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A Word From The Directors

We are excited to announce that our "Hand Up" ministry is expanding into the Two Rivers area. After much prayer and negotiations, we have secured a spacious building at 1816 Washington Street in downtown Two Rivers for a second thrift store and ministry center. The phone number there is 920-793-3456. We are working hard at renovating the building and have already begun to receive donations. The store will be open just Saturdays in January and after that Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The store will stay open until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Donations will be accepted Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will continue remodeling and stocking the store and welcome volunteer help. Give us a call or drop by if you are willing to donate some time and energy. We believe this Two Rivers Christian Center will be a great blessing to the area and know that God will use it to give a hand up to hurting people. We ask for your prayers that God will send volunteers to help support and staff this new ministry opportunity.



Jim and Linda Frasch
Directors



Thoughts on New Year's Resolutions

Did you make some resolutions for 2012? While I have made my share of them in past years, I have decided not to make any more. Not that I have reached perfection so that I don't need any more improvements but rather that I have failed to keep so many resolutions in the past that I have given up making them.

Actually, I think a better word for 2012 might be "transformation." The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ isn't about trying to be good and to get better but to be transformed. We all know that trying to be good so that God will like us better is not only faulty thinking but impossible to pull off. The Bible lets us know that only the Holy Spirit can bring the kind of transformation we need. Jesus came not only to purchase the forgiveness of our sins but to also bring the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

That is what I need this new year. I need the Holy Spirit to bring His transforming power into my imperfect and flawed life. I may have good intentions, but only He can truly bring "forever" changes. So let us resolve to quit making resolutions and instead let us allow the Holy Spirit to bring transformation this new year.

-Roy McKain

Retired pastor and volunteer

Two Rivers Thrift Store



Our St. Nazianz Thrift Store continues to expand and flourish and the Lord has prompted us that it is time to reach out to a new area. We felt God impressing upon us the Two Rivers area for a new store. There were a number of challenges and hurdles to finding the right space for the store but God has opened up a wonderful building downtown with great potential for expansion.

Volunteers are working hard to get the building ready for customers and the store will be

open Saturdays in January and Monday through Saturday beginning in February. We are excited about this new ministry opportunity but God will need to send volunteer helpers to allow the store to realize its full potential. Please pray with us about this new ministry.



Mushroom "Factory" Progress

The mushroom factory is up and running. We purchased our first batch of mushroom plantings and have already produced and sold a crop. The mushroom factory will provide more funding for United Ministries. The picture on the left shows volunteers preparing the mushroom "blocks" so that they will grow the best quality mushrooms possible. The mushrooms need daily tender loving care in order to continue to produce the most crops.

Volunteers Make The Ministry Possible

United Ministries could not exist without volunteers like those on the right. They work hard without any compensation except knowing that people God loves are being helped and encouraged. Their desire is to see God honored and people given a hand up. We can't thank you enough for your support and involvement. With our ministry expanding, we are in need of more people who feel that this kind of ministry is compensation enough and that God will honor those who honor Him.

