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"feeding the sheep"

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Dear Precious Friends, Family, & Supporters:

Have a blessed 2015 !!!!

Let us say thank-you to you all for your involvement with this ministry through the year. We are pleased to report to you that our new Morgan Dormitory has been full to capacity most of 2014, and continues to be such a blessing to this ministry campus. Following is an in-depth newsletter letting you know the success of the ministry that you have so generously supported in 2014. IT IS OUR PRAYER AFTER YOU READ OUR REPORT, THAT YOU WILL SEE PROOF OF THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR AND CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE EVANGELISM OF THIS MINISTRY CAMPUS ...AS WE REACH OUT TO THE HOMELESS AND BATTERED IN THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS. We are certainly convinced that Jesus is the only answer in the plight of homeless and hurting people.

At the ministry in 2014 we were able to house 335 folks (110 women, 97 children, & 128 men) as we facilitated their return to self-sufficiency.

- ▶ Women, especially those with children tend to take longer to successfully get on their feet, so you will see a lower number of women served because they must stay longer. Generally, the turn-over statistics are lower for them.
- ▶ Of the 335 people housed here, they broke down into ethnic groups as follows: 151 black, 166 white, 1 Hispanic, 1 Polish, 1 Jewish, 8 French Cajuns, and 7 American Indians.
- ▶ Out of these 335 people housed:
 - 20 are married couples
 - 15 are veterans
 - 43 were accepted out of prison on parole or Early Release
- ▶ Out of 93 Christmas Festival families (those needy in the surrounding communities) we were able to supply Christmas needs for 337 children and 123 adults.

We gladly accept folks from prison, homeless veterans, battered women, abused children, displaced families, pregnant teens, married couples, human trafficking victims, men with children, women with older male children, and folks who are homeless because of bad life choices.

We continue to be the only place of our kind in this area. This is because we accept women with older male children, married couples (who are legally married), and single fathers with their children.

Homelessness should not be a reason to tear the family apart simply because of the need for housing. Additionally, since we live on the ministry property, we are easily able to evangelize through charity (loving our neighbor) and through relationship counseling. This is a perfect methodology for assuring all who come here for help will have had every opportunity to accept Jesus as their

"...and now Lord, consider their threats, and enable your servants to speak your Word with great boldness. Stretch your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs & wonders through the name of your Holy servant, Jesus...." Acts 4: 29-30

personal Savior.

Part of our plan for our “home guests” here at Wingard is the achievement of successful re-entry into the workplace and back into society. This goal is implemented by our program emphasis in education (G.E.D., technical programs, and college) job placement, parenting skills, budgeting, proper health care, and Celebrate Recovery. We continue to seek healing of the whole person....physically, mentally, and spiritually.

This is your program, too, because all of you supporters help us keep this ministry running efficiently and productively by the investments you have made into evangelism. This goal is reached by the mending of broken lives as folks pass through the ministry every day of the year. We are grateful and thankful for your kindness and for the fact that you hold us accountable to strive for excellence. It is always good to know that what you are doing is actually having an impact on people, so I would like to share a few of the remarks that have been made about the ministry from both former guests and from supporters. There are hundreds of successes coming out of the Wingard Home.....these are a few of those for you to review, so that you might share in our excitement over their successful completion of this program.

FORMER GUESTS SAY:

*“Mama Charlotte, I love you and just want you to know that you made a massive impact on my life. I still use lessons I learned while living with you. You’d be proud to know that I honestly cannot remember the last time I napped during the day (with the exclusion of Sunday)! You taught me that spiritual knowledge is important, but spiritual obedience is crucial to growth. Apart from Christ I am nothing, I have no righteousness to claim. You not only preach God’s word, you live it. And I am thankful for you.”*Amanda Nolan Williams (former guest)

*“Charlotte you and Roy and your ministry had a major impact on my life when I was in my 20’s and y’all were just starting out. I’ve never forgotten the generosity and love shown to me at a time I was homeless and helpless. You and your ministry remain forever in my heart.”*Donna Walker (former guest)

*“I would like to say I am so grateful for Wingard Home Ministry. The Wingards invited me into their home and got my life back on track Charlotte preaches the strongest gospel of Jesus Christ I have ever heard in my life. Me and Mr. Roy spent many hours working and talking together. I had many questions and he always had an answer. He was a mentor to me and helped me turn my life back to Christ. For this family and ministry I have a new life with GOD.....isn’t that what it’s all about. I love you both and I am very grateful. God bless y’all and your work”*Mike Owens (former guest)

*“I’m extremely grateful for The Wingards and them answering the call from Christ to start this ministry!!! You all put up with me for a year, gave me the much needed discipline I needed, I’ve carried the routine of church, work, chores, healthy eating, and keeping a budget to this day, a year later; again I’m so thankful!! For The Lord and all He has done in my heart and others that have had a chance to live with the Wingards!! I will continue to pray for The Lords direction in this ministry.”*Doug Thompson (former guest)

*“I am certainly grateful that God brought me to Wingard Home. I am not the person that I was when I first came here in 2010. I love living and working at Wingard Home. I am in awe of how God works to change and redirect those who learn to trust in Him. I have learned and grown during my time here. God gave me a new life. I am indeed a new creature in Christ Jesus. I may not be who I would like to be but I thank God I am not who I use to be. I was an outcast. I was homeless, helpless, and hopeless when God brought me to Wingard Home. I felt broken and alone. Now am about to begin my third semester at Belhaven University. I am a productive, law abiding member of society. Jesus is my best friend. The day I came to Charlotte and Roy Wingard was the greatest blessing. They opened their home to me and that was the beginning of an awesome journey. This has been a time of change, restoration, healing and I am blessed beyond words to call this home. I now have hope and a future. Each day is an adventure as I learn to seek and follow God’s will. ”*Beverly K. Burns (guest)

“It’s been fifteen years since Charlotte picked me up at the bus station. Three months later, I became a born-again believer and haven’t looked back! I was a basket case, to say the least, through Roy and Charlotte, God led me to Him. You know, y’all have my prayers! I love you both!!”

