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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ministry of Covered Bridge and the men and the families we serve, "THANK YOU" for the blessing of your support and your friendship. It's always been my intention that this monthly letter bring you an encouraging word about how God is at work in this ministry, bringing transformation, healing and restoration. I also hope to express our gratitude for remembering us in prayer and staying with us. I cannot tell you this enough. I only pray that God would show you our gratitude—I trust Him for this.

It has been an incredible year in so many ways. This house has received a serious overhaul. Not that it was rundown in any way before. It's just that it needed a lot of upgrading here and there. From the inside out, it's received a lot of attention! The heating system has been totally replaced, the electrical has been completely redone (new meter, 200 amp panel, switches, lighting and outlets throughout), new plumbing and fixtures, new kitchen and the third floor went from attic space to a studio suite that's incredible! In addition to all this, our debt was not increased, but cut in half!! How Great Is Our GOD!!?

In the midst of the "storms" of construction, we had a full house!! By His gracious love, lessons were learned and lived and there's been growth and fruit as a result. We pray that you too have experienced a year of growth and fruit-filled living!

We have some things that are fast-approaching for which we need your prayers. For those of you who remember the beginnings of this ministry, you may recall that in 2002 Covered Bridge pursued a Conditional Use Permit for a wonderful property in St

"Reconciliation To Community By Building Bridges Of Restoration"

Albans. The Zoning Board denied that permit application based on a large amount of opposition from neighbors. Well, the property is once again on the market and because there are so many people in the Franklin County area who see the need and want to support a home there, we're once again pursuing this property.

The home is spacious and well suited as it was built to be a *Guest Home*. It was owned and operated by Louella Kittell from 1935 until the late 90's. It has 6 bedrooms and five baths and our hope is that it will be used to provide a home and support for women who are in need.

Our Zoning Board meeting will be held in St Albans the first Monday in January. In anticipation of neighborhood opposition, we have decided to hold an informational meeting next week, on Tuesday, December 9th at the Senior Center, beginning at 6:30. If you can be there, please come. If not, please pray and ask others to do so. Also, please remember that the Development Review Board will meet to consider our application in January.

I think it may be safe to say that this year has presented all of us with some serious challenges. The signs of uncertainty are all about us. We have an obligation to our RISEN KING to live in such a way that our lives speak of the PEACE with GOD that He purchased so that we and others can know the PEACE of GOD. Though the signs of uncertainty cry out and people react in fear, we can rather respond with certainty and full assurance of faith because His Spirit bears witness within us that His Word is true!! As we move into the season of Christmas, let's remember this:

"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between His feet, until He comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is His." *Genesis 49:10* (NIV) Amen!

Thank you for the cards, the calls, the emails, ALL THE the support---your prayers!!

We pray that you'll have a wonderful season with family and friends!!

In His PEACE, ~Steve & Lorie Clark