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Dear Friends,

You may notice that you're receiving this month's letter a bit later than usual. I decided to wait until I had news for you regarding the Zoning Board meeting that took place last night in St Albans. As planned, we hosted an informational meeting on December 9th which was very well attended. As anticipated though, that meeting was attended by supportive people who were primarily there to hear specifics about our program and about ways that they may be able to help us—which was great! Unfortunately, people who are firmly against this will wait until they can be heard by those who will react to their fear that their neighborhood will somehow become an unsafe place to live. There were several neighbors and property owners present last night who expressed their fears and there were also those there who spoke on our behalf. The meeting adjourned after about two hours of testimony and will re-convene on February 2nd after we've had an opportunity to meet with the City Council on Monday, January 12th at the invitation of the City Manager.

Pastor Bob Emery had a very favorable meeting with the City Manager last week which resulted in his suggestion that we share our history, vision and hope for a women's home in St Albans with the City Council. Pastor Bob has spent considerable time in previous month's making connections with a number of people and that time has really served to "pave-the-way" for future partnerships.

We have quite a number of "hurdles" ahead of us to clear, but we believe that God has opened the way and we expect to see continued favor as we move into this. Your prayers for us in this process are needed so much! Thank you.

"Reconciliation To Community By Building Bridges Of Restoration"

Thank you for helping to make 2008 the year that it was for Covered Bridge. With your faithful support, much has been accomplished to help ensure that we will be able to continue to care for the ministry that God has entrusted to our watch care. While staffing continues to be one of my priorities, we have some exciting things that I hope to be able to share in that regard next month.

As we're now beginning our sixth year in St Johnsbury, we rejoice in the faithfulness of God and the lives that He has changed as men have yielded themselves to Him. Words cannot properly express the gratitude that we have in our hearts for you—Faithful Giver. We know that the men and families that we serve are precious to our Father in heaven. We hope that you know that YOUR SUPPORT has served to help change lives. And that YOUR SUPPORT has made it be "on earth as it is in heaven" for those who society would rather forget. THANK YOU!!

You'll find in this mailing your statement of giving (monetary and in-kind) for the year 2008. If you have given and did not receive a statement, please let us know.

On behalf of the men and families that we serve, we pray that you will know God's richest blessings in this new year!!

In His Love & ours,

~Steve & Lorie Clark

~ A NEED ~

When we began in late 2003, we furnished our bedrooms with used dressers. They're now at the end of their useful life and we really have need of 3-4 sturdy dressers!! In the interest of floor space, the tall variety would be preferred over the wide. Anything you can do to help with this need will be greatly appreciated!