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Greetings to all,

Last Wednesday I received a phone call from a young man. His name is Evan and he was the first client of Restoring Lives West after we opened. He could not believe that I answered the phone. I had not heard from Evan in over a year and the last time was after his daughter was born. Evan and his daughter and girlfriend have been doing okay over the last year but recently he lost his job. The girlfriend, who waits tables, has had a decline in hours. They are struggling with rent and basic necessities. He told me that he had forgotten about me and that while he was home that morning thinking about options regarding living or not he knocked over a box and my card fell out. He called and I answered. We were able to help with a few things and he is keeping in touch at this time. If you know of any jobs on the south side he could use one. The reason I am sharing this is I am thankful that we are still here.

The truth is that if things do not change soon that might not be the case. Donations have continued to slow down and we are getting close to not being able to provide basic services let alone pay operating expenses or payroll. We as a ministry decided early on to put the mission first and have done so but we still need to operate in the black. At this time we are about \$5,000.00 behind. What that means is that the client's needs have been met but the rent and salaries have not. We are trying many different things to raise money but it all takes time and that is something that we do not have a lot of. We need not only to catch up but also to have a steady amount coming in.

I know that in my heart there is someone out there who has a passion for this ministry who has this amount of money. I know that God has said to ask and he will lay it on someone's heart. So I ask. We are looking at ways to grow this ministry and to be able to provide for all of the young people who are in need.

Yours in Christ,
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