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*"Help for the desperate, those willing to seek Jesus Christ for the answers in their lives"*

January 1<sup>st</sup>, the first day of a new year is always very exciting! We all get a fresh start...wonderful things are ahead. We all make our lists of "I'm going to change this" or "I'm going to stop doing that" and then all of the sudden it's February 1<sup>st</sup>...you know where this is going. We've all been there, after a few shorts weeks of not achieving all of our new year's goals, here comes inner shame. "I failed. I can't do this. I messed up. I'm not good enough. All hope is lost." There is nothing really special about January 1<sup>st</sup> and no matter what you have done or not done, it's ok. Remarkable things are ahead with God. Perhaps your roadblocks aren't roadblocks at all, but rather new beginnings in disguise. Perhaps your missteps are actually opportunities for growth, greater closeness with God or a nudge to take a leap of faith.

EACH DAY we are given the opportunity to be made new in Christ, not by our might, but through our surrender. I need this reminder daily. In order for a seed to sprout, the outer shell first has to fall away, or "surrender", in order for new life to come. The same is true with our lives. We must let go a little — or sometimes a lot — for our fresh start to be revealed. We **need** new starts daily. **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!"** 2 Corinthians 5:17 This life and everything in it will pass away, but God's love never changes. Our new start can't be found in more money, more business, more fun or more stuff. Our fresh start is found only in Him.



*We pray that you have a very blessed 2026!!*

In Jesus' love,  
*Gary and Susan Smith*

**MORTGAGE PAYOFF 2025**

Dear Friends & Family,

As most of you know, Mission Teens has 20 centers across the United States. We have been in business since 1969, nearly 40,000 men & women have entered our ministry. We still have an 88% success rate and attending our program is still free. Over the past several years we have had to yield to the governmental authorities and make some changes to our infrastructure in some cases. We have six outstanding mortgages, and we have two new mortgages we recently had to obtain to remain in business. We are asking for your help to pay off these loans. We really need your help. Please mail your check to Mission Teens Board of Directors Fund, P.O. Box 248, Gaastra, Michigan 49927 (mark Mortgage in the memo) or you may remit through PayPal [truevine@uplogen.com](mailto:truevine@uplogen.com)

If you have any questions, please call 906-265-9546 or email us at [truevine@uplogen.com](mailto:truevine@uplogen.com)

Thank you and God bless you.

Steve Schwartz



My name is **Gina Fugate**, I am 48 years old from St. Louis, MO. I realized that I needed to make a change sitting under a bridge, after a tornado left parts of St. Louis destroyed. A couple of years prior I was laid off from work and faced with a breakup, repossession, and foreclosure which left me homeless and once again addicted. I was at a point in my life where I needed help and quick. I have 4 children, and I was always involved in their lives; it is strange how things can change overnight. In the last few years, I have overdosed 3 times on fentanyl, and that was not even the drug I was doing. After the EMT's brought me back the last time I wasn't the same. I had lost my main motor skills and the thoughts running through my mind were crazy, I thought I did too much, I'll never be the same. I was wrong, the Lord had his hand on me the entire time. **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.** The Lord sent a messenger to pick me up and bring me to safety. I may have had to lose everything to get here, but some things must fall apart before they can be put back together. I have been at Freedom House for over 5 months now, not all days have been easy, but they are much better than they have ever been in my life. The Lord has restored the joy and peace in my heart, and I am finally grateful for all that He has done for me. Now I understand the reason it is called Freedom House; Jesus has set me FREE! I cannot think of anything else I'd rather be doing. What a blessing, even if I didn't see it in the beginning. I am home with my family now.

Our calendar fills up fast. If you would like to have a group come share through worship and testimonies or if you feel led to speak here, please contact Dezirae @ 573-609-1175 to set it up. We would love to come share what the Lord is doing in our lives and here at Freedom House.



## NEEDS:

SUGAR, MEAT, SPICES, COOKING OIL, ZIPLOCK BAGGIES, TOILET PAPER, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, RUBBING ALCOHOL, ANTI FREEZE, MOTOR OIL, TRASH BAGS

We always have a "special" need this time of year...COLD MEDICINES. We would be so grateful for Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops, cough syrup, and DAYTIME over the counter cold remedy meds (we don't allow the nighttime formulas). Any help is greatly appreciated this time of year and always.

**Please pray and Ask the Lord if He would have you support this ministry with a portion of your giving on a monthly basis.**

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Shine before men that they may  
see your good works and  
*Glory* your Father in *Heaven*

Matthew 5:16



Thank you to everyone who helped make this Christmas season so special. Thanks to everyone for making 2025 a great year in the Lord. We are excited to see what He has planned for 2026.

**If you are ready to be delivered from your life-controlling problems, if you are ready for JESUS, then we believe that our program is for YOU. If you are looking for help for yourself or for a loved one, please pick up the phone and call today. 573-371-2020 We will be happy to help or direct you to one of our other 20 Mission Teen centers.**