STEPPING STONE MISSION NEW LIFE VILLAGE PROJECT

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WHAT IS THE NEW LIFE VILLAGE PROJECT?

Praise God! The Lord has been using the Stepping Stone Mission to help brothers receive a new life in Christ Jesus since He began His work through this ministry over 12 years ago. Our regular study of God's Word, discipleship training, one-on-one mentoring, and other ministerial support serve as 'stepping stones' toward rehabilitation for our brothers as they receive reconciliation with God and mend broken relationships with loved ones. With God-healed hearts, they can live out their faith in Christ and become the Lord's servants for blessing others.

As we prayerfully consider the years ahead, we feel led by the Holy Spirit to provide our brothers with stronger support toward rehabilitation while providing them meaningful part-time work opportunities. Through the New Life Village Project, our goal is to create a village for our brothers experiencing homelessness where they can worship, live, learn, recreate, and serve together as a Christian, no longer homeless, community. We see this project as the next step for fulfilling the mission the Lord Jesus has given us to share the good news of His mercy and grace for all sinners with our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness and for expanding the kingdom of God among the homeless in our society.

PURPOSE

New Life Village will be a self-sustaining community of varying sustainable efforts (including greenhouses, livestock, working farm, gardens, and a retreat facility) that will help our homeless brothers realize the work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1. Work of faith: Through New Life Village, God will change lives through worship and training in the faith, and the building up of a community of faith where the work of faith through the Holy Spirit takes place.
- 2. The labor of love: New Life Village will prepare our brothers to serve society through faith-filled works of love. They will learn how to practice and share the love of Jesus with those in need.
- 3. Steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ: Once street-wanderers without a sense of hope, our brothers will get to know Jesus Christ, our living Hope, to help them gain new everlasting hope and not lose their dream of restored relationships.

We will work with the brothers, one-on-one, to help them achieve restoration and reconciliation with God, engage in productive living, and practice neighborly love.

BIRTHPLACE OF THE NEW LIFE VILLAGE

With God's mighty help, Stepping Stone Mission acquired a beautiful property in Conyers, Georgia to serve as the birthplace for the New Life Village. The 33-acre property includes a move-in ready ranch house that could house up to 6 adults, a large barn that could serve as a multipurpose facility, a pond stocked with fish, farmable land, a notable presence of trees, hay, and other natural resources. Thanks be to God for His provision through the profitable sale of a previous property and the contributions of gracious donors, our team secured financing with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), a critical ministry partner.

HELP NEEDED

We prayerfully seek your prayers and support as you feel led by the Lord to assist in this great work. Examples of needed support:

- 1. Funds of any amount to support maintenance and remodeling needs associated with ministry center development and property management. Visit <u>www.steppingstonemission.net/get-involved</u> to make a donation.
- 2. **Regular monthly support** to support the financing and operation of the property. Visit <u>www.steppingstonemission.net/support-new-life-village</u> to make a monthly commitment.
- 3. Volunteers to become co-laborers with us and participate in service days at the property.

We thank God for you and your consideration!