



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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During the month of February we have been challenged as we dwell on God's love for us and our expression of God's love to each other and to the world. One passage of Scripture captivated my mind and heart.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39

We have held on to this passage as we have seen three people in our church body in prison as they fight the battle of addiction. Even the bars of prison can't separate us from the love of God.

We have stood on this passage as we have seen a number of our church body dealing with physical, emotional and spiritual struggles.

We stood on this promise as we anointed and prayed over each person.

We have tightly gripped this passage as we have walked through the death of a 16-year-old young man whom we have known personally for 11 years. On February 2nd we read this passage at his funeral as over 200 teens attended the service.

We have rejoiced over this passage as we shared the "The lost sheep" in Luke 15 through our children's message. One child responds that she knows a song and starts to sing "Jesus loves me", then the entire church body joins her and the room was filled with the presence of God's love.

We have proclaimed this passage at the Café as one of our church members called the night before Valentines Day and said they wanted to buy everyone a coffee or beverage that came to the café on February 14th. When almost everyone asked Why? We were able to proclaim that God loves them and someone in our church body wants you to know that.

It has been a tough month for us, but we stand strong that God has a plan and purpose and a message of God's love to proclaim!

Thanks for all of your prayer and support.

In Gods awesome love , Gary and Cindy Koerth
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