



Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57

SUMMER/FALL | 2017

Dear Friends,

We are very grateful for all of the volunteers, food & financial donations, furniture & appliances, and all the miscellaneous items that have come to our doors.

We are especially thankful that you remember us in prayer. It is the faithful and generous support from this community and beyond that has kept our spirits grateful and our doors open.

Thank You to all of you!

Plea for help

Main Street Ministries, Inc. has been operating for over 20 years. Over the last couple of years, monthly donations have not kept up with costs and we find ourselves in a serious negative cash flow situation. We are looking and praying for additional monthly contributions and additional contributors. Please feel free to share MSM's information with anyone you feel would have a heart for this ministry.

SUCCESS STORY

This month, one of our Sojourners, Tammy Smith, completed our program and has successfully transitioned to living out on her own, here in Hillsboro. We rejoice with her as she is able to provide a home for her children and have some new tools in her life skills toolbox.

Tammy writes "Main Street Ministries was home to my family for the past two years. MSM provided a place to live, clothing, counseling, self-help classes, support from staff, bible study, Women's Encounter, Circles and much, much more. MSM was my safe haven. It wasn't just an apartment with a roof over our heads, it was the place my children and I learned to love and call home. From the first day we walked in those doors we were accepted and loved, no matter the circumstances. I can honestly say, this is the first time I have felt completely accepted for who I am. The love from the staff at MSM was what pulled me through some really tough times.

I personally would like to thank Karen Sites, director of MSM, for her dedication and commitment to myself and my children. Without her love, support, and guidance I wouldn't be where I am today. Karen is an amazing woman that pours her heart out to the mothers and children that join the MSM family. Karen, I am thankful you came into my life. You have pushed me to be a better person, and I can't thank you enough for all you have done for my family.

I would also like to thank Dale Nuss, Chairman of MSM. He has been a gift from God to me. Dale you have shown me that there are men out there with hearts of gold. You have been a

Mentor to me and I thank you for believing in me, especially when I doubted myself. You have been a man I can trust. That means the world to me. I am happy to call you my second dad! And I can't forget Becky, Dale's wife. She is absolutely amazing! Becky accepted my family as part of her own. Thank you for opening your heart and home to my family. You are so kind and generous!

Karen, Dale, and Becky thank you for never judging me. This is a cruel world, and to know that I can always count on the both of you to help me in times of hardship without judgement is an answered prayer! God bless you!

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers that gave their time and energy to help at MSM. You are greatly appreciated for all you have done. And to all the businesses and individuals who donate financially to keep MSM thriving, without your donations MSM would not exist. Thank you in helping provide a safe haven for my family and all the families that have or will call MSM home. God will reward you all!

Just a little insight on the program at MSM. It is not an easy program to work. With that being said, most sojourners that join MSM do not complete the program, it's not for everyone. This program forces one to evaluate their life, and by no means is that fun. It's extremely difficult. One must look into their painful past, which brings on many mixed emotions. It's one of the hardest things I have had to do in my life. Not one person can completely understand the heartache and trials one faces while working the program until one encounters it themselves. (Continued on back)



CURRENT PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

- New Bible study on forgiveness
- Exercise class starts up again in late September
- Combining two smaller apartments into one big one

CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS

- Sojourners' hearts – pray for their protection from Satan's grip.
- **Monthly financial support to keep our doors open. Pray for God's financial floodgates to open.**
- Transitioning kids from home to school for the new school year

There are many ways to help this Mission, and we believe that the most important is Prayer! Thank you for remembering us when you pray. God answers prayers!!!

Success Story (continued)

It tests your patience, and trust me, if you didn't have patience when you joined MSM, you sure will by the time you finish the program. Now that I am out on my own and able to look back on my time at MSM, I realize just how much my life has changed. And knowing the improvements I have made in myself is so rewarding. MSM encouraged me to accept myself and my past hurts and failures. They taught me to forgive myself and the ones who hurt me so deeply. Most importantly, MSM stressed the importance of a relationship with God. Before I came to MSM I had lost my faith. I was angry with God. I blamed God for all the horrible things that had happened in my life. I believed that God had abandoned me. I have come to realize that it was me that abandoned God, not once did God abandon me. It was a long road to accepting that truth but my support group never gave up on me! If it wasn't for Karen, Dale, Lynette Hiebert, and Dionne Loewen, I would not have the relationship with God that I do today. Thank you all for helping me on my journey of finding my way back to our heavenly father!

There is one thing I would like to ask of all who come in contact with a sojourner of MSM. I'm asking for one simple reason, I don't want these beautiful

CURRENT NEEDS FOR MSM

- Funds for monthly operating expenses **(urgent need)**
- On-site staff **(urgent need)**
- Personal care items: deodorant, kids socks, feminine items, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.
- Bible study materials
- Craft supplies

CURRENT NEEDS FOR FOOD BANK

- Dried dairy products (powdered milk)
- Canned dairy products, canned fruit
- Condiments such as mustard, ketchup, sugar, flour, salsa
- Toilet paper, dish liquid

Thank you for all of your donations, and your support as we continue to upgrade MSM and provide better services to our Sojourners and the community.

Please contact us at 620-947-3393 and we will be happy to answer any questions, or provide assistance in any way we can. Thanks! - Karen Sites, Director

women to become discouraged due to these struggles I had myself. It's hard enough accepting that we had to ask for help, judgmental comments from others doesn't make the stay at MSM any easier. Please, and I say please, do not cast judgement on any individual at MSM. Please be kind. Don't assume the worst about a person. Not one person there is there for the same reason. And each individual living there has hardships and demons of their own that they have to overcome. Life isn't easy for any one, and some have to ask for help. That doesn't make the individuals asking for help any less of a person. It just means we need love, support, and guidance. Every woman that I've come to know at MSM has a great heart. And they all want the same things in life, to be loved and accepted for who they are. You never know the hardships a person has encountered. The women at MSM are strong individuals, most people wouldn't have made it as far as they have considering their situations.

To all the staff and supporters of MSM, I thank all of you!! Thank you to all the friends I have come to know and love. You all have been a blessing to my family! Thank you for all you have done for us!" - Tammy Smith

Our Mission

To demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ by providing physical and spiritual resources in a supportive environment.

