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Heather & Jesus Knocking Down Lies

“There’s nothing about me that hasn’t changed.”

Heather & Jesus are knocking down lies. “People think, ‘Once an addict, always an addict’ but that’s not true. After four and one half years in prison and seven months at the *Women’s Life House*, there is nothing about me that hasn’t changed—my attitude—I’m more patient now. I even save money.



“The hardest part was being away from my kids. My youngest child was born while I was in prison. She’s three years old now.”

Heather is ready with an after-graduation plan. “When I get home. I’ll reestablish the structure I learned in the program—Bible study, 12-step recovery, and being part of the church.” Heather promises that with structure, working the program, and with Jesus Christ, anybody can make it through.

Heather is going home to her family. Time to celebrate!

How Many Can You Name?

I can name 28. Yep. I’m sure if I were suddenly homeless. I know without a doubt there are 28 homes that would take me in and help me get a fresh start.

That number includes two great aunts in their nineties, a couple of once removed cousins, and friends that live on a boat. (My sailing friends would probably even buy me a ticket to fly down to where they’re docked.) The number would have been higher except ...

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for COVID. But if I brought my six boys that number would drop significantly—as would the number of days I was invited to stay.

What about you? How many can you name? List specific people you know without a doubt would take you in if you were suddenly homeless. Most of the people reading this newsletter have assorted friends and relatives who would give them a bed or at least space on the floor for the night. But some people—quite a lot of people —can't name one.

Because of YOU and your continuing support of New Life Ministries, there are at least two places for people who can't name anyone: The *Women's Life House* and the *Women with Children Life House*. THANK YOU for giving!

Year of the Man

This has been a long time coming! New Life's original vision included a *Life House for Men*, but that small group of believers didn't have the resources for it. So, we started feeding people. Anyone who wanted to eat. Every night.

Resources increased, and we thought about the men again. But this is Huntington with more women than men, a large percentage of single mothers, and a higher-than-average rate of teen pregnancies. Since most of the calls for help came from women, we opened *Life House for Women*, refuge to over 200 residents to date.

As women succeeded in making productive changes, some regained custody of their children. The *Women's Life House* wasn't designed for children. The ladies had to find alternative housing. Reuniting a family can be positive. It also increases stress and temptation to return to old familiar habits. To support families through this transition, we opened the *Women with Children Life House*.

Calls for help from men still come regularly. We bought a duplex and knocked down a wall. Surely, the men's time had come. Nope. Covid-19 hit the world hard, and understandably work teams cancelled.

But we are as hopeful as Moses and as determined as Nehemiah. Seven work teams are committed to coming this spring and summer. Target date for opening *Men's Life House*: October 1, 2021.

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Calling All Prayer Warriors

As the ministry grows, we want to remain intentional about immersing changes in prayer.

The Plan

1. Tell us your area of interest.
2. We share specific prayer concerns.
3. You talk to God about it.
4. God's turn. *"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."* Ephesians 3:20

A person interested in finances would pray for wisdom budgeting, creativity raising funds, and sensitivity to nonverbal cues when negotiating a purchase. We will also notify you when we apply for a new grant or funding.

Details like which Life Class needs a teacher and which educational books are running in low supply would be shared with those committed to praying for the *Life House*.

Don't let the term "Prayer Warrior" scare you. God supplies the power.

We are looking for people who will pray consistently. No group meetings required. Check out the list of areas on the left.

To join the Prayer Life Team Leave your first and last name, best way to contact you, and which area of ministry you want to pray over. Call or text 317-557-8554.

Or email
Denisa@newlifeministries-Indiana.com.

Meal Ministry Inside dining will resume when restaurants return to 100% occupancy. Until then, dinners will continue to be packaged in to-go containers and handed out through the front door.

Women's Life House Graduation cheers for Heather! You set your goals, and you met them. Well done!

Women & Children House Open 14 months now. Eight mothers and 16 children have called it home.

Men's Life House *Good News:* New furnace and air conditioning units have been installed. *The Challenge:* The bathroom needs more TLC than expected.

If that's your skill and you want to be part of renovating this house, call Jimi at 260-519-1664.

Pick Up Your Sword

To truly drench our ministry in prayer, we need people praying for:

- Life House Operations
- Meal Ministry Operations
- Life House residents
- Mission Teams
- Leadership & Staff
- Finances
- Ministry Growth & Expansion
- Construction/Renovation
- Relationships with those outside the ministry.



Imagine

According to Forbes, the richest person in the world's net worth is:

\$182,900,000,000.

Can you even get your head around that number?

Pretend for a moment that Great-Aunt Alice willed you a painting of herself as a girl. An art critic reveals it was painted by a French Master. It appraises for \$26.8 million.

After you paid off the mortgage and other debts, after you put aside money for the kids and the grandkids' education, after you saved for retirement, what else would you do?

You're a caring person. You'd probably want to help people. Would you build a tall building with your name on it? Maybe you'd give away \$100 bills.

Perhaps you'd serve supper to a long line of people. Maybe you'd buy educational material or rehab houses for the homeless. You might tell people about Jesus.

Wouldn't it feel outrageously good to do it all yourself even if only for a minute? While we can't make Great-Aunt Alice's painting worth \$26 million, we do have a different idea for giving you joy.

You can feed 80 people supper, provide educational material for Life Classes, rehab houses to provide women and children with a safe place to live, and tell all those people about Jesus.



Look at the chart below. If you add up the cost of all these ministries, staff, buildings including utilities, this chart shows what it takes to run New Life Ministry.

Here's your chance. No guilt. No pressure. Pure fun. Pick how much time works for you, and give for the pure joy giving will bring you.

Numbers You Can Get Your Head Around

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|----------------|--------|
| 1 Minute | .54 |
| 5 Minutes | 2.68 |
| 15 Minutes | 8.03 |
| 30 Minutes | 16.06 |
| 1 Hour | 32.12 |
| 2 Hours | 64.24 |
| 1 Morning | 128.48 |
| 8-Hour Workday | 256.96 |
| 24-Hour Day | 770.84 |

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Great-Aunt Alice