

Isaiah House

Christian Drug & Alcohol Recovery Center

Quarterly Newsletter

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Isaiah House Moves, Ministry Expands

On Jan. 5 2008, the culmination of a miraculous process occurred. Isaiah House moved from the ministry's previous home of seven years into a larger facility that is better equipped for a recovery based ministry. The story of how Isaiah House acquired this incredible 36,000 sq. ft. facility is evidence of God's grace and blessing on a ministry which exists to restore men's lives to wholeness. The new facility, located in Willisburg, Kentucky about 11 miles north of Springfield, is the community's former elementary school. After the school closed it was converted into a home for children, which operated until Jan. 2007. After attempting to sell the facility for about a year, the owner donated the entire facility and its furnishings to Isaiah House. The facility can house 72 residents, and appraised for over one million dollars. God has abundantly supplied our needs!



A meal is served in the new cafeteria.

Because of the size of the facility, Isaiah House is now in a position to potentially serve nearly **four times more men than at the previous location**. This expansion would make

Isaiah House the largest faith-based recovery center in the region! We are excited by this amazing opportunity, and thankful to God for entrusting it to the Isaiah House. The staff and board of directors pray that this ministry will honor him in its usage.

Expanding Ministry, Expanding Expenses

1. Food bill = \$1200 per week
2. Average meal cost = \$1.50 per plate
3. Electric bill = \$4000+ per month
4. Gas bill = \$700 per week
5. Water bill = \$450 per month

Now we must trust God to bring the finances necessary to operate in this great new ministry center. Furthermore, as we expand the number of men we serve, additional staff must also be added. We pray for Christ to bring new staff to fill these critical roles. Is God calling you to participate in this work by giving of your time or resources? Contact Mark LaPalme for information on how you can participate in the amazing work God is doing at the Isaiah House.

Resident Testimony: Sonny Ballard



Sonny Ballard, Resident

At 15 years of age I was in spiritual bondage; addicted to drugs & alcohol. I was in spiritual darkness blinded by the god of this world. My addictions led me to a life of crime, so that I would be able to supply my habits. At the age of 19 I found myself in prison with a two year sentence for breaking into a drug store. After being released from prison my addictions continued on for 17 more years. In Galatians 6:7 God says that we will reap what we sow, and my sowing reaped me a 24 year sentence for an armed robbery that I was actually innocent of.

I had been married and my two twin children, Buddy and Elizabeth, were 12 when I was arrested and convicted on eyewitness testimony. I spent the next 7 years in prison with no hope and without God in my life. For the first time I was broken and I cried out to God. On Oct, 1 1994 the King of Kings & Lords of Lords, the Lamb Of God who "taketh away the sins of the world" transformed my life and made me a new creature in Christ Jesus. The next five years in prison were the most joyful of my life. After being released from prison God blessed me. But, I struggled with my Christian walk because both my children, now 19, had also become addicts. I struggled with this for years and ended up backsliding. Eventually I found myself living full-time in a drug house.

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Opportunities to Give

Where much is given much is required. Please pray about becoming a partner with us in this wonderful mission. Most of the worlds programs cost in excess of \$100 per day per person, but Isaiah House does it for \$50. We actually collect less than 1/3 of that from the men and their families so your support is essential.

Through May 31, 2008, the budget is \$120,336. Income, however, stands at \$87,062.10. There is a shortfall of over \$33,000, and we rely on the support of churches and individuals like you to support the vital ministry of Isaiah House. We trust that our Lord will bring this ministry the resources we need to operate a quality program. Is he calling you to make an eternal investment in the lives of men on the edge?

We are in need of:

- Two 15-passenger vans
- 4x4 truck for lawn care & landscaping business
- Car (reliable & well maintained)
- Zero turn-radius mower

Smaller, day-to-day items:

- Lamps, alarm clocks, copy paper, printer ink, stamps, bath towels, & bed linens.

Opportunities to Serve

Vocational ministry position available for resident case management. Contact Mark LaPalme for more information.

The following opportunities are available for people wishing to volunteer:

- Study teachers
- Resident and staff mentors
- Kitchen (cooking, organization)
- Library organization.

Donations to Isaiah House are tax deductible.

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From the Director's Desk



Maek LaPalme
Executive Director

Greetings from Willisburg in Washington County Kentucky. What an awesome charge and responsibility the Lord has given us. With this new facility we have the potential to minister to over 70 men on any given day. We have been in the new facility now for over 4 full months and have 35 men in the facility. I want to invite you all to come to our grand opening in August (*date TBD; watch website for announcement*). Please come and witness real life miracles. For those of you who have been our supporters: come see what the Lord has done with our five little loaves. For those that are new, you are invite to come and witness what the world cannot do.

Corey Wilson who graduated the Isaiah House back in October and went to work for us as a case manager is now headed for Hillsong in Australia, which is a pastor & worship leader college. I have known Corey for almost 2 years now and will miss him greatly but I am excited and rejoice at what the Lord is doing in his life. Please pray for him.



Corey Wilson
Case Manager &
Graduate

Do we as the church really believe we have the answer to life's issues? I *know* we do! But we are constantly challenged by the ways of the world. We had an awesome graduation on May 18 where Choe, Jerry, and Bubba begin their new life of sobriety, deliverance, and victory. We have 3 more men graduating in June. At a time in life when "time" is short, the Lord is doing a huge work here among the men and their families. The word is being preached, lives are being saved, and families are being transformed and restored! What part of this work will you have?

- Mark LaPalme, Executive Director

Resident Testimony: Sonny Ballard (continued from front page)

His Love reached down in that crank house and convicted my heart of the sin I was in and I cried out to him. "When we were yet sinners Christ died for us." And like Ps. 107:13 says, "He saved them out of their distresses." I am now at Isaiah House where men of God are discipling me and teaching me how to walk in the Spirit and in victory. I am now free from the bondage of drug addiction. God has blessed me, and my son is now here with me at the Isaiah House getting help as well.

On May 10, 2008 God saw fit to bring me and my son together with another man who I had not seen in 16 years. After a men's breakfast at a local Christian camp, we went fishing and God blessed us with 80 pounds of catfish. On the way home my son and this man were sitting in the back of the van and my son ask him where he was from. He said his name was Toby and he was from Paris, KY. (What an awesome God I serve!) I turned to look when heard this because this was the man I had been employed by 16 years ago. In fact, I was working for him at the time an armed robbery occurred and two people were shot. This is the crime that resulted in me being imprisoned. My son was able to witness Toby look at me and say "You are the guy that worked for me who was arrested and charged with a crime you didn't commit". My son looked at me and said, "Dad I always wanted to believe you, and now I do." God is so good; He knew both of us needed to be released from that pain and hurt. Our Savior was innocent. I deserved what I got. The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ Our Lord. He bore our sin in his own body. Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, I thank you Lord and praise you!

- Sonny Ballard