



¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us.

II Corinthians 5:17-20



Prayer Newsletter

CAFÉ AREA IN HOPE FOR RENEWAL BUILDING – READY FOR MINISTRY!

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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.

For the last 3 ½ years we have been committed to the day to day living out our mission statement in the neighborhood that God has called us to. We have witnessed God using the simple ways to serve to open the doors for relationships that have grown deeper and deeper over time. And especially this summer and fall we have witnessed the proclamation of the love of Christ manifested through word and deed.

Each prayer walk, every hotdog served, each container of soup, every act of kindness, each visit to a home, each work day at our building, each bag of candy given, every twirl of the jump rope, every bubble blown, every craft made, every wave and word spoken, each prayer prayed at a picnic table, each small group worship time, used in God's plan to open the door for the love of

Christ, the Gospel Message to be shared.

I would like to take a moment to thank all who read this and to have you know that God has used all of you in an awesome ways to proclaim the Name of Jesus as ambassadors for Jesus Christ in our precious neighborhood. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement and time given and your financial and material support.

The 5th annual Fall Fun Fest October 31, 2019

The weekly Glenwood Playground Community Picnics came to an end for 2019 as we celebrated our summer together with our annual outreach event called the "Fall Fun Fest". Once again the weather in Youngstown was horrible. A number of events were cancelled or postponed throughout the area. Rain and high winds were expected in the evening. We felt that we needed to follow through and meet at the playground no matter what. After

all we had 408 bags of candy that were donated as an act of love, by twelve churches and other organizations. That translates into 30,000 pieces of candy in boxes in the back of our truck!



God was faithful! The rain slowed down but didn't stop and we witnessed two of our canopies become airborne and destroyed by the wind; but people still came and experienced the love of God through face painting and cookie

decorating and shared a meal together!
 All of the candy disappeared into the hands of families and even police officers and other community leaders.



Flyers for future ministry by Hope For Renewal were also distributed. I wish all of you could have heard the grateful words and seen the expressions of thankfulness by many of the neighborhood residents. The ministry team was also praising God for a great evening.



The Hope For Renewal Ministry Center:

Our building has seen some dramatic changes in the last two months. A new parking lot, sidewalk and handicap accessible ramp were installed, and a new water line was installed.



New Parking Lot



Sidewalk and Handicap Ramp

The photo on page 1 shows the Café/Meeting Room - the floor has been sanded, the ceiling finished and walls painted and furniture has been delivered.



View - Bathroom into Kitchen

Walls were built for the new kitchen and bathroom and storage room. The rough plumbing is in process. Electric work still needs to be finished. After the rough plumbing is done the drywall and floor tile and dropped ceiling and finish plumbing will need to be to be accomplished. We will have several work days every month for those skilled and nonskilled workers.

Please give Gary a call if you want to bring yourself or a group or have skilled workers (electrician, plumber, tile and dropped ceiling) that could accomplish a skilled job as the need arises in the near future.



Plumbing



More Plumbing!



Small Group Worship!

As of November 3rd we have started to have a small group worship time at Gary and Cindy's home every Sunday morning. We started with a small group of people from our neighborhood, most who have attended because of the playground community picnic ministry. Each week we meet to share a praise time and a time of God's Word proclaimed and a prayer time along with testimony of what is happening in each life. This month we are preaching a series called "Life With The Shepherd". We are looking at Luke 15:1-7, Psalm 23, John 10, and Ephesians 6:10-18. We then share a fellowship meal together. We can't tell you what a joy and honor it has been to weekly proclaim God's Word. It is absolutely incredible to watch God transform this group through this time of worship. When the ministry center building is ready we will move our worship time to the building.

Thank You! Once again, we want to thank all who have helped financially. There is still a significant need to meet for this year and the 2020 year to come. Please consider committing to monthly or yearly donation or a one-time year-end gift. If you would like Gary and Cindy to come and speak to your church or group or individually please give Gary a call or email or text.

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



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