



# Living Stones International

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Dear Donor,

## The New Faces of Homelessness



On December 14, 2010, Pastor Glenn Burns of Good Samaritan Chapel and Community Center contacted Living Stones to mentor and coach two families that were homeless and living in the back of a U-haul truck in Wal-Mart's parking lot. The couple pictured is married with a nine-year-old son and a daughter eighteen months old. The families traveled from Indiana seeking job opportunities in Florida and ran out of money in Tallahassee. After finding the families in the parking lot, Pastor Burns placed them in a motel and was able to find them temporary housing. Due to their circumstances, no rent was required as long as they participated in his program at Care Tallahassee.

Pastor Burns contacted Living Stones to provide marriage and parenting training to the couples because the pressures homelessness was having on the couples' relationships. JC and I did not hesitate to answer the call of duty because our motto is: strengthen one marriage, save one family, and raise up one child at a time.

During a session, the husbands, Michael and James, shared their work experiences in home remodeling. I shared the testimony regarding our two donated properties and their need for extensive renovations. Immediately they asked if they could help. We agreed and devised a program that included JC and I mentoring the families, assisting them in finding job opportunities, plus working on our Eugenia Street property.

Previously, JC and I prayed to send us donors for materials and skilled labor so our Christian Family Outreach Ministry could be open by March. Behold, donors did step forward with materials and funds, and renovations are nearly completed until the unexpected happened.

It appeared the two families would be homeless again due to circumstances involving the property owner's situation and to no fault of their own. He was looking to receive monthly rent and the two families were willing to oblige him, but they needed some time in getting their tax returns as well as find jobs. In less than one week, after much prayer, these things did happen with Michael and James finding jobs, getting a waiver for paying rent until March 1, 2011 and Living Stones managing to find others to support the renovations at Eugenia Street. **Isn't God good-all the time.** We also want to thank Big Bend Habitat for Humanity for purchases made from their warehouse.

**Families are in crisis.** Your partnership with Living Stones is more important than ever and we want you to consider a recurring monthly donation to this ministry. Our mission is to help those in need and these families needed help to prevent them from being homeless a second time. Your donation will help families like Michael and James, who need help, to find their way back to solvency and wholeness. Will someone be there, if needed, to help you? Count on "**Living Stones**", we are the rock for families. We will keep you informed as to how these two families are doing and our opening date of **Living Stones' Christian Family Outreach Ministry**.

Your humble servants,

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