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Greetings to all,

What a wonderful day to take a walk and soak up all that God has made for us. This is the Lenten season and my church has been getting ready for Resurrection Sunday by doing a structured study to bring us a closer to God. During the weekly review last night we were in the book of Philippians and I came across a devotional reading that got me to thinking. The title is 'Dare to Dream'. The beginning of it states "Dreams make the difference between living a life and really *living* a life. But some of us, caught up in the busyness of life, have forgotten how to dream."

This reminded me of a conversation I had with a new client last week. She is a senior in high school and was recently thrown out of her mother's home. She is living with her grandmother now and needed help from us. While we were doing the initial interview I asked her about her plans for the future. She started crying and said she really wanted to go to college to be a nurse but that she would have to put that on hold for a while until she could save up the money. She will now need to find housing and begin to take care of herself. As we continued to talk we discussed different approaches to her issues and at the end of the conversation she had a few ideas for keeping her dream.

Dreams are so important for each of us. They are what help us get through the hard times. They are what make us strive to do better and to be better. Several years ago I had a dream to help young people break the cycle of homelessness and despair. During the last few years each of you have helped to make that dream a reality with your prayers and financial support. You have also helped several young people begin to realize their dreams. The young man who will be starting mechanics school this month, the young mother who now has her own apartment for her and her son and has a job she can be proud of, the seniors who will be graduating in a few months from high school. These are just a few of those dreams which are coming true. How awesome to know that you are a part of this and that you can keep making dreams come true.

Each month I send out a plea for financial help and sometimes you respond. If each of you would send in \$10.00 x600=\$6,000.00. We would be caught up. As it stands that is what we are behind. So here is my dream I want to be able to report that we are in the black. I want to be able to not have to focus on asking for money but to be able to focus on the dreams of the young people who come here. My hope and my dream is that ***all of you*** will help. We have set-up a PayPal account linked to our website at www.restoringliveswest.org or you can mail your check to Restoring Lives West 709 S. Lynhurst Dr Indianapolis, In 46241. Your contribution is tax deductible and more importantly will help make the dreams of these young people come true.

Yours in Christ,

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