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What's Happened in 2021 at Freedom House Ministries

We praise God for the progress and continued faithful support of all who are connected to Freedom House Ministries. The most common question we hear (and ask!) is when we will be opening to receive men into the program. The answer is, we don't know, but God's timing is always perfect.

Even though the past year and a half have gone completely different than we planned for and anticipated, it was no surprise to God. This update includes highlights of some of the ways God has been working for and through Freedom House Ministry during this time. FHM has been actively ministering to our community in amazing ways. The generosity and obedience of every person who has volunteered time, contributed financially, and covered us in prayer has blessed the ministry more than we can adequately express. We thank God for you.



Freedom House Ministries Christian Gift & Thrift Shop reopened this spring after a closure during the covid shut down. The shop got a facelift earlier this year with fresh paint and display arrangements. New products including A Cheerful Giver Candles, Honey House Naturals skin care, specialty food items, and faith-based décor accents have been ordered and should be arriving soon. We are accepting tax-deductible donations of gently used household items. We do not accept any clothing. We encourage you to stop out and visit the shop. 100% of the proceeds support the operation of Freedom House Ministries. Hours of Operation are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10am-2pm

Program Update

President, Alan Brown and Board Member, Eric Poteat have been meeting regularly to establish the program structure and content for Freedom House Ministries. Curriculum resources were purchased from Adult and Teen Challenge, a Christian organization founded by David Wilkerson in 1961. Freedom House Ministries has strong connections with Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge and plans to utilize graduates from their program as interns. Part of Alan's vision for Freedom House Ministries includes Faith Crates, a woodworking shop that will give the men instruction and experience in carpentry as well as produce both functional and decorative items that will be sold to benefit the ministry. Freedom House Ministries has been actively engaged in outreach and support services in our community. We hosted 50 youth from 3 different churches on May 1, 2021. The youth accomplished many outside cleanup projects in the morning and then had lunch and heard a recovery testimony from Michael Claycomb. That same weekend in May, FHM board members participated in a Youth rally at the Manns Choice Church of God. Freedom House Ministries is also receiving many individual and family request for help with substance abuse related issues. We offer compassionate listening, share our personal experience, and assist with connecting people to professional resources. On June 12, 2021 we held the Pastor and Leadership breakfast. This breakfast is an opportunity for leaders in our local churches to learn more about the program, the issue of addiction, and opportunities to partner with the ministry. We are very grateful for the support of the local faith community.

Fundraising Update

We have been busy raising funds to support the ministry and appreciate all the help and support we have received. Our list of fundraising activities includes selling Pearl Valley Cheese, Peanut Butter Meltaways, country meat sticks, on-line auctions, community yard sale, Hoss's fundraising day November 7th (happening soon), softball tournament and other events. Watch our Facebook page for fundraising updates. A special thanks to board members Marti Brown and Nickie Spade for their fundraising organization efforts.



Greetings,

Sometimes it can seem hard to find just the right words to express how extremely thankful we are for what a person has done, how moved we are by their kindness, and how blessed we have become by their participation. I am constantly amazed by the countless number of individuals who continue to give of their time, their talents, and their financial resources to prepare our Freedom House Ministries property to receive the men that will soon enter through our doors, Men who will be set completely free from addiction, as John 8:36 assures us "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Men who lives will be transformed into the husbands, fathers (daddies), sons and brothers the Lord has planned for them to be. Men who will go out as living testimonies of the power of Christ to forever change lives. According to one Christian survey if a child is the first person in a home to surrender their heart and life to the Lord, it is likely that only 3.5% of their family will become a Christian. If the mother is the first, then that number jumps up to 17% of their family, but if the father (the husband, the daddy) is first, then that number skyrockets to an amazing 93% of the family living for the Lord. Sadly, there are still those people today who believe things like "a person is addicted because they want to be addicted, that's the life they want to live, or some people are never going to change. At FHM we believe Mark 10:27 which tells "Jesus looked at them and said with men this is impossible but not with God, all things are possible with God". While we many not yet know where the Lord will lead these men to in their new life, we do know that each man can impact a family, who in turn can impact a community, that can then impact a county which can impact a state, which ultimately can then impact this nation and the world beyond. Galatians 6:9 let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. We at FHM thank you for your continued giving and support.

In His Service,

Alan Brown, President



- Become a Prayer Partner
- Financial Partner
- Volunteer in our Gift Shop
- Volunteer Handyman
- Volunteer Staff

Final Notes

The transformation of our beautiful, historic but dilapidated property into a beautiful, historic, safe, functional, and welcoming property has been miraculous. There is still much to be done in several sections. Our final hurdle to receiving men is securing an occupancy permit. A structural engineer has been hired and has started this large undertaking on our behalf. We have completed phase 1 of the structural process. We are at phase 2. Phase 2 includes emergency lighting, fire rated doors, locks, fire alarm system, emergency outside stairs, fire rated ceilings. We estimate these necessary safety features will cost \$75,000.00. Our prayer is that God will place our ministry on the hearts of 300 individuals/families who are able to donate \$250 each. We rejoice each time someone chooses to share their blessings with the ministry, no matter how small, and take the responsibility of being good stewards of our resources very seriously. If you are able to help us fulfill our mission to see men set free from addiction, through the power of Jesus Christ please use the enclosed envelope or visit our website to donate online. We appreciate your prayers through this entire process.

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We are in immediate need of volunteers for our Christian Gift and Thrift Shop. Stop by today to speak with us!



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