



L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry

LOVE INITIATED VENTURES INVESTING IN NEGLECTED GROUPS

Serving Pittsburgh's homeless in the name of Jesus Christ since 2002

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Prayer Requests

Please lift up the following:

- Direction for the ministry
- Future of Project L.I.F.E.
- Ministry finances
- ALIVE 2010 on Nov. 20th
- Job Fair on Dec. 13th
- Wisdom for staff



Volunteering

If you're looking to get more deeply involved with L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry volunteering is a great way to do that! Whether it's preparing meals, renovating one of our homes, or serving at ALIVE we'd love to have you. Check out the volunteer section of the website or you can contact the ministry at volunteer@livingministry.org for opportunities for individuals or groups!



Neal, the general manager at Home Depot, works on constructing a new porch for the ministry house at our last workday

Humbled in the Sight of God — by Charles Chapman

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 14:11.

Don't you just hate being humbled? Most of the time humility is painful, embarrassing, and against every fiber of our fleshly beings. But if pride goes before a fall, then humility comes before a lifting. As difficult as being humbled may be, no move of God begins without the people of God first being humbled (2 Chronicles 7:14). We see in the Bible that even Jesus Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to death on the cross so that His blood would pay the price for my sin so I could be made righteous before God (Philippians 2:8). With all that being said, I believe that God gives His believers two options in life: humble yourself or be humbled by God.

As I write these words, L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry finds itself being the latter. For 8 years, the ministry has enjoyed great success and in my mind could do no wrong. Slowly, we were be-

coming the heroes with all of the answers for solving homelessness. We knew the things we wanted to accomplish in ministry, and there was nothing that was going to stop us; not even God. Well, a funny thing happens on



the road to self-exaltation: you fall. And falling is great, because as you get up, you are forced to look up at God. In the past few months, God has shown the ministry new ways in which He is desiring to lead us. Sadly, this has resulted in the departure of not only Mike Gallo at the end of August, but of Mike Ichimura and Jonathan Chapman as well. These three men have served

as the foundation of the ministry for 8 years. They have bled, sweated, and shed tears to make the ministry what it is today. To say they will be missed is a gross understatement of the truth.

Obviously, the departure of these three leave gaping holes within the infrastructure of the ministry, and many questions to which we don't have all of the answers. What we do know is that God is preparing L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry for a mighty move of His Spirit where lives are drastically transformed and most importantly, God is glorified.

As we embrace this time of transition, we acknowledge our need for more of your help. God has given us all stewardship over the ministry, so we ask that you pray as to how you can partner with us in bringing the hope of the Gospel to the homeless. And as we walk this journey together, may you be encouraged to stay humble.



Touching a Woman's Heart — by Jen Hong

When I started working with L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry, I was surprised to notice that most of the people we served were men. Being the only female in the ministry, I began to question, "What about the women? Where are they? Who ministers to them?"

One Sunday afternoon, a homeless lady told me about a women's shelter called Miryam's. I was thrilled to hear about this and went to the shelter with her. There my heart was moved

as I saw so many women just sitting and watching TV or sleeping. I could see a great opportunity to build relationships and share about God. Deep within my heart, I could hear God's voice urge me to break the barrier and bring Christ in.

As it turns out, we became the first Christian ministry to minister at Miryam's. I was amazed at what God was doing at that shelter and in us.

Spending time with women is not

an easy task. Sometimes we share in the joys of life, but most of the time our hearts are torn apart by the hurt of sad stories. Often tears flood my eyes as I drive home from our weekly visits. The ladies remind me of how great our God is and of His wonderful love for His people. Through difficulties and hurts, the ladies experience Christ in a way I could never imagine.

Please pray for us, that God continues to use us to touch the hearts of homeless women here in Pittsburgh.

