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MY LIFE WITH LIVING WATER MINISTRY

Hello, my name is Lawrence and I was released from prison in December of 2021. During the last 4 and a half years of my prison term, I had repeatedly heard about LWMN. I hear people talk about how God puts a particular word on people's hearts and minds and it ends up being a calling or how it ends up leading to a particularly moving testimony in the future. Well, God knows me and knows that I can be hard headed, so He made the message tangible. God literally had people talking about LWMN continually for a period of two weeks or so, including Ned, Bruce, Jason, Robby, and Bob. Jason told me it was faith based, which I was automatically drawn to. Jason also told me that admittance was gained through application. Additionally, Jay had told me about the very reasonable housing costs, the savings program, and the bible studies that are arranged for the men who become members of the Ministry Network. It sounded perfect for me. I applied soon after and I was elated when my acceptance letter had come in the mail.



During my first few days at LWMN I was accepted with open arms. I was given access to my own furnished room, and access to the house's kitchen, bathrooms, living room, and laundry room. It was hectic at first because there was so much to do. But the current director had purchased me a cell phone and literally everyone in LWMN was giving me information about resources for everything from bus passes, transportation, food, education, clothing and more to help get me on my feet.

Today is the two month mark from when I was released. I am doing great. I am working full time at a great job with benefits and paid vacation (which two ministry members helped me to get), I have more money saved than I have ever had, I'm driving a fully legal and fully paid for 2011 Dodge Ram, and I have a huge support network in place. God clearly put me in a place where I have the opportunity to succeed. LWMN gives Christian men a chance to reenter society with the tools, resources, opportunities and habitat to really thrive not just to survive.

I am happy to be able to report that God has put me in a position to really make progress for the first time in my life. It is my goal to continue to save money for a down payment on a house and Lord willing to start a family. I am blessed beyond measure and happy to be able to share my testimony with you all. Thank you all.

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List of needs for our homes:

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

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616-425-2414 to donate.

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Proverbs 19:21

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT LWMN

Dear Supporters of Living Water Ministry Network,

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

The above proverb is in reference to people, but it can also be applied to ministries. An explanation is in order:

Much has transpired since our last newsletter. Greg Oliver resigned as director of the ministry at the end of December, due to increased time demands from his family and business. We are very grateful for Greg's leadership with LWMN over these past several years.

As we prayed and deliberated over a possible successor, the board was led to offer the position to Kurt Flier, who had been serving as Greg Oliver's assistant. Kurt willingly accepted the call, for which the board was very thankful, as Kurt had demonstrated a deep commitment to the Lord, to the ministry, and to the men whom we're seeking to serve.

In God's providence, our plans were soon to be redirected. Kurt contracted COVID shortly after his appointment and eventually ended up in Metro Hospital in Wyoming, MI, where he passed away on January 18th. We feel his loss greatly, but we know that this faithful brother is now with the Lord, delivered from his afflictions and rejoicing in God's presence.

God's ways are often not our ways, but we find comfort in the certainty that all this has not caught the Lord by surprise. His purpose will prevail, as the above proverb states. Nonetheless, we are earnestly seeking His guidance as we are looking to find someone to lead the ministry. We are very grateful that Richard Battles, who was Kurt Flier's assistant, is willing to serve as interim ministry director.

In light of these developments, we would ask you to please pray with us and for us that the Lord would guide us as we seek His leading in finding someone to take over the position as ministry director for the long haul. In addition to that, would you also pray that this time of need would show us once again that our God is faithful and that He will use trials and afflictions to reveal to us more intimately our need for Him, as well as His unending care and love for us. It is our prayer that, through these trials, we would grow in our trust and dependency on the Lord, as individuals and as a ministry.

Please also pray for the men whom LWMN is seeking to serve, that they would have an earnest desire to grow in their faith, as well as in their trust in the Lord and in their desire to let the Lord direct their steps.

Thank you so much for your faithful support of LWMN, both through your prayers and your financial gifts. May the challenges that God puts in our paths serve to help us grow in our appreciation for God's mercy and grace and faithfulness.

In Christ,
Rev. Hans Deutschmann,
on behalf of the Board of LWMN

