
JOSHUA'S HOUSE

2017 Year End Review



“...One mother at a time”

Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;...

This is such an appropriate verse for us at Joshua's House and as I share these updates, you will see how faithful the Lord has been! We sure do trust in Him!

We wait upon the Lord to guide us and show us the direction in which to move, otherwise it is all for nothing! There are so many wonderful, new and exciting things to share with all of our supporters it can be difficult to decide where to begin!

Alessa, who is now 10 months old, was born while her mother Paisley was one of several residents at Joshua's House in January. As Paisley secured employment, she missed her real calling in life, cosmetology. Alessa is in their new apartment; and with her mom at 4 weeks old.



In July my husband and I traveled to Africa to share the upstart information with Pastor Paymore Murefu and his wife Bybit. It was a wonderful trip with an eye opening experience of life within different cultures. On Thursday August 10, Joshua's House in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe was born! Below are some pictures in Zimbabwe and of the women who attended an event marking the birth of this new ministry.



The pictures are of residents of Chitungwiza as they go about their daily business. Below is a picture of El Shaddai Ministries and Bybit Murefu, the new Executive Director for Africa and I.



We met some of the most delightful people ever, and the one thing they all had in common was their joy! They were the happiest people we have ever met, regardless of the material things they had or mostly did not have, they were filled with such joy and were so thankful for everything! Perhaps as we are celebrating Thanksgiving this year, we will



remind ourselves of how blessed we really are and to be thankful in all things!

Soon after our return, we began to prepare for our Annual Dinner. What a great turnout we had this year! Everyone remarked how much they enjoyed the addition of music this year before the dinner began and during dinner from Casey Lane ! They did such a fantastic job, we sure loved their music!



At the completion of the dinner we listened to Pastor Matt Moore from Thrive Church in Mt.Pleasant. Wow, we had the chance to see how gifted he really is and what a great blessing to all who were in attendance! We had so much fun this year celebrating 9 years in ministry!



The dinner catered by Arnie Hilts was delicious, & the sweet tooth was satisfied, a warm thanks to all who assisted with the baking this year, BRAVO! We would like to give a special shout out to Tom Jared who never ceases to amaze us with his wit and charm as he facilitates our events.



We also were blessed by Pastor Jim Young and Pastor Marty Cobb who brought us before the Lord during the invocation and the benediction. Below Pastor Jim we have our young adults. We are also very grateful to the youth group who enthusiastically served our guests with the assistance of Pastor Jeremy! There are so many who

were a part of our dinner, we would like to thank Sherry Combs, Isabella Bank, Becki Crampton, Micca Crampton, Mary Yoder, Fannie Yoder, Pat Ferrell, Stacy Neuman & Crew, Elder Stolp, Elder Bunker, and many who pitched in to help with cleanup. You are so appreciated, we are ever grateful to you!



We also could not facilitate this dinner without the generosity of the Clare Church of the Nazarene. Cathy David and her team are so helpful year after year, you bless us continually with your efforts!

The first week in October we attended the world convention for Kingsway Fellowship International

which was held in Springfield, Missouri. Joshua's House is a subordinate ministry of KFI and our 501(c)(3) non-profit status is provided through our membership. The training, teaching, learning opportunities and fellowship times were abundant and wonderful! Next year we will attend again in Des Moines, Iowa and we will celebrate KFI's 50 year anniversary. Next week we will continue with the renovations for the two bathrooms for the education center. We have finished taking the rooms down to the bare studs, and now we are ready to add the walls, electric and plumbing.

As this newsletter comes to a close, we pass along a "thank you" from this years many residents including our current resident and those yet to arrive in this "safe haven" you have so generously helped to provide.



They are learning new skills for parenting, cooking, cleaning, balancing their checkbook, sewing, quilting, employment, and many more! Many of these ladies would have ended up in dangerous or compromising situations if it were not for the opportunity to reside at Joshua's House.

Whether you attended our dinner, shopped at the Red Door in Clare or in Midland, sent a donation by mail, online or brought donations to the shelter or the store, please know that we are ever grateful for your support! As Thanksgiving is at our door, we give thanks for each one of our supporters! We also pray that everyone will have a very Merry Christmas and a safe & Happy New Year!

-Rene'e Jeffords, Executive Director - Joshua's House