

Summer 2020

A Letter from Deborah Lamb, Executive Director

Hello to all our Friends and Supporters,

We so appreciate all of you who support us by praying, giving and volunteering. We could not do what we are doing without you. I know I have said this before, but it is so true. I appreciate all the ways God has supplied our needs through you.

I wanted to give you an update on our situation in view of the pandemic. It does seem our world is changing and only time will tell if this is temporary. Some of our ladies have lost jobs or had hours cut because of this. Moms have had to spend more time with children doing school work and caring for their children who can't be at school or day care, which makes it harder to find jobs and work. This has caused us to waive the housing fees in many cases and help out more with groceries, electric bills, etc. We have been able to keep our employees working even though we closed the store for two months. This put a bit of a burden on us, since we were getting revenue from the store to pay our employees and other expenses.

We had to cancel our 20-year Anniversary Celebration. We were thinking about setting another day, but with all that is going on, we are looking into a video presentation that we can put online and send to you all instead. And we welcome you to come for a tour.

Many of our volunteers have stopped coming. This has slowed down or put on hold the work at Grace House and other projects we had planned, such as; the fencing in back of our property, property clean-up, finishing the upstairs apartment, and maintenance on the apartments and My Father's House.

We were full when the pandemic started and had not taken anyone in once some of our ladies left. Although we are now taking applications we are being careful about who comes in, which goes against our wanting to help, but we have to think about those who are here now and protecting them.

Our volunteers are slowly returning and practicing social distancing. We have been able to resume the work on Grace House and some maintenance projects.

At Grace House we have renovated the bathroom, kitchen, and pantry area, put in a new back door and enclosed the porch for a play area for the children. We have reopened the store with restrictions and one of our ladies is selling things online, so our revenue from the store has increased. New job opportunities have opened up for some of our ladies. It has been a challenge, but we are taking it in good humor and adjusting to each situation that arises.



Thank You to the Penn State Alumni for clearing the property line!



New back door and closed in porch at Grace House
{ Needs deck built }



*Stand at the crossroads and look; and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is and walk in it and you will find rest for your souls.*

Jeremiah 6:16

As for the future:

- We hope to have Grace House up and running as soon as possible;
- Get the property cleared and fencing up;
- Continue to pay off the property loan on the store and Grace House.
- We are also looking into ways we can help the moms with the children if they will be home again, doing school work online. We are hoping to get internet to the community room and maybe some laptops for them.

What's needed:

- Cars donated. We have four ladies without cars.
- Volunteers who would like to do some outside work: maintaining and cleaning property, work on the fence.
- Possibly teachers to work with the children if they will be home doing online classes.
- Built deck on the back of Grace House.
- Built garden shed for Grace House to store yard tools.
- Put roof over our patio area outside at Grace House.

Most of all we ask for prayer partners who can come to our Monday prayer meetings at 10am or who can receive our weekly prayer list and pray for us. We know if you pray, God will supply all our needs, which he does through His people.

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- **House supplies** (i.e. laundry detergent, kitchen & bathroom cleaning products, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins, etc.)
- **Personal care items for residents** (i.e. toothpaste, soap, deodorant, women's razors, etc.)
- **Donations for Redeemed Treasures Boutique** (clothes, shoes, jewelry, purses, scarves, household items, decor items, pictures, furniture, etc.)
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