

# TLC Gazette



## **SAVE THE DATE** **November 11, 2018, Noon** **Chili/Stew Fundraiser Dinner**

**Funding** - You as donors have answered the request for funds. **THANK YOU!** We are still on even ground but certainly not much ahead. We have come to accept the fact that as a non-profit ministry this seems to be part of the faith journey. We recently heard the testimony of Ken Ham who established the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter which are both ministries devoted to promoting a Biblical view of the world. Ken said in his testimony that they have never operated with a overabundance of funds. That was encouraging to us to recognize that other ministries operate on a close margin. At TLC we continue to believe that we are called to provide **Love, Instruction, Structure,** and a **Stable** place for men fighting addiction. We believe that God will provide the funding as long and He wants us to continue that work. We continually work to control expenses and our salaries, equipment, and facilities are all very modest so we feel we are exercising good stewardship of what the Lord has provided. **This being said the same level of support from the past or even a little more is appreciated.**

***THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THE TLC PROGRAM, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS.***

**Fall is Here**— Leaf raking and all kinds of clean-up are needed in this season. If you have that type of work please give us a call. We can do most any tree and shrub work and provide **Stump Grinding** if that is needed. Inquires for projects **Contact Mark Byfield at 580 227-6059.** **Refer us to a friend.**

## ***An Interview with Pastor Ricky***

**Gazette:** As administrator of TLC how do you select residents for the program?

**Pastor Ricky:** Our residents come either by personal choice, urging and recommendation by family and friends, or by suggestion or demand of the court system. I and staff interview them to determine if we believe they are ready and would be a good fit for our program.



**Gazette:** How do you insure growth and results in these men's lives.

**Pastor Ricky:** There is no way to guarantee results. We do our best to interact with the men and understand how they got here. We urge them to continue choosing a different path and seek different thought patterns and behaviors. We provide a stable and structured environment and biblical input for decision making.

**Gazette:** What is the most difficult thing about administrating the program?

**Pastor Ricky:** Learning to trust God for monthly finances.

**Gazette:** What is the most disappointing or challenging thing for you as administrator?

**Pastor Ricky:** Watching men that are not surrendered or "all in". Residents come in with varying levels of commitment. They may say they are 100% but the reality is they don't come with the right motivation. Sometimes they just want out of trouble. The staff and I continuously evaluate each resident's "tone" and consider how they are doing. There are always growing days and difficult days for the men. Occasionally we remove someone from the program if we feel like they are continuing to live in a defiant or resistant attitude. This affects not only them but can disrupt the attitude of the whole house. We always exercise graceful discipline first before separation. **Pray for the men to be "All In".**

**Donations** can be made by taking advantage of donation envelopes and mailing to PO Box 88, Fairview, OK 73737, or the "Donate Now" button on our website at **[fairviewtlc.net](http://fairviewtlc.net)**.

Thanks for considering us.

### **Blessings & Thanks**

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