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

HOPE FOR RENEWAL MINISTRY CENTER ON GLENWOOD AVENUE, YOUNGSTOWN

REVEREND GARY KOERTH

Thanksgiving!

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

³ For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 95:1-7

For many people 2020 has been a very difficult year. Many are filled with fear, anxiety, frustration and a host of other possible descriptions of what we have been experiencing.

Many aspects of “normal life” and even “church life” have been turned upside down. I admit that I too have experienced some difficult moments this past year. But there is one thought that keeps coming to my mind and heart. When you think or feel that all is stripped away and lost, ponder and dwell on the simple yet powerful commands that God has given us. Given that Thanksgiving is a week away Psalm 95:1-7 came to mind. In these verses God gives us a number of commands of what we are to be about physically, emotionally and spiritually no matter what is happening around us.

God’s Word tells us we are to.....

Sing for joy, shout aloud, come with thanksgiving, praise with music and song, bow down and kneel and worship.

And then God tells us why this is possible.....

For the Lord is a great God, a Rock and the King above all gods. In His hands are the depth of the earth, mountain peaks, sea and dry land. He is our Maker and our God and we are the precious sheep in His pasture!

Please take these verses in Psalm 95 and bind them on your forehead and in your heart! When struggles come, and they will, remember who you are as a precious sheep in God’s pasture. Remember Gods power and authority over everything. My mom went home with the Lord in 2008. But to this day I remember the short phrase that she said to us each time we were leaving. It gives a great summary of what the focus of our lives should be. “Stay close to Jesus, He’s all you need”

The Glenwood Playground Outreach Ministry



On October 28th, at our last 2020 community picnic, we were able to have a very small version of our Fall Fun Fest. We had our incredible hot dogs but also added baked beans to the menu. We were blessed with the use of a cotton candy machine which turned out to be amazing for the children and adults. We also were able to give a small bag of candy to everyone who attended. This year was a very different year at the playground but God was so faithful to gather people to experience the love of Christ.

Community Worship

This fall we moved Sunday worship indoors into our living room. We have just completed our study of the book of Philippians. God continues to add to our numbers and we have just about maxed out the space in our living room. The numbers are exciting but the real joy comes in presenting God's Word each week and to watch this group form unity and purpose in the mission here.

We have recently seen the majority of our group go through times of major crisis but then watched God work through that crisis to bring growth and more purpose in their lives and our church family. It will be awesome to move our Sunday worship to the ministry center in the near future. With great joy on November 1st we celebrated our 1 year anniversary of worshipping together.



Hope For Renewal Ministry Center

During the next six weeks we hope to see a number of major projects completed. These projects include installing the fire suppression hood in the kitchen, finishing the plumbing and electric, putting in a dropped ceiling and floor tile, and the café coffee bar. We also hope to update the security system, doors and finish the painting. Soon to follow will be installation of kitchen equipment and café equipment and furniture.

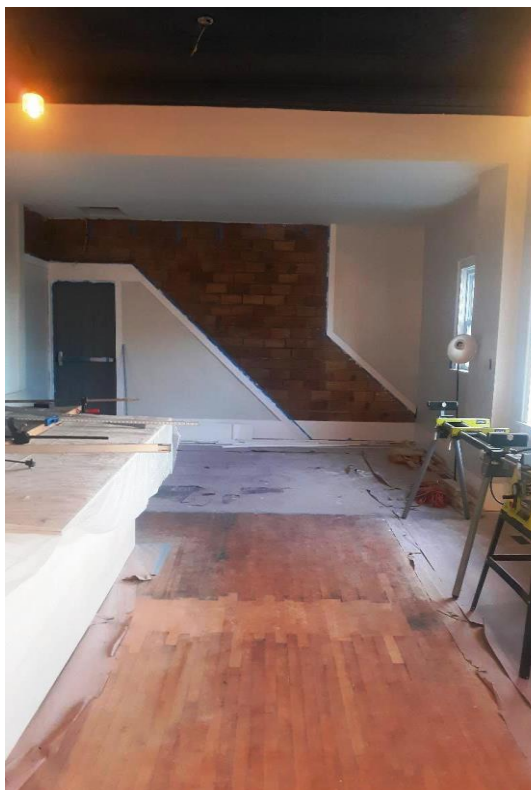


Kitchen Waiting on Ceiling and Hood

As you can imagine we are very excited to see the incredible progress at the ministry center. We are also waiting with great anticipation to finally use the facility that God has given us to present and proclaim the love of Christ and the Gospel message to this precious community.



Bathrooms waiting for plumbing



Main Meeting Room/Café in Progress

Café Coffee Bar



Anticipating God's Provision

We are excited to see how God will supply the financial needs of Hope For Renewal in 2020. Would you please consider becoming a new supporter of Hope for Renewal either through a one-time gift, a year-end gift, or becoming a monthly or yearly supporter.

Gifts will be used towards the completion of the renovations at the Ministry Center and startup costs and continued support for the neighborhood ministries of Hope For Renewal. A huge praise and thanks for those who have supported Hope For Renewal in the past and we pray you are led to continue your support in the future.

Gifts for Hope for Renewal may be sent attn: Gary Koerth to Hope for Renewal, at the new mailing address listed below. Checks can be made to "Hope For Renewal"

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

Gary and Cindy Koerth

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