



Indianapolis, IN 46241

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Greeting to all,

We are so blessed. God has given us all we need and more. Isn't that exciting? He continues to bless Restoring Lives in many ways also. This last week we had one of our former young men stop in to say "Hi". What a blessing it was for me to see him after almost a year.

Paul is a young man that came to us from a community referral. He was a senior at Ben Davis High School and had been thrown out of his house on a very cold snowy January night. I met with him and ended up putting him up in a hotel over night. That began about a seven month relationship with him. He was able to move in with friends for the next several months and graduated high school. He has a disability and has been able to get SSI for it. This has helped him get an apartment and he is working to find some type of work. He really just wanted to stop by and see us and to say thanks for the help that we gave him. It was very good to see him.

Not all of the youth we work with have such a great story. Some have ended up back in jail while others we don't hear from again but we know that the help they are given is very important to them at the time and that is what is important.

Many people ask me why I do what I do and how I can listen to all of the stories and go on. Some of my friends think that I am a little crazy for working so many hours with just random pay. I remember my pastor when I was a little girl and how he had a mustard seed tie pin. I remember asking him why he wore it. He replied that if I had just the faith of that small seed Jesus said I could move mountains. (Matthew 17:20) I like to think that I have that much faith and that the mountains we are moving are the lives like Paul we are touching. Many changes we may not see until we get to heaven but I am learning to be patient and have the faith that changes are happening.

Just a few reminders for each of you. We continue to look for ways to share with the community the work that we are doing. If you need a speaker for an event you are hosting feel free to give me a call. It continues to take \$165.00 a day to run Restoring Lives West. We are currently about **\$6,000.00** behind at this time. Donation checks can be made to Restoring Lives West, Inc 709 S. Lynhurst Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46241. Also we

continue to take donations through our PayPal account. This is linked to our website www.restoringliveswest.org.

Yours in Christ,

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P.S. Save the date of September 18th for a family fun day with Restoring Lives West.
More information to come soon.