



Indianapolis, IN 46241

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Greetings to all,

I hope this finds you all safe and warm. It has been quite the year so far. First of all for all who are praying for me thank you and keep it up. I got good news in January and do not have to go back for treatment until March. That is great due to the steady number of new clients we got in January. If I had had additional treatments I do not know how we would have met all of their needs.

We have started this year off with a lot of new clients. January averaged 4 new clients a week. That is a lot of food and time. Thank God we were here. We have filled and emptied the food pantry several times and are currently very low on items in the closet. If you have extra soup, vegetables, fruit and proteins (not peanut butter) that would be great. We are also out of pop tarts. I know that sometimes it is very hard to take care of our personal needs, but if you could see the looks on the faces of those who come for food when they leave you would see how valuable it is.

With the New Year we are also trying to fill the calendar with speaking engagements. If you have a group or meeting that needs a speaker please feel free to give me a call at 402-5101. I love to come and share with all of the groups what we are doing and how everyone can get involved. We have also scheduled a fundraiser for the end of this month. We are having a Euchre party on February 26th (see attached flyer). We are hoping that all of you will plan to attend for a fun night of food and fellowship. If you are in charge of sending your group/church information please use the attached flyer. We are hoping to make this a quarterly event if we get enough participants.

I want to tell you some of the updates on clients that we have worked with over the past year. We currently have five young people in college. Three young people completed GED's over the past few months. We are currently working with four young people in high school and have helped get jobs for four persons over the past two months. This may not seem like a lot but if you think about what they have gone through to get to this point it is HUGE. They are working towards a goal and they are beginning to put value to themselves. Every one of them has had to overcome great challenges and are beginning to succeed.

Each of these things take time and money to help them though the pitfalls. Many times we are barley getting by. We did not meet last year's budget and are already behind for this year. We need to work harder on finding the resources to continue. If you are in the place of being able to help please do so. We have cut the budget and salaries as low as we can. We are praying for help this year so we can not only meet the budget but also begin working on the house. If you are able to help,

please send your check to Restoring Lives West 709 S. Lynhurst Dr Indianapolis, IN 46214 or through PayPal on our website at www.restoringliveswest.org. It costs about \$165.00 per day to meet the current needs of our clients. Please pray how you can help with this.

Yours in Christ,

Hope Garrett