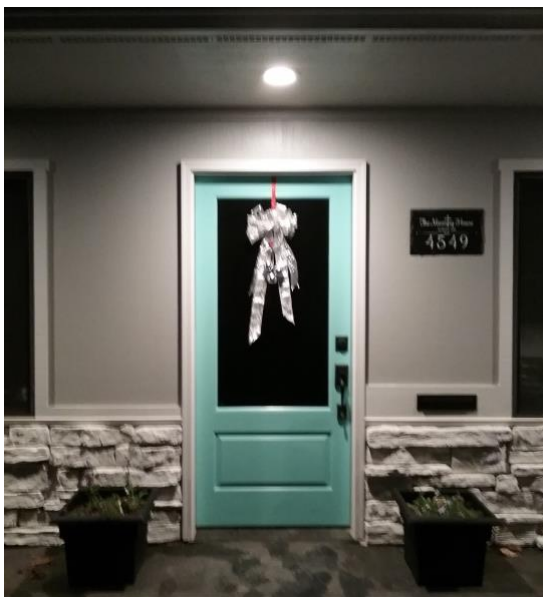


Hi all! Happy New Year 2020! I got a little behind with the updates ... I actually started this update on November 13, 2019. With all the work on the building, Thanksgiving, Christmas and then New Year's (end of the year stuff), the time flew away from me. I just finished sending out the offerings letters today so took a break to do some catching up on other things when I realized I hadn't done the update! So, some is now old news, plus the current.

2 pics of freshly painted kitchen cabinets + 1 of kitchenette in greeting room. What a difference!



<<< For Christmas, I put up Silver Bells ... silver means redemption! I also removed the old wine barrels, replacing w/2 new planters. Toby figured out how to turn the timer on the outside lights!

An interesting occurrence while talking with our neighbor Billy. I don't know how we got on the subject, but somehow it was about being called names by others. I remembered years ago when a local pastor called me something that was a bit of a mystery to me ... so I said it out loud to Billy. My back was to the highway; he was facing the highway. The moment I said, "That man said I was 'the holy prophet of God with a bowl full of cherries!'" Billy said, "Wow! The Christmas lights just turned on when you said that!!!" Across the highway from the ministry house is the Avery Christmas Tree.

Evidently, the electrician was out there checking all the lights to make sure everything was ready for the Christmas season! Both Billy and I saw the occurrence as a 'sign' and he suggested I study prophet of God. I should mention that Billy is not saved yet. And he is the owner of the land next door. I told him that I had asked Jesus for that land. He asked, "What did he say?" At that moment I hadn't heard a 'yes' or a 'no' so I told Billy that it was ok to ask. He agreed. Then told me that just before we purchased the ministry house that he almost sold the land for \$90,000! I told him what we'd like to do with that land ... put up a tent, and



possibly build dorms to house and help the homeless. The county will allow us to house the homeless up to 6 months. He likes that idea. Trusting in Jesus!
Pinnell's laid the carpeting in the prayer room and the gathering room. Looks so good. And the prayer room doesn't have an echo anymore! Yay!

Steve, the flooring guy, leveled the floors in the kitchen/pantry + the counseling room. Please agree with us for his soul. He volunteered his labour! A 3 day job! It's so much better. I don't lose my balance walking back there anymore. He started putting down the vinyl planking 2 weeks ago, and he's finishing Saturday. We'll be paying him in full for putting down the vinyl planking. Jesus is blessing him so much that he got a union job in Mountain View with benefits!

About 2 weeks ago, we needed around \$2000 to pay one of the contractors, so I asked Jesus to send \$2000. Four days later, someone sent a check for \$2000! God had blessed the stock market, so he blessed us!

BIG NEWS! The Board has decided to introduce the ministry house to the community with an "open house" from 1 - 4 p.m. on Sunday March 8th, which will be our 22nd anniversary! We are inviting all who worked on the building, plus those who are interested in volunteering. Hence, our first week of serving the community will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, March 10, 11 & 12 from Noon to 3 p.m.

Carrie and I will be doing some painting of old furniture in storage this week.

Steve's finishing the vinyl planking on Saturday.

Bob will finish the baseboard, put the pantry racks together, and complete the "to-do list" ...

Mike will most likely have the counters in by the end of next week.

We still have leaks in the bathroom & under the kitchenette sink. Paul will be fixing them.

Paul ordered us a kitchen sink; and he's ordering a new 2.5 water heater for the bathroom & kitchenette.

When Russell's done w/Phase 2 of the plumbing, Middleton's will bring up & install the stove and dishwasher.

I think Gary's almost done: a few more drawers to put in, and hang the last cabinets.

The family will be helping this weekend to start bringing over all the stuff that's been in storage since 2004. Especially the sofa and loveseat from the Upper Room ... if they didn't become a home for mice, I'm hoping to clean them up real good!

I stepped out in faith and for the first time since the 1998 founding of NLWM, I did a fundraiser! Facebook posted an invitation to invite people to celebrate my 73rd birthday by donating to my favourite charity! So, I put one up for NLWM asking for \$1000 to stock the pantry shelves. As of today, the Lord has provided \$555! That's triple grace! I asked Cyndy to send me pictures of the pantry she's been volunteering with in Washington. When we've got everything in place, we can STOCK the pantry shelves!

Sooooooo ... I must thank each of you for your part investing in God's vision making a way,
His way for people we haven't even met yet! God bless you!

Luke 14:23 The host said, "Well then, go out to the highways and hedges and bring in the complete strangers you find there, until my house is completely full."

And here's a song for us all: <https://youtu.be/vsypFJ5mNwo> My favourite version so far!

Shoulder to shoulder, grace upon grace, and much love, Betty