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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.

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### **“It’s All About The Light”**

*The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” Matthew 4:16*

*In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5*

Ever since I was a young boy, I loved seeing light in darkness. A campfire, the moon light shining on the ocean, a single candle in a dark room, the blueish-green glowing light of a 1960’s nightlight and especially Christmas lights. I loved helping my dad put the lights up on the outside of the house and I remember lying on the couch in the living room for what seemed like hours enjoying the lights of the Christmas tree in a dark room. As I became a husband and a father, I loved blessing my family with the

outside of our house decorated with Christmas lights. I went as far as really enjoying the lighted yard blowups. First came a snowman, then a tree, candy canes and then came the Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus in the manger with animals included. I don’t know why but it filled me with joy and peace to see the light.

People keep saying that this past year has been the worst ever. The heaviness and darkness have been extreme and overwhelming for many. When we moved to our new neighborhood almost five years ago I was hesitant to pull out all of my yard lights. This year an urgency in my heart said, bring out the “Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus blowup”. A few nights ago, I was out in the yard looking at our lights and I was suddenly overwhelmed with the words, “It’s all about the Light.” Even in the darkness of 2020 the Light of Jesus shines bright! As the darkness seems to get darker the light of Christ only gets brighter. We have personally seen this in our precious neighborhood that is well aware of the darkness of this world. When we give the light of Christ to our neighborhood, even in very simple ways, the darkness is overcome and the love of Christ shines through by His power and authority. So, I challenge all of us to consider the Light of Jesus. First look at our own lives and then look to the world and shine the Light of Christ into the darkness even in simple ways. Then, stand amazed at what you will witness when the Light collides with the darkness.

### Community Worship

This December we continued worship indoors in our living room. We have focused on the coming of Jesus. The messages have been focused on Hope, Preparation, Joy and Love. Each week we have a time to celebrate the season of advent. Each week we involve five people in reading Scriptures or asking a question and answering the question and lighting the candles. It is precious to see the eagerness with which our worshippers of all ages participate.

Last week we maxed out our living room and for the first time spilled into the hallway with a chair or two. Worship together has been awesome! Although there are weeks you can sense the heaviness in some attending it is always joyful to be together and lift one another up and minister to each other.

### Hope for Renewal Ministry Center

During the last few weeks we have seen some amazing transformations at the ministry center. In the kitchen, which will be used for the café ministry and other neighborhood outreach ministries, we saw the installation of the fire suppression hood and the gas line,



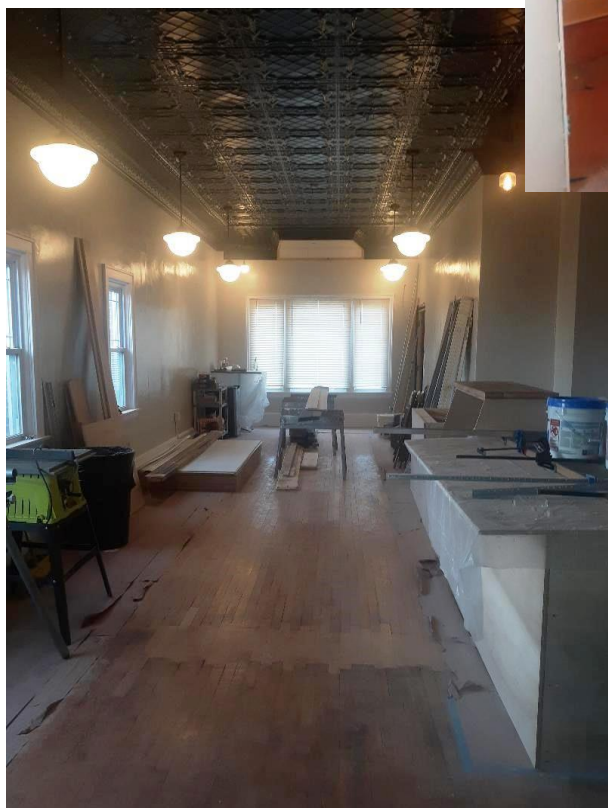
installation of the dropped ceiling, arrival of the range and fryer, and the installation of the health department required fiberglass wall panels.

The bathrooms are all painted and waiting on the last touches of baseboard and finished plumbing installation.

The Café/Main Meeting Room is also seeing the final transformation as the new ceiling, transformed wall, painting and café bar construction is finishing up.



*Bathrooms*



*Cafe/Main Meeting Room*



For the café bar we are using original boards from the building to create the service counter top. To me it proclaims God transforming of the old and worn into a beautiful shining foundation for serving and the proclaiming the Name of Jesus.

Up next is the updated security system, doors and painting, last coat of floor finish and the last of the floor tile completed and the final electric and plumbing. The installation of the four sinks and refrigerator is also right around the corner.

I can truly say, "We are very excited"!!!!!!

### Looking to the Future...

It has been amazing to see Gods provision that enabled us to accomplish great things this year through the ministry center rehab and the outreach ministry and the establishment of our worshipping community. As we finish up 2020 we ask you to consider giving a year end gift or commit to monthly or quarterly support for 2021.

As we are getting closer to the final rehab of the first floor of the ministry center we are now looking forward to the exciting ministry and mission that will take place in this wonderful building that will be used to proclaim the Name of Jesus to this neighborhood. It would be awesome if you became a partner in ministry with Hope For Renewal.

A huge praise and thanks for those who have supported Hope For Renewal in the past.

May God bless all of you meet you right where you are at this time. May Gods peace and joy fall upon you during this time as we remember the Light that was given to us.



*Cafe' Countertop*

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**In Christ's love,  
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