

March 2021,

Dear Supporters, Volunteers, and Friends of Life's Key Ministry,

This month I would like to share something happening at Life's Key that doesn't involve our students, but rather something we have going on at our office. The building we have been in since the 1980's has been in need of some major updates. It has been a great place for all of our volunteers to come and work and has met our needs quite well, but as with any building, upgrades are required, and we decided recently that this would be a good time to start that process.

We started with the following in 2020: complete removal of all storage items in our basement, mold removal and fumigation, installation of deluxe dehumidifiers, removal of excess shrubbery around the outside, and repointing of mortar where significant holes had developed around the building. This was all done in an effort to keep moisture out of the basement and has been successful to that end. Those items cost about \$17,000, and we were extremely grateful to receive a grant which covered a large portion of it.

Next on our list are projects which include replacing all of our first floor windows, installing laminate flooring in the entry and hall and carpet tiles in our two main work rooms, and the renovation of both our bathroom area and storage room, which we plan to turn into a kitchenette. We anticipate these items costing anywhere from \$20-25,000 depending on the cost of labor. We are hopeful that cost will be kept to a minimum because we already have people that are generously volunteering their services.

There will be more to do after this next phase, but this will take care of most of the larger-sized projects. Of course we trust that the Lord will continue to provide the means for us to accomplish these goals while continuing to use the funds necessary to do what He has called us to do for so many years now, and that is to minister to the men and women in prison through the Emmaus courses. If you are interested in helping us financially with this project, or would be willing to help us with one of the upcoming projects in some capacity, please don't hesitate to let me know!

"God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:9

## DEAR LIFE'S KEY,

"It has been quite a long year having to spend most of it in seclusion due to the pandemic and Covid-19 outbreaks withing the prisons here in Michigan. I had caught the virus myself along with many other brothers. It was a little scary there for a few weeks, but praise the Lord our Savior for carrying me when I could no longer stand. I remember praying when I could do nothing else from lack of strength. He fed me the Holy Spirit when I could not eat. He quenched my thirst with living water when I couldn't drink. I could barely breathe for a week and I'm here today to tell you He breathed life back into me. Praise Jesus!" - Jaime (Michigan)

"I know it may be hard to believe, but I came to Christ as a rebellious teenager. I've slipped a time or two, but I believe that I am still in God's good graces because He called me back to Himself here in prison. Praise God!" - James (Ohio)

For HIS Glory,

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