

Other New Beginnings Needs:

New "Thrones"

Our dining room chairs are shot. We have no three alike and would really like to purchase or have donated 10 solid oak dining room chairs. If you can help or know someone who has access to these kind of chairs please call. We already have \$300.00 seed money.

Carpenter Call

We are looking for someone to help finish our aftercare center. We have already had the money donated for that purpose. If you are a carpenter and would like to help by donating some time please give us a call.

Living Room Chairs

Our lazy boys are broken boys. We have good couches but bad chairs. We actually need 3 reclining chairs for the guys and our guests.

Tools

We could use all kinds of tools from wrenches to ratchets. Shovels and hand tools as well as rotary stuff.

Top Soil

We need top soil to repair the flood damage of last fall. Five loads would finish our recovery program for our property.

Clothes Dresser

We need a clothes dresser fairly large.

If you can help us out with any of these things please call as it frees us up to battle the mortgage monster. Phone 570-364-8391

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

The Jesus Tithe

By Mark Burlingame: Director

Hello all, we have entered into another new year and according to the Mayan calendar the last one! In December of this year it's all supposed to be over. The books are out and all the fruit, nuts and flakes that get excited about end time predictions are already on a roll. From crazy preachers to deceived cult leaders it's the end of the world as we know it to quote the song. Do you feel fine? The truth is no one knows but God alone when it's all going to stop and the heavens and the earth roll up like an old scroll and HE says 'it is finished!'

Still we should be reminded that Jesus did promise us He was coming back to get us and we should have oil in our lamps and be ready for liftoff. I have always looked at the thousands of church services and prayer meetings I have led or attended as Rapture practice. After all is not the Body of Christ when ever it comes together supposed to be a glimpse of heaven and all it's glory?

So how do we put oil in our lanterns so we aren't left out when that glorious day comes? What should we be doing to prepare for graduation day for Christians and the World's worst nightmare for those who have not prepared a place for him in their hearts? We are called to show our faith by our works. We are called to use our gifts and abilities to serve God and man. We are called to preach the Good News to all men everywhere. We are called to tithe our money for the purposes of the gospel **but what is the most important thing we can do to prepare for the end?**

When I first met Lisa I wanted to be around her all the time .We would talk for hours on the phone till my buddies would laugh and say we were like an old married couple and we should just get it over and tie the knot. I thought that was a good idea, then I could be with her all the time. 39 years later I still think it's a good idea. (hope she does?)

With that said I would like to put forward a proposal to make that a challenge to put your life where your money is. What I'm saying is most Americans have no problem in tithing and offerings but what about your time? I think we all agree that He is coming but the question I ponder is he coming back for His Bride or for a church full of strangers? We are excellent Human Doers but what about Human Beings?

My challenge is this, what about tithing your day by spending it with him. Yes I know 2.4 hours is a big chunk of your busy day. What about 2.4 hours per week? What about one day a year at a retreat center, just you, Him and the Bible? No, Sundays don't count. We say we love Him but the truth of the matter is you spend time with whom and what you love. I'm done meddling; see you here, there or in the air! <



Student Testimony

My name is Alec Kresge and I am 23 years old. I was brought up all over the Lehigh Valley in Pa. I attended 4 different Catholic schools growing up and by my sophomore year found myself in Northampton County Juvenile Justice Center. It was there that I completed my GED scoring in the top 98% of my age group. I guess having smarts is not the same as using smarts! During that time I met Julio Crespo and attended his Bible Studies faithfully. But as soon as I got out I got hooked up with the same old friends and the same old drugs.

While locked up the second time my dad died while I sat in Lehigh County jail and it forced me to do an evaluation of my life of 17 years. It was the fastest evaluation in the history of mankind! NOTHING<NOTHING< NOTHING I saw in my head in big bold letters. I was in debt, alienated from my family and ready for something besides heartache. That something came in the form of running into Julio again. In February of 2011 I gave my Life to the Lord and found that something I had been missing in the form of peace, joy and a new hunger for more of God.

Through Yokefellowship Prison Ministry and Steve Boyd I found New Beginnings and an old friend that also had become Christian. I am half-way through and working at Jay Good's farm. After I graduate I may go to Elim Bible Institute to further my studies but it's all in God's control from now on. Wherever I move it's going to be in His power not my own. <>

Biblical "Money Lessons"

By Marty Kunzmann, Treasurer

You may be surprised to learn that the Lord said a lot about finances. There are more than 2,350 verses in the Bible that deal with money and possessions. One of the basic needs of the men coming into our program is to learn Biblical attitudes and wisdom in handling money and possessions. Using a study from Crown Financial Ministries (Larry Burkett), "*Discovering God's Way of Handling Money*", they are learning about Debt, Counsel, Honesty, Giving, Work, Saving and Investing, and Teaching Children. There is a video session on each of these topics, and a workbook to reinforce what is learned.

Once a student obtains a job, we will sit down with him to develop a "budget" to use while he is here, and form a foundation for budgeting on his own after he graduates.

I am excited about this much-needed addition to our student's knowledge as they venture forth on their spiritual journey with Christ in their New Beginning! <>



HELP!! Our van has broken down— permanently! We are in need of another mini or regular-size van as soon as possible. If you have one or know of one that we can buy (cheap!) or have donated to us, please let us know.