.....Nellah Bailey Selman (former guest)

"I lived at the Wingard home. I did not complete the program due to my own choices but being there has changed me on an inner level. No longer was I able to live my life doing the things that I once I did. even when the opportunity arises to do so I hear a small voice inside reminding me that I am not that person anymore. Hearing Charlotte's story and seeing someone who truly has a personal relationship with Jesus live their daily life and use it to help others touched and changed me in a way that nothing else has. I still struggle but it is with a different perspective and now have faith that Jesus can work out the big picture if I will just cling to Him and not let go despite my circumstances".Rachel Hodges (former guest)

"When I was a teenager, I had severe problems, most of them occurred at home because my family life was unstable. As a result of this, I was a ward of the court. When I was 14, I went to live at Wingard Home. They gave me structure, love and continuous support. I stayed there until I graduated high school. Later in life, after I was married to an abusive husband and decided I needed to leave but had no money and no where to go, I called Wingard Home and without hesitation Charlotte Wingard whom I still refer to as Mom'said get your stuff and children and come home. She helped me get on my feet and enroll in college. Charlotte and Roy Wingard I can say without a doubt saved my children's and my life. I still take to heart the things I have learned from Wingard Home. I am the person and mother I am today because of Charlotte and Roy Wingard!"

.....April Champion Hardin (former custody child and former guest)

SOME OF OUR SUPPORTERS SAY:

"On behalf of the children that I met and you graciously took them in and provided a home for many months, thank you and I will never forget how much the Wingard home helped those children in such a desperate and crucial time. I pray everyday for those little girls lives and safety. Thank you Mrs Charlotte and I will always support your ministry and pray every need is met. Love you.".....Kristy King Wright (supporter)

"Thank you Ms. Charlotte for taking such good care of one of our Antonelli College students. You do such great work for everyone in need. God bless you for all you do.".....Barbara Warren @ Antonelli College (supporter)

"I met Charlotte and Roy Wingard at Wingard Home through our Sunday School class about 20 years ago. We volunteered for years to supply the laundry detergent for the home, which I delivered to them monthly (5 five-gallon buckets of powder from Sam's). Over the years, they have been just as steadfast helping those in need as they are today. They house children that have been removed from their home, they house families and single adults who have become homeless for one reason or another - helping find them training, jobs, and helping them get what they need to get back on their feet. They also have a huge Christmas Festival for over 300 needy children.....The hands reaching out from The Wingard Home go far and beyond many I've been in contact with and with far less help than most.Years ago, my Sunday school class would visit and attend chapel service occasionally on the property and meet their residents. That was always a tremendous blessing. But they have continually shown a stand firm faith and God has honored that by providing over the years in miraculous ways.".....Mary Turner Scarborough (supporter)

To God be all the honor and glory! We are merely vessels, but without help from supporters who are hearing from God, we could do nothing. We pray you all will allow us to find favor in your hearts for continuance and we sincerely ask God to bless each and every one of you for your help in the past year.

Serving With a Glad Heart,

Rev. Roy M. Wingard

Roy M. Wingard, Senior Pastor

Rev. Charlotte A. Wingard

Charlotte A. Wingard, Crisis Pastor & House Director

"This year, we earnestly need you to know that your support for this ministry is actually changing lives for the better. For this reason, we chose to report some on our success stories this Christmas instead of our normal "family report". You share in the successes if you have ever supported this ministry with your time, talents, or donations of money or things.

We Sincerely Thank You!

From our family to yours....Have a blessed & peaceful Christmas Season!!!

Roy & Charlotte Wingard



SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 2014

- 1) The roof on the Amanda Dormitory (the yellow house) was repaired on all sides, then we covered the entire house with a new metal roof.
- 2) On the inside of the Amanda Dorm, we did major repairs to the ceilings in two of the rooms. We also hung new sheetrock in one dorm and taped, sanded, and painted all the rooms in the Dormitory.
- 3) Recently, we have had to totally replace the bottom half of the shower stall to preserve the flooring underneath.
- 4) We re-worked the foundation of the freezer in the Spring because of water damage from a broken water line.
- 5) Also, in the greenhouse of the common's area, we dug a pond with a waterfall in the area where the folks come together for small group and for visiting relatives or church visitation committees.
- 6) We repaired the glide rail system on the large drive through gate at the front of the property.
- 7) In the main house, we tore out the old walk in cooler area, replacing it with re-enforced new walls and floor. We painted the entire area and added stainless steel shelves. It now is a storage area for the run over from the kitchen. We also installed new lighting in that area.
- 8) We had to redo the plumbing in the main house because of faulty pipes; we also repaired the damage from the leaks.
- 9) We replaced the back door (double French doors) at the back of the main house and added a new set of steps.

10) Repair to the chapel was done



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