

## Prayer Requests

- Contractor & architect for duplex
- Affordable housing for ladies moving out
- Prayer warriors needed
- Wisdom, love, mercy & grace in dealing with our women and children here
- VOLUNTEERS for store!!

## Redeemed Treasures Store

Thank you for all the great donations given to us!

**Open: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**Saturday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Donations can be dropped off any time on the front porch and we will take care of them.

### Director's Letter

Summer 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This newsletter is a little late coming now that the end of the summer is here. We have been in the process of making some changes and I wanted to wait until we were sure of what we were doing before I put out our summer newsletter. Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this time.

Over the past few months the Board and I have been discussing how to better use our resources and to be a good steward of what God has given us. In doing so, we had to decide if we would continue to rent My Father's House, buy the property, or move our single ladies to Grace House on our property, and build a duplex for single ladies with children. This was not an easy decision because My Father's House has been such a big part of our ministry over the last 23 years. But operating and maintaining a 150-year old house is not cost efficient and the maintenance and upkeep is more than we have volunteers to handle.

The decision we made was hard, but we have made the choice of moving everything to Stand at the Crossroads Ministries property and no longer using My Father's House. This decision was affirmed to be a good one after we met with the City Development Team and received their approval of building another duplex and possibly in the future an additional one. Thank you, to the City Development Team who were so gracious to hear us out and to give us such great advice.

I will still be here as the Director and Linda Anderson, my Assistant Director. We have 3 new Board members: Bob Ferguson, Ken Brooks and Diane Addis; a new part-time office worker, Linda Brooks and a new accountant, Patty Parks. All these people have been a major part of our work team here at the ministry and it has been a very good and wise decision on our part to have them on board. We're thankful to them all for accepting the challenge!

I don't know how, but it seems we have lost our list of prayer supporters who get our weekly prayer list. We have had a lot of changes with computers and staff handling the e-mail account this last year and our list was lost. If anyone would like to be on the list to pray for us and/or to let their Church prayer team, Missions Team, or Bible Study group be aware of our weekly prayers please send us an e-mail at [contact@crossroadsaiken.com](mailto:contact@crossroadsaiken.com). God works through His people's prayers. We have seen this over and over the last 23 years. Working with the problems and challenges of the homeless is not easy, so we need to be covered by prayers in order to stay in line with God's will for our ministry.

Thank you all again for your continued support, volunteering, and love shown to us and our ladies over the years.

May God Bless you all!

For His Glory,

*Debbie Lamb*

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# Tay & Amya

Tay (Chantavia) and her daughter Amya have been with us for almost two years. She is preparing now for a future move out on her own after reaching many of the goals she set for herself. Tay came here with no driver's license and lots of fines needing to be paid off to get a permit. She had no home, no job, no child care, and little hope.

After being in several foster homes until she was two years old, Tay's grandmother raised her in a Christian home up until her health made it too difficult. After that, Tay moved from house to house and even motels with her youngest child. Her older child is with her dad in Columbia.

Since Tay has been here, she has made tremendous progress: She got a job working in food services at Aiken Regional Hospital and got her child in day care. After many months, Tay paid off all her fines and was able to get her permit and eventually got her driver's license. Tay worked with Christ Central's Bridge Program for a while to help



her move forward. Another goal that Tay accomplished, was getting her GED after many months of studying and classes. The ministry had a car given to us that we were able to give to Tay recently, so she is able to get to and from work on her own.

Tay has been trying to get more hours at her job or something with more pay to prepare for getting a place of her own. The challenges right now for Tay are learning to stay within a budget and learning to manage her finances, which Security Federal is working with her to help. She is just about to start taking phlebotomy classes and hopes to pursue more in the medical field eventually. Tay knows her time with us is coming to a close soon. It will be hard seeing Tay and Amya leave us, because we all love them, but we know that is the next stage in her life and pray for God's direction. Please join her in praying for an affordable place to move on to.

