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A NEW NAME

Our desire and the burden on our hearts has been to provide a safe place for women to come out of their dangerous and self defeating behaviors so they might focus on being healed and restored to their families and children. The name ‘ A Safe Place’ was often used to describe this haven, and it stuck. However, after time has elapsed and we are closer to realizing our vision, we can see that we need to establish a name for the facility. As you know and many in the legal system knows, the “Safe House” is a place where battered women and their children can stay temporarily, giving them a chance to safely relocate. We have had many calls because we are being thought of as the ‘safe house’. This is causing confusion and we feel now is the time to end the confusion by a new name to match it’s purpose.

The purpose of our women’s home is to provide long term recovery for women. Their mind must be renewed, educated, inspired and transformed. This takes time, focus, energy, and lots of love. We expect our residents to spend from 6 months to a year with us, depending on the severity of their problems. Because of this confusion with ‘the Safe House’ we will be changing our name. We would like all of you to prayerfully consider recommending a name to us. We have so many names we are really undecided and haven’t committed to any name so far. You can email Eileen at eileensala@littlelambsinc.org or write us as soon as possible. We look forward to your participation in helping us name the house.

543 Magnolia.....Love in Action



Embarking on our mission to renovate this quaint old house, as shown on the right, we did not foresee all the details. Thank God for that, we might have hesitated. But with the so many friends and partners, we continue on the task. We want to thank so many people who have given unselfishly to our cause. Right are Christina and Ivan from Milano Tile. They have chosen to totally furnish all the tile, trim, and material for the double shower room for the women. It is a beautiful commercial grade porcelain tile. Wonderful. Below is Troy from Home Depot. Troy has helped us so much and now he has given us a very large discount on the remainder of the tile for the house.



On the bottom, you can see Tim White in the orange shirt with John. Tim was our sheetrock foreman. He saw to it the 12 ft. ceilings and walls were done properly. That was some job. The very next day, a Saturday, Greg Carr came in with his paint sprayer and completely painted the ceilings and gave a primer coat on all the walls! All that wonderful paint has been donated by Sherwin-Williams, right are Kim and Sarah from S-W. They have been a great help. Above Kim and Sarah, is the work of Harvey Largent on the exterior stucco, lots of repairs. Then, Greg Carr returned and what a miracle. In less than a day, the major walls were painted. Beautiful. Greg has continued to come on any day off and continue the painting. Yesterday, Bill Daily of Sebring Cabinets installed the oak cabinets that he made for us. Below is the tile installed by Ray Gonalez in the kitchen and living room. John has done an amazing job as general contractor!



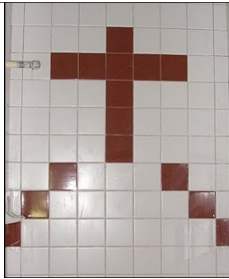
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Bill Dailey

Dear Friends and Partners,

We have devoted our newsletter this month to our 543 Magnolia Project. This month, we will be selecting a new name that will continue to reflect our purpose: to help women be restored to the plan of God for their lives. But work goes on and we are being blessed every day by the Lord's provision and His grace and mercy. He has placed the burden for this home on the hearts of many in our community who have joined us in our mission. Left is Bill Dailey, an old friend. Bill has completed the cabinetry for us and it's installation. Above right, is the cross that Ray has worked into the tile in the showers for the ladies. Another gift of grace has been Greg Carr. Greg,



and his helper Brian, have taken responsibility for all our painting. He has done a terrific job. A professional painter, he has donated all his time and efforts. We don't have to call Greg, he is here and working. The work is beautiful and now complete. It is looking like home. The tiling is progressing, leading to installation of the bathroom fixtures.



Greg Carr

We have a façade grant of \$1,500 from the CRA to help with the exterior renovation. Still needed is help with the lawn and the driveway, and the air conditioning. Helen, our community liaison, is working to have major fundraising events in the fall and winter to eliminate debt and raise operating funds. We expect these operating expenses will be very lean to start. If any of you would like to join Helen in planning and working for these fundraising events, her number is 863-449-1985. She is also looking into private foundation grants for operating funds and program expenses.

All programs like to see long-term results. While walking in the mall this past month, we were stopped by a gentleman who quickly identified himself as a guard at Avon Park Prison during John's stay there. He remembered John as a young Christian in prison and John remembered him when he identified himself. Mr. Prieto, below right, pointed out another Correctional Officer in the mall who also remembered John. Below, center, is Mr. Socalas. Both men were edified in knowing the work still being done by an inmate that they had a part in helping through the system. Another guard from John's time in prison is Jerry White, below with John. Jerry is in John's book. He was the first one to give John a song tape in prison and suggest that he learn how to sing with



Mr. Socalas

Mr. Prieto



Jerry

music tracks. John did and the rest is history. Jerry lives in Avon Park with his wife and continues to sing at churches and other venues with a gospel trio. Although he has many health challenges, he continues to share the gospel through song. It was said at the time that there was a revival taking place in Avon Park Prison (the early eighties). That revival played a great role in John's life and ministry. In fact, several of the men in prison with John went into the ministry when they left prison.

Unfortunately, many have since died. PS, We could use some help with trim carpentry! Although we have received over \$30,000 in donated labor and materials and we are doing the a/c ourselves to keep costs down, we need financial help.

Air conditioning...\$5600



Overcomers / Boundaries

Starting immediately
Call 471-2626 to register

August Income: \$8,000
August Expenses: \$7,700

Schedule for September 2010

- Mondays – Overcomers Addiction Recovery Group
Upstairs @ Little Lambs 7:30 PM
- Tuesdays -Overcomers Addiction Recovery
Avon Park Prison
- Wednesday – Biblical Boundaries 7 PM
September 8 new class starts
- Thursdays– Men’s Sexual Integrity Class
Downstairs @Little Lambs 7 PM
- Thursdays - Staff training for A Safe Place
Sept 15 - CFRC Prison Orlando
Sept 26 - Concert at The Way Church, Sebring

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