

A Community Blessed by God

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The Lewis House

An Update from the Williams'

On November 4, our baby girl was due to be born, but she decided to come early! In the middle of September, Sarah was admitted to the hospital with preeclampsia. A week later, on September 21, Anna Joy was born weighing 4 lbs. 12 oz. Anna had some typical preemie issues and spent a couple weeks in the NICU until she had developed enough to breathe and eat on her own.

As a preemie, Anna has required extra care than



the average newborn baby, but she is doing well and growing fast! She has already gained over 4 pounds since coming home.

The past couple months has been a season of caring for our family's

needs. During this time we have seen our Christian community step up to fill in the gap while we have been attending to our family. In this newsletter, you will see many events that leaders in the Lewis House community have organized. We are so blessed to have such passionate leadership working with us in this ministry. There are too many individuals to list here, but we collectively honor them all as they serve this community, and ultimately our Lord.

Below: Block Party



Back-to-school Block Party

At the end of August, as a culmination to our Sidewalk Sunday School, we had a Back-to-School Block Party at Asbury Park. We were able to bless 100 kids with bags of school supplies. There were

also lots of raffle prizes, including backpacks, toys and bikes! Area families enjoyed crafts, games, food and community fellowship on an evening truly blessed by God!



Children with their new backpacks

Make A Difference Day



September 18 was Five Points Make a Difference Day. With a joint effort of the City of Toledo and The Lewis House volunteers from churches around the city, fifteen of our area homes were worked on. The “facelifts” included new porches, roofs, drywall, gutters, paint jobs, landscaping and more. Most of the projects were on homes on Peak St., which is the street directly behind us. This street has been a huge focus for us this year and we are so excited for the physical transformation that took place. We believe it reflects what God is doing in our area spiritually, as He is the one who restores hearts.



4H

4H has brought our area youth together. They have worked together on gardening, fundraising, community projects, and rabbit showing. This summer they camped out at the Lucas County Fairgrounds and participated in competitions for showing their rabbits. 4H events provide ongoing opportunities for

the youth to grow in responsibility, teamwork and character.

Last newsletter we introduced you to Stacey, who started this club. She continues to pour her life into these kids, daily experiencing the challenges of ministry in a place where there are many broken homes and lives. Please pray for the ministry, that seeds would be

planted, that these kids would be eternally impacted, and that the fruit of her labor would remain.



Thursdays: Soup Nights

In the tradition of “Friday night Dinners,” we have resumed weekly dinners at The Lewis House. We now meet on Thursday nights, with various soups served each week. Our basement is the location—our improved (and now warm!) community room. Renovations have been ongoing to this area of the Lewis House, but



if you haven’t been over in a while, you may be surprised at the change! We welcome you to join us, Thursdays at 7:00 as we fellowship with neighbors and other friends of The Lewis House. If you are a great soup-maker, let us know if you can cook up a pot of your favorite and bring it on over!

From Our Heart

Our newsletters are usually full of reports of the exciting events that have taken place for our community. We always want to reiterate that our events, or services offered to neighbors, whatever we do, it is all for the one.

It's the dad at the Harvest Party who wants to meet sometime to get prayer for the things he is going through. It's the young man who calls to go to coffee to listen to your take on God's love and His solutions to life's problems. It's the child holding on to your words of affirmation, speaking of their

destiny and purpose, a concept new to them because you're the first person to care and believe in them.

Jesus always cared for the individuals. Sure His power and care were demonstrated in large settings like when he fed the multitudes. That was phenomenal. Events are exciting and make great headlines for ministry newsletters. But Jesus was all about relationships. He took time to address issues of the heart. For those who wanted His time, He did not deny it.

We feel a calling to pastor (have spiritual care over) the people in our community. For those who will listen, we will share. For those who will receive, we will love. We will live to speak His Truth, that others may know it and truly experience freedom.

We want to challenge you in your sphere of influence. You don't have to be the pastor or a missionary to make a difference. The Bible says that others will know we are Christians by our love. (Jn. 13:35) Do others know that you are a Christian? How are you actively loving those around you?

Harvest Party and Light the Night

We were blessed to have two "Harvest" (Halloween Alternative) parties this year for our community. On October 28, with a joint effort of TLH leaders from Calvary Bible Chapel and volunteers from Toledo Christian School, we had more than 50 children attend the Harvest Party held in our Lewis House community room. Kids enjoyed food, crafts, games and fun!



On Halloween Night, Bedford Community Church (Compelled Church) hosted a "Light the Night" event at Asbury Park. We aren't sure of the count, but dozens of people stopped by for free popcorn and hotdogs (over 300 were given away!) Kids also enjoyed a Veggie Tales video which was projected on a screen. Christian volunteers lit up the night with the love of God, as we loved on our neighbors.

Prayer Needs

A friend of ours sends prayer requests and asks for 15 seconds of your time. (While reading, please pray for the following!) How often we hear a need and forget to make it a subject of prayer. Thanks for praying with us—right now!

*Housing resources for families who want to move into the area to do ministry with us.

*That year 2011 will be full of God (ordained) ideas, not just "good ideas."

*That we will have more one-on-one ministry appointments, led by the

Holy Spirit, to bring life to many!

*That this house would continue to be a beacon of light in this neighborhood and that God's presence would continue to rest here.

*Financial resources for finishing the basement and auditorium and for all the ministries ahead.

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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.

