



**Indianapolis, IN 46241**

August 24, 2009

Greetings to all,

I hope this finds all of you in good spirits. When I woke this morning the sun was just breaking and it was so clear and beautiful that it almost took my breath. My front window faces east and I see the prettiest sunrises. God has given such a wonderful place to live and I am so grateful. I really enjoy this time of year. We have fewer crises at this time than any other time of year. It is a nice break. We are still working at full capacity as we are working on the house and our big fundraiser for the year. We are also getting lots of requests to speak at different places. Let me tell you all where we are on the house as this seems to be #1 on everyone's minds at this time.

We have signed the lease and are beginning to do the zoning. I hope to have someone to help with this, but if you are an expert and want to help, please let me know as we want this done as quickly as possible. We cannot pull permits or start the renovations until this is completed. We are however, able to complete the demolition on the inside and continue working on the yard. In order to do this we need another dumpster to be delivered. We are hoping to have one this week if we can get the financing for it. This will help with the removal of the plaster that has already been pulled and possibly the ceilings that need to be pulled.

We are also beginning a wish list for items we will need for the house. We are hoping to have this ready this week and then add to it as we find more that we will need. We know that we need a new roof and 26 new windows. We are in the process of opening an escrow account with Lowe's so that we can get things at a reduced rate. You will be able to add to that account directly and will help with the purchasing of items as we need them. I will send more information about this as I have it. We are also looking at other ways that you as a community can help with this project.

We sent out a 780 piece mailing two weeks ago requesting funding. Some of you have replied and we have been able to catch-up on a few things but are still about **\$3,500.00** in the **RED**. If you have not sent your reply envelope back please do so. We need to get caught up on things so we will be ready for the winter months when we are really busy with young people. Continue to pray for this ministry.

A few dates for everyone to remember:

- September 1<sup>st</sup> speaking at Speedway Christian Church Women's Group
- September 8<sup>th</sup> H.O.P.E. team to meet at Restoring Lives West
- September 13<sup>th</sup> speaking at Plainfield Christian Church Sunday School
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 6:30p.m. 709 S. Lynhurst Dr
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Bluff Creek Work Day 1318 S. Lynhurst
- September 25-26<sup>th</sup> I will be out of town for training
- October 24<sup>th</sup> Concert/Dinner benefitting Restoring Lives West at Lynhurst Baptist Church RSVP to [hopie362002@yahoo.com](mailto:hopie362002@yahoo.com). *Seating is limited to 250*. Reserve early.

Yours in Christ,

Hope Garrett