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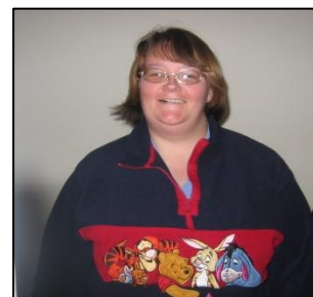
Dear Friends of Lifebuilders Ministries:

Words from Winston. In a world full of uncertainty, violence, suffering and death I think even the strongest of Believers may sometimes wonder... ‘Does God really know what it’s like to be in this place?’ Secular and Biblical history are replete with evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was God the Creator in a human body who became, among many other things, our great High Priest ever to represent us before God in heaven (Heb 9:24), and can be touched with the “feeling” of our weaknesses and woes. He was tempted by acquisition-“All the kingdoms of the world I will give thee”- (Satan in Luke 4:5,6) and all the carnal pleasures that come with it!...by abuse (scourging, beating, ridicule, spitting, thorns in head, spikes driven through hands and feet)....by abandonment -“My God my God why hast thou forsaken me?” (Matt 27:46). Oh yes He knows and invites us to just pour it all out at an eternal throne of mercy and grace – Heb 4:14-16, Chapter 7:24, 25.



HAPPENINGS & HEART HELPERS

Missouri Baptist Missions DVD. On Wednesday, March 8th an MBC camera crew will be at the Glenwood Apartments to shoot footage of resident Ginger Mullies life change story to be featured in the Missouri Missions 2011 DVD. The purpose of this DVD is to help raise funds for in-state missions of which LBM is beneficiary to some extent. They will also return at the beginning of the summer to shoot two other resident life stories. If you would like a copy of Gingers thrilling, heart-rending testimony just email or phone Lifebuilders office.



GINGER

From Tour Bus To Mobile Classrooms. For at least two years at Nu-Elm and more recently at John B Hughes, volunteer staff has struggled with severe lack of children’s classroom space. Each location has only one relatively



small Community Room in which to conduct all activities with the exception of resident apartments for adult Bible Studies. All efforts to get apartment space off-line (at no cost), or even to rent apartments at market cost were to no avail. Then someone in leadership suggested obtaining a school bus to convert to “mobile classrooms”...which was quickly elevated to Tour bus...which then became a reality in what seemed to be a chain of almost miraculous events that only the Lord could weave together. Time and space fail me to tell you all the details, but suffice to say that a 1988 Silver Eagle 46 passenger Motor Coach in great condition mechanically (only 182,000 miles on a complete engine overhaul) and cosmetically, etc...for only \$5,000! Wow! This was made available by South Haven Baptist (one of four most faithful partnering churches) who just happened to have one for sale, but of course at a much larger price. But we also needed an additional \$6,900 for conversion costs. Well as you probably have guessed by now \$11,900 was not in Lifebuilder’s budget for this project but a funding appeal to Missouri Baptist Convention’s Church Planting Center resulted in \$10,150, and the difference was quickly made up by a couple of private donors!...AND...the professionals needed to do a few minor mechanical repairs and facilitate the conversion process (certified truck mechanics, prefabricators, welders, etc.) just “happened” to be a part of our volunteer team and/or members of the churches who sponsor Nu-Elm and John B Hughes!! Also one of these is one of the largest tractor-trailer repair shops in Springfield. Now tell me how can all of this just “fall into place” at just the right time ...unless the Lord is doing it...and as I said, many more details were involved that seem to lend even greater evidence of His presence. At any rate we will show you the “finished” product in a couple of months complete with Lifebuilder’s decals all over. What can we say but “praise God from whom all blessings flow.”

Sunday, January 16, Letters to God movie at Nu-Elm. Based on a true story of a young boy who is dying of cancer and all the people (adults & kids) in his world who came to God because of his attitude toward his plight. You need to see this one...but bring a handkerchief!

