

Bringing His Kingdom to Earth

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Forgive us for the lack of color in this newsletter, but inside you will find a colored picture prayer card. Please keep it in on your fridge or somewhere in view, as a reminder to pray for us! Thanks so much!



New Life Mission Team

Last month, a team of youth from New Life Church, in Petersburg, MI came for a mission experience at The Lewis House. They worked hard each day, building a fence and raised bed gardens for the community garden. Each evening was filled with relational ministry in the neighborhood. One night, we hosted a cookout on Peak St. (the street directly behind us.) The team shared a drama and also led worship around the

campfire.

Another evening we organized a dinner and games in the park for the children, and invited them to come out the following night for a movie. That evening, we set up a movie, which we projected on a screen inside a bus. The kids were excited and seemed to have a great time, despite the few technical difficulties!

Hosting mission teams is one of our favorite things to do here at The

Lewis House. It's the perfect mission trip for any group (men or women, youth, or families.) We can custom-create a mission experience based on your team's skills and interests. It's not too early to begin thinking about next summer! If you email us with your request, we would be happy to send you a brochure with more information.

Sidewalk "Sunday" School

We are excited to have begun our first summer of sidewalk Sunday school! Well, it's actually on Saturdays, in the park (not on a sidewalk.) Naming events has never been our strength!

Every Saturday, the neighborhood kids gather under the shade at Asbury Park for lunch, games, crafts, a Bible lesson and skit. This is really exciting for us, as we have had a presence in our

neighborhood for four years now, but this is taking the kids to a new level, spiritually. We believe that if we can make a difference in this generation of children, there is great hope for their future!

Neighborhood Clean-up and Projects

This spring we partnered with the city and our community to clean up our neighborhood. A whole group of young people from several churches, as well as folks from our area spent a morning picking up trash off the streets and praying for the people and community.

We continue to strategize with the city of Toledo, as to how we can coordinate teams to help give our neighborhood a “facelift.” We are hoping in September to recruit 60-100 volunteers to work on projects at

10 of our area homes. If you are interested, stay posted on our Facebook fan page for more details or email us at: thelewishouse@hotmail.com.



Your people will rebuild the old cities that are now in ruins; you will rebuild their foundations.

You will be known for repairing the broken places and for rebuilding the roads and houses.

-Isaiah 58:12

Tuesday Treasure Hunting

This summer, we have been hitting the streets to pray for people in our neighborhood that are out and about. We have adopted the “treasure hunt” style, which means that we first pray and ask God for clues about who is on His heart. He may impress details about people, such as names, clothing, illnesses or

locations. We take these clues and go on a hunt, looking for God’s “treasure.” We have already seen so many people blessed, as they realize that they are treasure to God. He has shown His awesome love and power through healing various pains, such as knees and shoulders. Often, He also gives us a word of encouragement or

prophecy that edifies the person. It is truly amazing to see people so touched by a God that knows them personally. And it is awesome to be ordinary people that God can speak to and use to bring His love and His kingdom to earth, to bless and bring healing to lives.

Guidry Family Team

At the end of June, we welcomed a family of six from Adrian, Michigan, that have come for a month long mission experience at The Lewis House. They have joined us in various neighborhood outreach and work projects. We have been extremely blessed by their hearts to serve and their flexibility. One major project they have been

working on is the basement (community center) floor. The process of power washing, scrubbing, sanding and painting the old cement floor has been extensive! We are excited for the ongoing restoration of our community center. Completing the flooring will bring us one step closer to its complete renovation!

The Guidry’s have been part of our church fellowship and have felt led to start a children’s church that meets during “adult church.” This is open to both children of the families who worship with us and to neighborhood kids. They teach the kids God’s Word and how to worship, and pack the night with lots of fun!

4H and the Bunnies

Last winter, our resident, Stacey Puryear started Toledo's first inner-city 4H group. She has about a dozen neighborhood kids involved in the group, whose focus is showing rabbits. The kids each have a rabbit, and learn how to care for them, groom them, and present them at shows and fairs. This has truly been one of the most successful ministries of The Lewis House. Stacey not only teaches the kids how to care for animals, but more importantly has opportunity to mentor them, to speak life to them and teach them lessons about character and responsibility. She is like a mom



to these kids, who show up at our door at all times of the day, looking for Stacey's love and attention.

Through this, Stacey has had favor with parents and neighbors. She's prayed for and encouraged so many people. The 4H group is an awesome club for the kids, but even more than that, a great way to the hearts of our neighbors. We applaud Stacey and her work for the Lord, as she is truly loving others and making a difference in this neighborhood!

Naomi's Bethel Adventure

Most of you know our spiritual daughter, Naomi. For those of you who don't, here's a brief introduction: We met Naomi when she was 15, a sweet little girl who was hurting on the inside. A few months after we met her, Naomi gave her heart to Jesus, who restored and healed those wounds and gave her new life and incredible purpose and destiny. Naomi came to live with us when

she was 16 and then two years later, after graduating from high school, attended Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry, in California. After completing her first year's studies, Naomi has been accepted, through a selective process, to the school's second year training. Naomi has pursued the Lord with all her heart and has devoted her life to His service. She is excited and working hard

to save money to resume school in the fall. Her expenses are beyond what she can raise in one summer, yet she is believing that God will make a way. If you should feel led to invest in her life, tax-deductible gifts can be made to her school, toward her account. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact us and we will give you further information. Thanks!

Family Expansion

We are excited to announce that we are expecting a new addition to our family! Selah is going to have a little sister at the end of October!



Having a family in the middle of a ministry is a unique experience. Many people wonder how that works and what it will look like as we raise a family. We are excited that our children will learn from an early age how to love God and

others, alongside mom and dad and a community of people who believe that we are called to bring God's kingdom to earth. We plan to include them in everything, and raise up little ministers who will learn to make a difference!

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The Lewis House is a unique building which serves as
a home to local missionaries and a facility for various
community outreach events. It is a non-profit
organization dedicated to reaching Toledo with the
love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We want to extend our thanks to all those who join us in
so many ways. We could not do it without all of the
prayer, contributions and service of our friends and
family. We are so grateful for the resources to continue
the work of the Gospel, here in Toledo.

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Community Garden

Our neighbors have really become
receptive to our approach to sharing
God's love and we are finding that
the sense of community we long for
in this area is truly increasing!

We have been given permission to
cultivate a plot of land on the street
behind us (Peak St.) Here we have
built and planted raised bed gar-
dens. Our neighbors love this land
and they join us, whether to help
work in the garden, to gather for
neighborhood cookouts, to play on
the swings, or to pet the bunnies.

This is something that we have
dreamed of for a while, as our house
has no yard. We praise the Lord,
because this garden is bringing
people together. It is an awesome
tool for us to reach our area with
God's love through relationships!

