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Please Pray For...



Crystal

- Our clients on our waiting lists. This is the time of year that we get a great influx of people wanting counseling, which immediately creates a waiting list since we have limited time in our days. Pray for patience for them as they wait.
- Our need for finances for a new roof at Genesis. We can no longer just keep patching it, so please pray that we can find those who can give financially to help replace it.
- My clients who are struggling to understand God's goodness. Pray that the Lord will bring to mind just the right verses from Scripture to encourage them and give them hope.



Amanda

- Please pray for clients struggling with difficult relationships
- The *Courageous Parenting class* is in the last few weeks of meeting together pray for growth and wisdom for all the parents involved.
- Family health concerns



Katrina

- Please pray for my clients who struggle with anxiety and depression, that they may find peace and hope in Christ's redeeming love.
- Pray for Genesis staff to find healthy ways to rejuvenate our souls so we are able to minister well to hurting and wounded clients.
- Quote for the month: "There is nothing that will enrich our lives more than a deeper and clearer perception of God's presence in the routine of daily living." - John Ortberg



Todd

- Our leadership here at Genesis Institute and what God is moving us towards in regards to counselors, possibly a director of counseling, building maintenance and more.
- My family as we continue to process through the grief of a loved one.
- The strongholds that bind relationships to be broken in people's lives.
- Book for Parents on raising boys – Raising Boys By Design – Dr. Gregory Jantz



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The Heart of Genesis

Ministry Center Special Need Request New Commercial-Grade Roof

Dear Friends of Genesis Institute,

Unwelcome News. Our Board of Directors just received a status report, from a trusted commercial roofing company, indicating the need to immediately replace the roof on our ministry center building. An earlier assessment led to the hope that a patch-repair job would remedy the leaks which we were dealing with this winter. But upon closer scrutiny, after all the snow was cleared, the larger problem was discovered: the existing roof is made of defective materials which simply cannot be patched any longer. A new roof of upgraded material is necessary.

Immediacy. Currently we have moderate leaking with minimal interior damage which has not interrupted our ministry activities. The roofer has expressed his surprise that more significant damage hasn't already occurred. So we are vulnerable to extensive damage, potential costly interior repairs and possible disruption of our counseling and training ministries. So we must act soon.

Financial Need. We did not anticipate the severity of this problem and our 2017 budget has essentially no wiggle room. After receiving multiple bids, the most competitive bid reveals the cost will be \$23,940 for removal of the old material and construction of an appropriate new roof. If asbestos is encountered during this process, an additional \$3,600 will be needed for its removal.

Will You Please Help? We are cautious not to bring unanticipated needs to you in this general way. We are careful to be fiscally conservative and work diligently as an organization to be wise stewards of all the financial resources which our many supporters faithfully give each year. But this really is a *special* need requiring quick action. So please prayerfully consider a special financial investment to help us raise the needed funds. Some of you may be in a position to give a large gift of \$500, \$1,000, or more. Others may be able to give a smaller gift. Please know any amount you give will be greatly appreciated.

Details. If you currently donate funds to Genesis, your monies are already earmarked for designated purposes, so please make this special donation over and above your regular giving. If you are a first time giver, please indicate Roof Fund, Exclusively, on your gift.

Thanks. We are deeply thankful to have this amazing building which God provided for our ministry work, and we have been careful to maintain it as an inviting and functional space within which we can do the soul-care work so vitally necessary in people's lives. We thank you for how you have helped us in the past and we thank you also for the help you may provide for this special need. May you be both sensitive and responsive to the leading of our Lord and may He bless you abundantly.

Sincerely,
The Genesis Institute Board of Directors

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Courage: Almost A Contradiction In Terms

“Courage is fear that has said its prayers.” Author Anne Lamott

We all admire courageous people who sacrifice greatly for the work of God and the good of others. We intuitively know courage when we see it, but how do we define it and live courageously? So often the movie and literary images we see are people with unshakable resolve, laser focus, and that can walk into the most terrifying conditions and accomplish the impossible. As a boy I loved war movies where the hero fearlessly charged into the fiercest battles to save the day. But I knew that I was an ordinary boy, sometimes courageous, and often fearful of even descending into my family’s dark basement. But God wants each of us to grow beyond children scared of the dark, to boldly take bigger risks of faith despite our fears.

Courage seems to be an odd, conflicting reality for people. Author G.K. Chesterton defines courage by his wise, paradoxical description: *“Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die. ‘He that will lose his life, that same shall save it,’ is not a piece of mysticism for saints and heroes. A soldier surrounded by enemies, if he is to cut his way out, needs to combine a strong desire for living with a strange carelessness about dying. He must seek his life in a spirit of furious indifference to it; he must desire life like water, and yet drink death like wine.”* So the essence of living with courage is not an absence of fear; it is allowing God’s work in us to redistribute fear to get the job done. The jobs God asks us are

usually scary ones way beyond our control and abilities, requiring trust in his goodness and gracious provision.

Our Ministry Center-A Courageous Work in Progress: We come to you in this letter to ask for your prayers and financial help as our ministry center is in need of a new roof. A client recently asked me about the history of our ministry center and ministry growth over the last six years. “You must have had great faith and courage to buy without knowing where the financial resources would come!” My immediate response to him was “No, I had to pray through many fears of my own!” Our board prayed diligently and trusted God

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on this move with so many visible obstacles and very limited resources. We are trusting in God’s provision now as we bring this current need to you. Our team has an ongoing vision of Kingdom impact to touch thousands of lives with the

gospel. We took the courageous step of faith to ask God for this ministry center in spite of the fears as we witnessed Him provide. So remember, “Courage is fear that has said its prayers” and then watch God’s amazing work in each of us!

Warmly in Christ,
Dave

Executive Director



Be a GEM!



We promised you last month that we would tell you about a new program we are starting. However, the weather slightly derailed our plan. We don’t want to take the focus off our critical need right now of getting our roof replaced, so please, if you are moved to help with that, please make it a priority over the program we are starting. But...

We are still excited to tell you about:

The GEM Club!

Starting May 1st, you can join the Club by Giving Every Month to Genesis.

If you are passionate about the ministry here at Genesis and want the healing and helping to continue, then please join our Giving Every Month (GEM) club. We want to show our appreciation to those who are willing to commit to supporting Genesis each year.

We have different giving levels—one that will fit everyone’s budget! If you are willing to pledge a monthly gift at one of our levels and commit to at least a year, we want to send you a special *Thank You* gift. Each year we will be promoting someone or something different. This year we are promoting Sheila Walsh, who is our keynote speaker at our annual Evening of Stories event on October 19, 2017. Our giving levels are:

- SILVER—\$25.00 per month
- GOLD—\$50.00 per month
- RUBY—\$100.00 per month
- EMERALD—\$150.00 per month
- DIAMOND—\$200.00 per month

(Based on your giving level, gifts may include a book,

CD or gift card—depending on availability) If you want more information on how you can become a GEM Club member—please give me a call and I’d be happy to explain it to you

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Linda



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