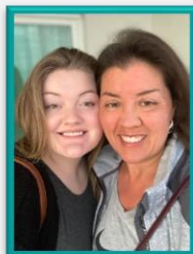
We were able to celebrate many birthdays over the past two months.

Happy 3rd birthday to Moriah Patton! She is such a bright spot in our home that brings out the soft, goofy sides of the young men in our care.

Happy birthday Miss Trinity! We are so sad to see her leave but are thankful for the time she spent here with us.

Happy birthday Mrs. Miller! We are so grateful for all that she does for the home in service for our Lord.

Happy birthday to Titus Miller! We are thankful to have you and your family here serving.



If you would like to hear more about this work, are interested in having us potentially present at your church or have a young man you would like for us to consider taking in, please reach out as the Lord leads.

Happy in His service and serving in His will,