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Dear Friends & Family,

Thank you for your prayers and support for this ministry- without the of the saints, we are spinning our wheels and nothing will be achieved that glorifies Lord. Keeping Christ at the head assures victory! We are ministering where Jesus would be today, in the detention center, halfway houses, prisons, and on the street. I have continued to seek the Lord for His direction and strategy to fulfill the midnight vision that God put in my heart over 20 years ago. I envisioned a place for homeless kids to live in the country where a youth could learn a trade and even find job as an apprentice. Most of the homeless youth will never go back to school. They only have skills which are mostly illegal; that's what they use to survive the day. We are all products of teaching. We need to make a difference in these young people's lives by giving them an opportunity to aspire to a fulfilling life with a family, a home, a car, kids of their own, a bank account, and a positive attitude toward life in general as they hear and respond to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus!

Yesterday was not the best of days as I was told that we will have to move out of the Wildish Building, so now I'm looking to find a place to store a car or two and a pile of tools that we have collected for God's people who believe in the vision God gave me years ago. In praying with other brothers who I consider to be strong men of God, it's unanimous that I did hear God, but the Wildish Building was not a place in the country where we could house the youth and teach the youth in shops on the property. If anyone reading this letter knows of a place which is close in, please share it with me. No matter what, I'm on God's timetable and not my own. I will keep the vision alive and it's in God's hands. It breaks my heart that so many people spent time, energy, money, labor, to work on this building and the bureaucracy was totally against it, completely blowing us out of the water. God has something better for sure! I thank the Wildish Family for opening the door and I pray God's blessings over them for trying. So many youth were excited to envision this program and we are not giving up! I will continue to collect tools and equipment to ensure this vision comes to pass. What a joy it would be to teach welding (we need welding equipment), auto mechanics (we need hand tools, engine hoists, car ramps and car lifts), woodworking (we need woodworking and construction tools), computer programming (relatively newer computers and printers – notebooks preferable), auto body (we need hammers and dollies and spray guns for painting and a large compressor). It can be done; we will go slowly but intentionally and the youth who will be taught will have to make commitments and rules will have to be followed. Pray please and it will come to pass. Donations are needed and won't be wasted. We can help our whole community by making a difference in these young people's lives and for sure we will share Christ!

Right now I need an inexpensive storage building to store a couple of cars and a pile of tools- ideas???? Three more youth accepted Christ this last month in detention, in Phoenix, and at Hillcrest; so we are making a difference. What a joy it is to pray with these hurting youth and see their lives change dramatically. It can affect their whole family! That's undoubtedly a win, win, win; and God is glorified and lives are changed forever! Please let God use you, He will anoint and bless the work of your hands.

ATTENTION CHURCHES: PLEASE -WE NEED VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL COME IN AND DO TWO CHURCH SERVICES FROM 10:30AM TO 11:30AM IN DETENTION AND PHOENIX FOR A MONTH AT A TIME EVERY FIVE OR SIX MONTHS, SHARING GOD'S WORD AND BEING NON- JUDGMENTAL IS A PREREQUISITE. GIVING THE YOUTH TIME TO CONTRIBUTE IN THE DISCUSSION WILL ENHANCE THE CHURCH SERVICE.

I am always available to come and share what God is doing through this ministry. I work as a missionary and I'm not on a salary. More financial support and more prayers are needed. *We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!* Call me 541-579-5450. Thank you! *If God be for us, who can come against us!*

May the Lord Bless & Keep You Strong,

Chaplain, Juvenile Justice Director, Solid Rock Skills Center Director

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