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Greetings to all,

What a busy few weeks we are having. First we passed the zoning board!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When I came out of the hearing my pastor asked me how I was feeling and my response was scared. What a lot of work will need to be done in order to complete the work on the house. I am confident God will see us through all of the steps. He has started by giving us a new program manager for the house project. He has worked on several big builds around the city and has the knowledge to walk us through the steps as we need it. We have also started working on a grant through Lowes to provide us with the materials we will need. Be in prayer for this as it is a big undertaking.

We are seeing many new young people at this time. Most are referrals from organizations/schools in the community. One young lady is trying to find work and more permanent housing so she can finish school. She is a senior at a local school. She is currently couch surfing and struggles with getting to school on time and regularly. We are working with her counselor to provide her with joint services at this time. Another young man that I met this past week has dropped out of school and is looking for work. He is 22 and has a small son. This young man has an additional problem as he struggles with reading. We are hoping that we can help him through the obstacles he is currently facing before he creates new ones out of desperation.

As we get into the coldest time of the year many people call and ask how they can help. At this time more than anything we need the monetary resources to be able to provide the young people with the specific things they need. Many times when a young person comes they will need a very specific thing. Last week we helped a young lady with getting her birth certificate to get a state ID. The ID is free but the birth certificate cost \$10.00. Another young man called and needed a few dollars for his gas tank to get to his new job. \$10.00 went in his gas tank. Another young man is looking for a job and must use the bus system. He is going out every day to put in applications and to check on them. I have given him the last of the bus passes. I also had a young man who needed a place to stay for the weekend. We were able to get him into a hotel downtown for \$15.00 a night. That was a total of \$70.00 cash that went out last week. We need to continue to have the money available when the young people come in to provide them the services they need. There are times we must decide between helping a young person or taking care of administrative costs. We always help the young person but then need to take care of the other.

We are coming to the end of the year and need to make one more big push to take care of all the needs of the ministry. During the last two months of this year we need to raise \$10,000.00 to take care of all our current obligations. We send this newsletter to over 400 people at this time. If every one of you would send us \$25.00 that will take care of the bills for this year and allow us to go into the new year strong and ready to continue the work we are doing. Many of you have gift exchanges with love ones at this time. Might I suggest that the money is used to provide for a young person in need?

With this very busy time of the year we are very happy to let you know that we now have a PayPal account that is linked to our website www.restoringliveswest.org. Please feel free to use this method of payment if it is easier for you. If you prefer to send a check please send it to:

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