



A LIGHT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD - HOPE FOR RENEWAL FACILITY AT NIGHT



## Prayer Newsletter

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God every time I remember You. In all my prayers for you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who has begun a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6*

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Hope for Renewal seeks to serve, build relationships and share the love of Christ for those living in the Glenwood Corridor in Youngstown, Ohio.

<sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> *He is not here, but has risen.*" Luke 24:2-6

### Greetings Friends,

For many years now I have begun worship on Easter Sunday with the proclamation "He has risen!" And immediately the congregation boldly proclaims, "He has risen indeed!" A couple of days ago I

was challenged with these questions. Do I really live each day with the knowledge and belief that Jesus has indeed risen from the dead? That victory was obtained through the resurrection? That God's power and authority will equip me and lead me to do whatever He has called me to do?

The answers? Yes! So from now on when struggles or challenges or the darkness of this world threatens to undo me I will strive to immediately proclaim.... He has risen indeed!

### Soup Ministry:

#### January – March 2019

Because we could not have our community meal at the playground and the building is not quite finished yet, we decided to make thirty quarts of wedding soup once a month and deliver it to neighbors and to those we have formed friendships with in the neighborhood through the

playground ministry. The results were way past what our expectations were. We were able to be in a number of homes each month to share a quart of soup but also to grow deeper in our friendships. We were also able to deliver soup at the local GasMart for those just hanging out.

### Playground Summer

#### Outreach Picnics:

June 5 – Oct. 31, 2019

For the past two summers we have been blessed to host cookouts at the playground every Wednesday from June – October. This Summer and Fall we will have twenty-two Wednesday night hotdog cookouts. This has been an awesome time which God has used to feed hungry children and adults, build community through weekly family activities and show them the love of Christ through prayer and conversations.

## Hope For Renewal Ministry Center on Glenwood Ave.



As of Spring 2019 our building rehab is moving forward but still has some significant work to accomplish before our doors can be opened for ministry. Bathroom and Kitchen walls are built and the tin ceiling has been removed and electric upgrades have been accomplished and the tin ceiling is being reinstalled. If you desire to physically help with a project or help financially please give us a call! We need you!

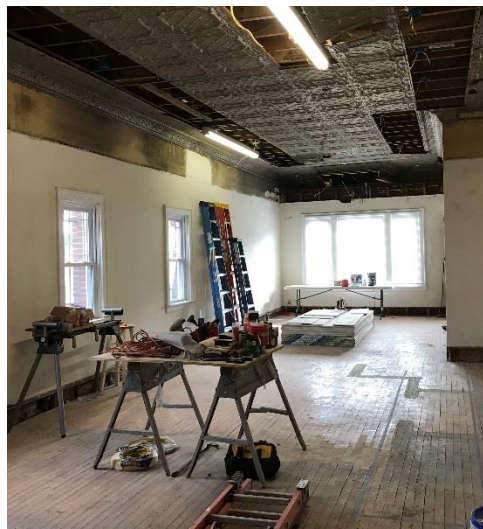


## Praises!

-We have received approval from the City of Youngstown to continue our Wednesday Night Community Picnics this summer.

-*We are filled with joy* that in the last couple of months we have seen two people from the playground ministry come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

-Relationships with people in the neighborhood continue to grow stronger and deeper.



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Summer Outreach Picnics at the Playground - that God would go ahead of us and set apart and anoint the playground for His purposes and be drawing people to come and experience Christ's love and message of Jesus.
- Hope For Renewal Building Rehab.
- Specifically building permit approval and plumbing work.
- Fundraising Process.
- Vacation Bible School in the neighborhood Summer of 2019

- For families that are in crisis and need healing and change in their lives.

**You are important partners in this ministry and we'd love to hear from you . . .**

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