



Living Water Ministry Network

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**Serving Men Paroling
from Prison**

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Donations are always needed for the upkeep of our homes.

*Many are the plans in a
man's heart, but it is the
Lord's purpose that
prevails.
Proverbs 19:21*

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MY LIFE WITH LIVING WATER MINISTRY NETWORK

During the last fourteen years of my life, there have been more changes than in the preceding 52. I am now 66 yrs.old and one thing I've learned is life begins when you accept Christ into your life, not when you are born. While I was in prison, I truly came to understand what it meant to give your life over to the Lord. I learned to depend on faith alone for the first time in my life, but it wasn't until I arrived at Living Water Ministry Network that I was really able to see God in action!

From the moment I walked in the door at the ministry home assigned to me, I was greeted with a fierce and loyal love from so many people that I had never even met before. I could scarcely take it all in. The people of LWMN provided me with a reassuring love and kindness, combined with answers to ALL my needs. All I had when I got out was the shirt on my back and a box of junk and a truckload of medical problems, not the least of which was a malignant tumor that was threatening my life!

Undaunted, the ministry immediately began to find solutions for everything from medical needs to shoes for my feet. The speed at which issues were taken care of

was blinding. Nothing was too difficult or costly. I say that with the understanding that although it cost me myself nothing, others gave till it hurt without reservation.

I could go on and on, but it would fill a book with all the miracles that I both witnessed and got to be a part of each and every day. What I can tell you is this has made a huge and permanent change in my life! I am now cancer free for over two years, own my own vehicle AND home, plus have money in savings. God put me in this ministry for a reason and I could never thank or pay Him back for all that has been done on my behalf. All I can do is accept God's grace and pay it forward every chance I get. I don't really know how to thank all the various individuals of LWMN for all they have done, except to say that I will never let it be in vain.

I Love You All - and God most of ALL!

God Bless,

Rich B.



ADOPT A NEED

List of needs for our homes:

- Skilled laborers** for repairs
- Donations** for home repairs

Please email or call:

info@livingwaterpmn.org
616-425-2414 to donate.

- A \$50 Donation covers the cost of a Welcome Basket for each new resident.
- Donations for the upkeep of our ministry homes are always appreciated.
- Are you a green thumb? Volunteers welcome for planting flowers at our ministry homes.

Email us at
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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT LWMN

Introducing Larry Milks - Our New Ministry Director

On December 1, 2021 Kurt Flier was appointed our new Ministry Director. On January 18, 2022, the Lord called Kurt home after a 4-week struggle with Covid related issues. So while grieving the loss of our director, we were looking to God to see who He had for us next. Jeremiah 32:27 says "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?" We ran an advertisement for a new director from which we had numerous responses and conducted several interviews. Larry did not respond to our ad. Through connections at a Grand Rapids church, Larry discovered our need and contacted us out of the blue. After several interviews, hours of discussion and sharing of hearts, the Board unanimously asked Larry to be our next director effective May 1. Larry accepted, Praise the Lord!



"I am really looking forward to investing in the men of LWMN and getting to know them well. Significant relationships have always been important to me. I am also excited to meet the prayer and financial partners who have enabled the ministry of LWMN over many years. It will be great to meet them, and to hear about their heart for this significant redemptive ministry which we all value."

Larry comes to us with a diverse background. He taught in the public schools for 10 years. He served on the mission field in Hungary for approximately 17 years in a number of different roles. This included a managerial role over an 8-country area. He has strong background in career development, personal coaching and conflict resolution. He has recently served in a university setting in career counseling. Most recently Larry was Director of Counseling and Career Development at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps. He is also a degreed engineer who at one point built his own house. During our interview process Larry was offered another job by a university in career counseling but turned it down because his heart was drawn toward helping men re-entering the community.

We are thrilled to have Larry join Living Water. Please feel free to contact Larry and introduce yourself at larry@livingwaterpmn.org or at (616) 425-2414, ext. 702.

Sincerely,

LWMN Board of Directors