

GOD AT WORK

There are few joys greater than witnessing the power of Christ at work in a person's life. For the recipients of this, grace resounds in praise and admiration to God and bows in eager obedience to His Lordship. Then, add to this the humbling fact that often the Lord even uses poor sinners like us as a means to accomplish His will. We are privileged to be a part His plan in action to transform lives. What encouragement this is for those in ministry, its supporters, and the church-at-large. With these thoughts in mind, Living Water Ministry Network would like to invite you to watch some testimonies of God's work of late in the lives of some of our residents.

We would also like to give you an update here and thank you for the recent responses to our last newsletter. We had shared the fact that we needed to obtain new housing for our current residents and to be able to help more returning citizens. One of our supporters responded, contacts were made, and now a common goal is being worked towards.

We continue to ask that you pray for this ministry and its ability to provide Christian homes and support for returning citizens. Another supporter also responded to our call for help at one of our homes where a furnace was needed. We now have a new furnace and are grateful for the Lord's provision through this donor. There is still much work to be done on many fronts and, post-COVID, there are many challenges. Please pray for our residents, too, as they reintegrate back into the community, that they will be light bearers for Christ as He works in them both to will and to do according to His good pleasure.

One thought always lingers in my mind when I look back over the years of ministry to returning citizens—gratitude towards supporters. Residents often have a deep desire to convey just how much they appreciate the ministry and those who make it possible. Those who serve these men in the ministry are the ones that often hear these reports of gratitude. We are excited to share them now with you all in a medium that conveys better than written words, in vignette form on our website at www.livingwaterpmn.org.

*"For it is God who
works in you both
to will and to do
for His good
pleasure."
Phil 2:13*



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Thanks to the generosity of a donor, the residents will be warm this winter.

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A PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKS

Abba Father,
What a pleasure it is to rejoice in you for all that you are. Just what you have revealed in your Holy Word about yourself should fill our lives with overwhelming joy in your holiness; it is because you are so far from being like us in character and behavior. Unique, you are, one-of-a-kind, and none else like you anywhere in either heaven or earth. Truly you are holy in who you are, and we praise you for this. You are the only God of grace—favoring us with your goodwill. Only you are the God of all mercy; merciful in the face of human condemnation, loathing, anger, and ill will. Oh, how we hate one another until your love and grace intrudes on us to the transformation of our nature.

My Abba, my greatest desire is to become all that you want me to be; all for which Christ Jesus died to make happen, all for which the gift of the Holy Spirit is given to be in us. Yes, Abba Father, as in heaven, so let it be that your will is done in and through us for Jesus' sake, Amen!

Why should we rejoice if not because we are yours forever and ever—throughout all of timeless eternity we belong to you. And in this very fact, you are glad and rejoice in the presence of heaven's angels. It is so good to know that we please you, and in the pleasing, your goodness to cleanse us when wrong intrudes through evil desires, wrong behaviors, or harm to others. How you rejoice, as you see us come running home to be cleaned up in Jesus blood.



On this morning, it is my pleasure to lose my heart to you—just to be still, falling in love with Christ Jesus anew, fresh and vibrantly. My Abba Father, take us where we cannot see ourselves being. Show us, as you did in Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, the extent of your love—as incomprehensible as that seems. Truly, make gold and silver out of the dross of our lives by letting us find ourselves beyond what we could possibly imagine. Spoken in the unique Almighty Name of Christ Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

LWMN LAUNCHES VIDEO

Living Water Ministry Network is kicking off our virtual celebration. Join us as we share stories of what God is doing through the ministry in the lives of returning citizens. It will be a blessing to you as you see the gratitude of the residents and hear how God is changing lives for His kingdom. God is using Living Water Ministry Network to be His hands and feet to impact the lives of men. Residents are disciplined to follow God more closely as the Holy Spirit teaches and directs, giving strength to overcome past behaviors and habits.

As you are praying about what you feel you could do on a monthly basis, please watch this short video (<https://youtube/4aJVwe4z2M4>) sharing what the Lord is doing through Living Water Ministry Network. Then ask the Lord to put on your heart what you can give to help change the lives of so many people, not only now, but for eternity. It is not always easy to give, but the return on your investment is one of the best returns you can get because it has eternal impact!

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Do you desire to be more directly involved in the support of an individual resident by praying specifically for them? Do you want to minister to a resident by “adopting” them and providing them with a Christmas gift or by giving an item listed on the wish list below?

In the Book of Acts, a record of caring within the body of believers is given. *“The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. There was not a needy person among them—they laid the proceeds of what was sold at the apostles feet and it was distributed to each as any had need.”* Acts 4:32, 33, 35. Will you follow the example of the early Christians and share with those who are in need?

Suggested wish list of some helpful for our residents: full-size sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, regular-size personal care products like toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, as well as razors, socks, nail clippers, combs, lunch boxes, bus passes, stamps, gift cards to Meijer, Walmart, or Target. Questions? Contact us at the address, phone number or email below. The Residents of Living Water Ministry Network thank you.