



# Living Water Ministry Network

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Donations are always needed for the upkeep of our homes.

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## BANQUET THANKSGIVING

We are grateful for all of the attendees at the recent banquet. In the event you were not able to attend I would like to highlight a couple of points.

First, the theme of God's persevering grace was put on display through the testimonies of our residents. They shared how God, through various means, has upheld and preserved them in their reintegration process.

I also noted some of our partners who are the very means of God in their lives presently. Here, I would like to extend the opportunity to you to also be that very means. Perhaps you will faithfully and pointedly pray for our residents and this ministry. Or, do you sense the Lord's leading to be a mentor or volunteer, sharing your wisdom and talent to help transform men for time and eternity?

We also need help doing repairs to our homes and as winter approaches, **donations of decent vehicles are always appreciated.** Such allows our residents to get to work safely and timely, making the most of their time.

We rejoice with you in God's persevering grace and thank you for your support of this ministry.

Greg Oliver, Executive Director

## BUDGETING LESSONS OF AN ALUMNI RESIDENT - PART 1

Recently this year I experienced some major issues that cost a pretty penny. First, I had my transmission go out and had to replace. The next issue was my timing chain had broken while driving, and as a result the engine had to be rebuilt. Anyone who has gone through such issues knows it's not easy to "just pull money out of the wallet" and get back to driving within a short time. These two issues did happen to me. I did have the money in my wallet, both times, to pay in full the repair bill without help from the bank or family/ friend. I had budgeted for such happenings.

I learned budgeting at an early age from my mother who would break down her weekly check for groceries, the electric bill and unknowing havocs for 9 children. I didn't see it as budgeting at that age, but just money to survive. It wasn't until going through Living Water Ministry I truly learned and practiced budgeting. I remember having to literally write down every expense I had, have staff member verification and an approval on my spending habits. It wasn't easy, and in fact a little annoying. I felt it was something personal to me that only I should know. But looking back, I'm glad that person oversaw my spending and guided me to success in having my money go to the right things and at the same time save money for the future. It wasn't long after starting the budget program that I saw my bank account grow well more than expected.

*Stay tuned for Part 2 in our next newsletter*

## ADOPT A NEED

### List of needs for our homes:

- Licensed builder** to evaluate our homes and make written recommendations
- Skilled laborers** for repairs
- Donations** for home repairs

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616-425-2414 to donate.

*And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.  
Hebrews 12:1-2*

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## BANQUET GOALS

In early October we had our annual fundraising banquet. Thank you to everyone who attended and/or offered their support. So, the question is, "How did we do and did we meet our goal"?

That is a question that can be answered in several ways.

First, all of our tables were sponsored before the banquet began. This means that all donations given went directly to the ministry and not for food. We are thankful for this.

Second, we know that the Lord is good and meets the needs of his people. II Chronicles 16:9 says, "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His." We are not claiming that our "hearts are completely His," but He has blessed us. The testimonies given by our men witness to this.

We raised approximately 13% of our total expenses for the year! That is a good number! Pray with us now, that we will be good stewards of what has been provided.

- Gary Wainwright, LWMN President & Treasurer

# Fall Fundraiser

We appreciate the individuals that sponsored 12 of our tables and the following businesses sponsored 6 tables – thereby covering the cost of our food for the banquet!

Your generosity makes our work possible, thank you.

### Thank You for Your Support

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