

The Lewis House

Important Update:

Expansion!

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The Isaiah 54 Project

In a time of economic uncertainty, we believe that God has a sure plan for His people. As you may have gathered from our previous letters, we have been praying and preparing for expansion and growth. We believe the word of the Lord for The Lewis House this year is like the Lord's directive to Israel. Isaiah 54:2-3 says, "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left."

We have been preparing to enlarge and expand and we are in a key time of growth for the ministry of the Lewis House.

We are excited to announce the addition of the Guidry family to our neighborhood. Sam and Allana and their children Chayla, Samantha, Robert, and Emily Bowman have been involved with the Lewis House for the past year and a half. After their month long mission trip to The Lewis House this summer, God really began to speak to them about a full-time calling to our inner-city mission.

After much prayer, counsel and discussion, we have invited them to move into the Lewis House to serve full-time with us as associate directors of the ministry. As we bring in more full-time staff, this allows us to move closer to a dream that we have had since the inception of the ministry: additional property. George and Sarah Williams, continuing as the directors of the Lewis House are now prayerfully looking for another house **in the neighborhood to add to our existing ministry site** at 4130 Lewis Ave.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your prayers and support as we strategically move in this direction. We also want to let you know that The Lewis House board is behind us and excited for this new sign of growth, as well as our personal circle of counsel and the Guidry's pastor, Nate Elarton of Compelled Church.

We anticipate this to be a year of exponential growth as we have many hands on deck in various aspects of this outreach. Please stay posted for more details of what this will look like and pray for us to continue in favor as we pursue these dreams!

Dreaming Debt-Free

Very rarely do we communicate about the financial aspect of this ministry. However, we feel led of the Lord to share with you our prayerful financial plans for this year. Each year we have seen our financial needs met by the Lord in miraculous ways.

We appreciate the many gifts we receive (and the prayers) that make this possible. This year, we are believing that the Lord wants to bring The Lewis House property into a place of being debt-free and owned completely by the ministry. This means we

are believing for an additional \$52,000 above regular contributions. If you would feel led to contribute to seeing The Lewis House debt-free, your gift can be mailed in the provided envelope. Please indicate in the memo of your check **Debt Free** and your tax-deductible gift will be

entirely applied to the reduction of the Lewis House mortgage. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter. We will be regularly updating you on the status of this particular financial goal and we look forward to giving an awesome report of what God has done in this matter.



George, Sarah, Selah and Anna Williams



Left to Right: Allana, Samantha, Robert, Chayla, Emily Bowman and Sam Guidry

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