

STEPPING STONE MISSION NEW LIFE GARDENS PROJECT

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WHAT IS THE NEW LIFE GARDENS 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 15 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 Gardens Project, our vision is to serve as a sanctuary for our brothers experiencing homelessness where they can worship, stay, learn, recreate, and serve together in Christian fellowship. 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

A significant expansion to our ministry, this project's rural site provides a serene environment 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 Gardens, 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 Gardens 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 NEW LIFE GARDENS

With God's mighty help, Stepping Stone Mission acquired a beautiful property in Conyers, Georgia to serve as the birthplace for the New Life Gardens. 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. The 33-acre property includes a 3,962 square-foot ranch house, our outdoor New Life Gardens Worship Chapel built in 2023, a large barn, a pond stocked with fish, farmable land, a notable presence of trees, hay, and other natural resources.

Overall project plans include (1) establishing our Stepping Stone Mission Center (base of operations), (2) serving as a center for retreats and worship for our ministry and sister ministries, (3) developing a working farm, (4) building beautiful community gardens and walking trails for times of prayer and meditation, and (5) developing cabin-living accommodations.

HELP NEEDED

We prayerfully seek your support as you feel led by the Lord to join us in His splendid work. Examples of needed support:

1. **Regular prayers** for God's provision as we seek to carry out His purpose for the New Life Gardens Project.
2. **Funds of any amount** to support maintenance and remodeling needs associated with ministry center development and property management. Visit www.steppingstonemission.net/support-new-life-gardens to make a donation.
3. **Volunteers** to become co-laborers with us and participate in service days at the property.
We thank God for you and your consideration!

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"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to celebrate." Luke 15:24