Sunday, January 23rd Missions Presentation to Glenstone Baptist’s new Pastor and Mission’s committee. This church has faithfully supported Lifebuilders financially for 5 years but had evolved to almost totally new staff in every category and hardly knew us...and we had not stayed in touch with them...but it was one of the best and most exciting encounters we have had with any group for some time.

Sunday, February 6th and 13th Mission’s exhibit at Ridgecrest Baptist Serv-Fest. staffed totally by LBM volunteers from the church. We so appreciate Ridgecrest supporting Lifebuilders financially and with various resources for the last seven and one-half years.

Monday, February 7th, Valentines Party at Glenwood Featuring Frank and Holly East’s testimony of overall life change (victory over substance abuse, etc.) as a result of coming to Christ through Ridgecrest’s Celebrate Recovery Program and other Christian influences.

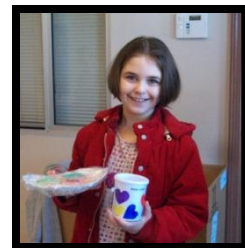


Tuesday, February 8th, Warm Up To The Vision Training for new volunteers, Ellen Dashiell, Laura Smith and Randy Calhoun. Ellen and Laura serve at Bolivar Rd, Randy serves at Cedarbrook. All are serving in children’s ministry.



Monday, February 14th Valentines party at Bolivar Rd featuring Dan and Laura Smith's pilgrimage individually and as a couple to the realization of what real love really is! A special added feature was the children's excellent performance as waiters in serving dinner to the adults.

Saturday, February 12th Valentines Party at Nu-Elm. Decorating cookies, making a valentines mug to take home, a few games, and learning about the Lord's Love for us made up the wonderful content of this event. Regulars and new residents were present.



Saturday, February 19th Letters to God movie at Villa Marie. This movie is really getting around. (see Nu-Elm article). You will be greatly encouraged in your Christian walk by making an effort to see this as soon as possible.

Sunday, February 27th Last Flight out movie at Nu-Elm. This move is not only so very inspiring as a young doctor and missionary decide to give their lives literally if necessary...(and one finally does) for a small village in Colombia, but also is filled with high adventure and almost constant breathtaking danger.

Tuesday, February 15th Bluegrass music night at South Tower featured the Paul Speed Band doing vintage Bluegrass, Gospel, and sing-alongs. Dinner was also served. Sometimes music resonates deeply into the soul when nothing else can either soothe or save.



\$\$ Financial. When I look at Lifebuilder's operating budget as compared to other churches and ministries I sometimes begin to feel a little "inferior" until I remember the extent of it reaching into seven locations with a weekly attendance of over 250 (in small, poor areas), not having to pay rent or utilities on worship and classroom space, 80+ weekly servant-volunteers, some of the best leaders in the world, ...then suddenly it seems that it was meant to be this way. However, budgets regardless of size, never cease and are very unrelenting which brings me to my point. We had a great December as you recall but as of the end of February, receipts are down \$3,375.69 already for 2011 and expenses are gradually increasing. So, once again please send the best gift you can to help make up the deficit while it is relatively small. I know and others on our Board of Directors (who in their professions are responsible for the handling of hundreds of thousands of dollars) know that Lifebuilder's does a lot with a little and perhaps that's the intended glory of it all. Thanks for your consistent help.



Blessed is he who has regard for the poor, the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. Psalm 41:1

In the months of January and February you helped 18 families with food, 9 with car repairs, 4 with gasoline, 2 with dental, 15 families with rent and 2 with furniture.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Marshall Ford, Ronnie Schooling, Graham Automotive, Complete Automotive, McKowen Dental, Quinn, Collins, Gipson & Arquit Oral Surgeons, and North American Mission Board (Hunger funds).

It just seems that Lifebuilders continues to grow and expand as we try to persevere in outreach to 529 families in very difficult spiritual, physical, and emotional conditions....and as we attempt to grab what seems to be the God-given opportunities that are placed in our path.

Thank you for helping us all these years.

For His Kingdom,

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Winston, Sue and Lifebuilder's Team