



Shiloh Messenger

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One Is A Significant Number

“Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, ‘This Man receives sinners and eats with them.’ So He spoke this parable to them, saying: ‘What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance” (Luke 15:1-7).

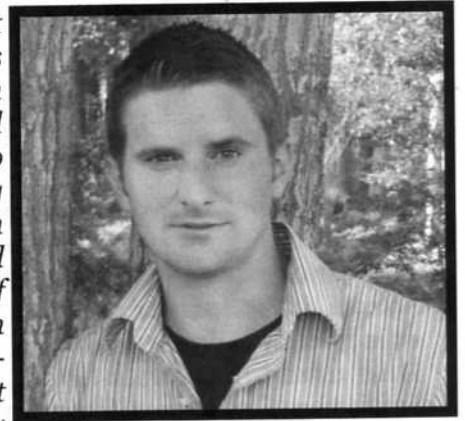
The dormitory refurbishing has been underway for several months. Step by step we are progressing with this much needed addition. As of this note, the exterior panels have been replaced, as well as roof, windows and doors. The overgrowth of brush on the landscape has been cleared and therefore giving the property an indeed cohesive flow with the other buildings and property of Shiloh. The cement floor inside has been leveled with leveling compound making ready for the framing of the rooms. It is truly an exciting process to watch unfold. Staff and Students alike walk, pray, and decree along this site often. We not only see a building taking on the freshness of new life, but we also see precious souls in this House of God. We see them through the eyes of Faith. From the beginning when God breathed the vision of Shiloh into our spirit, He placed in us an ardent faith to call things “that are not as though they are” (Rom. 4:17). And therefore this particular Dormitory will be the housing for 25 men. The current dormitory has been utilized for twelve years and holds 15 with space being utmost slim to say the least. When looking at these numbers and comparing, one may think it is not a great advancement, yet God always encourages us and reminds us how precious even the **one** is to HIM.

Once upon a time there was a wise man that use to go to the ocean to do his writing; He had the habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young boy, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young boy was reaching down to the shore and picking up small objects and quickly throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out, “Good Morning, may I ask what it is that you are doing?” The boy paused, looked up, and replied, “Throwing Starfish into the ocean.” “I must ask then, why are you throwing Starfish into the ocean?” Asked the somewhat startled wise man. To this the boy replied, “The sun is up and the tide is going out, if I do not throw them in they will die.” Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, “Young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and that there are Starfish all along every mile? You can not possibly make a difference!” At this, the boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and throw it into the ocean, as it met the water, he said “IT MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR THAT ONE” (Loren Eiseley).

The substance abuse problem in our Nation is rampant. However, Drug and Alcohol addiction is not the dilemma. These substances that create oppression to millions are but a manifestation of the real problem. The truth is People need The Lord. One man from Louisiana called us repeatedly pleading for help. We could not help him at the time due to lack of bed space. He literally begged and pleaded with us that he would do anything, and suggested even a willingness to sleep in the back yard. We began to pray and God soon made a space for him. It breaks our heart to turn people away. Shiloh gets phone calls, emails, or handwritten letters usually on a daily basis from people wanting to come in for help. One Shiloh student all the way from Wisconsin told us about a program that helps those with substance abuse near his home; however they required nearly one thousand dollars for him to walk through the front door. Shiloh is free of charge to all these men. They have an opportunity to receive Jesus as The Lord of their life, and receive deliverance, healing, and restoration. Shiloh also accommodates with housing, three meals per day, and the equivalent of an Associate degree in Theology (minus 15 hours.) Upon Graduation, the men can finish on line and obtain this degree if they so choose under the direction of David Walls. Men who have not finished High School can receive their GED under the tutoring of Mrs. Barbara Page. All of this is a gift from God. We are ever so thankful to Our Father in Heaven for placing the desire upon the hearts of those who give to Shiloh, and for those who give to have said yes to The Holy Spirit's Promptings. It is a marvelous gift that is given, so that a human being not die in their torment and despair but that they may have life and have it to the full. Oh what a Gracious God we do serve! Shiloh is no Half Way House. Shiloh is an “All The Way House”. We serve an “ALL THE WAY GOD”, who is keenly aware of billions on the planet, but also hears and hearkens unto the cry of the **“one”**.

Graduate Testimony

My Name is Matthew Wilson. I am 24 years old and from Kinder, Louisiana. I will graduate from Shiloh Ministries August 2011. I truly know that I am a new creation "IN CHRIST". The old has passed away (2Cor. 5:17). I am thankful for what God has done in my life. I am no longer in bondage to prescription pills and alcohol. I know that my battles are not against flesh and blood but against demonic powers that are in the spiritual realm (Eph. 6:10) . Greater is "HE" that is in me than he that is in the world (1Jn. 4:4). My eyes have been opened to the truth, and God has good plans for my future. I now live the life God has intended for me. My plans upon graduating from Shiloh this month is to go to Bible College in Kansas. Please pray for me as I go through this next season in my life. I truly believe that God has great plans for my future because He said it in Jeremiah 29:11. I am very thankful for the life changing Bible classes, instructed by Brother David Walls at Shiloh. Sitting in the classes and hearing the Word of God has truly been transforming for me. Supernatural Healing has taken place in my mind. I am also thankful for Pastor Rocky, Sister Debbie, Jason, Adam, Volunteers, and all the financial Supporters of Shiloh. Shiloh Ministries has taught me to steward the things I have been given with excellence. God takes seriously how we steward. We serve a most excellent God and He desires for us to be excellent as well. I am convinced, the real purpose for men coming to Shiloh is for reconciliation with our Heavenly Father. For the man that cries out in sincerity, God will never turn him away. He is restoring, transforming lives and teaching us how to have fellowship with The Holy Spirit. I look forward to my new life in Christ Jesus.



New Dormitory Project

We are so blessed to be a part of what the Lord is doing here at Shiloh Ministries. We ask that you pray about what the Lord would have you to do to assist us in restoring men's lives. Our greatest need is finances. God's love is in us by the Holy Spirit & because of that we will respond to the need of others. We appreciate all of you & know we will soon have this building completed to house more men. The photo adjacent is a recent picture to keep you updated of our progress. Be blessed!



Prayer needs: *Not only are we asking for help with our new building, but monthly financial supporters for our General Funds (housing, food & utilities) as well. Thank you for praying for us!*

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