



For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind

2 Timothy 1:7

Wow! What a month it has been! Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the youth center with a monthly donation, volunteered on the construction of the house, held fundraisers and offered prayers.



For those of you who are monthly sponsors and for those of you would like to make a donation, we have several payment options:

1. **Mail:** Check made to: Erin's Purpose, PO Box 555, Bloomfield, IN 47424
2. **Cashapp:** using the Cashtag \$erinspurpose - there is no fee
3. **Paypal:** Send your payment to Cris Floyd at cahfloyd@hotmail.com. Make sure you send it as a "friend", otherwise paypal charges a fee.

Here are just a few of the things we have been doing and have planned!

- We were able to do fun "drop-offs" or as we like to call it "ding dong ditched" the youth that have previously registered with Erin's Purpose (back before covid when we held monthly events).
- We have made some counseling referrals this month, provided free haircuts to local youth and will be sponsoring some kids for Christmas in Greene County through the County DCS office.
- We are in the middle of remodeling - the floors are getting leveled out (If you didn't see the house before, they were in need of leveling). We have been blessed by a gentleman in our community that has volunteered his time and talents. We cannot thank him enough!
- We have a new metal roof on the books for installation in the upcoming weeks. We have been blessed by a wonderful donation from Graber Post Buildings for the metal for the roof and by various donors in the community that has graciously helped us cover the total cost of the roof installation!
- We have a new A/C Unit on the books for installation in the spring. Once again, we have been blessed by HFI in Bloomington by offering us a NEW AC Unit at their cost and free installation of the unit.
- We have a wheelchair ramp on the books for installation once we are able to build a deck on the back side of the house. We were blessed by a donation from S.A.W.S (Servants at Work, Inc) out of Bloomington for the ramp! We will be fundraising and applying for a grant to help cover the cost of the deck so that the ramp can be installed and attached to it for easier wheelchair access.
- We've held a couple fundraisers including our current online auction that will run until December 13th
- We have started paying back our loan for the house and utility bills have started rolling in.
- We were able to do some yard clean-up at the house where we had some old stumps removed and planted a lilac bush.
- Some of our board members were able to attend online training for Anxiety and Depression in Adolescents.

November has been a very busy month and God has been so good to bless us! None of this would be possible without your help - whether it has been through financial help or prayers, so I just want to say "Thank You", again!

If you have inquiries about our financial statements, please feel free to email me or call me with your questions and I will be glad to answer them!

Some of the things we've done this month in Pictures!

Yard clean-up and fall decor,
basement work (leveling floors),
open house/auction showcase
preparations, drop off surprises
for youth, winter decor
preparations and preparing for
Santa Claus!



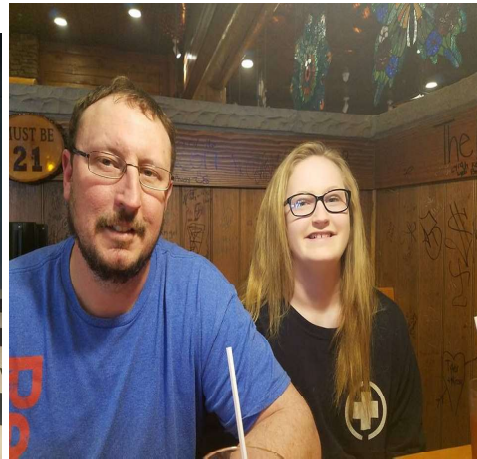
Head out to the youth center this Sunday, December 6th for our open house to see where we are at in the remodel process and to also view the items that we have up for auction! The Auction closes on December 13th. We have some awesome items up for auction that would make wonderful Christmas presents. You can check it out and bid here:

<https://wbauctioneerservice.hibid.com/catalog/249932/erins-purpose-charity-fundrais>
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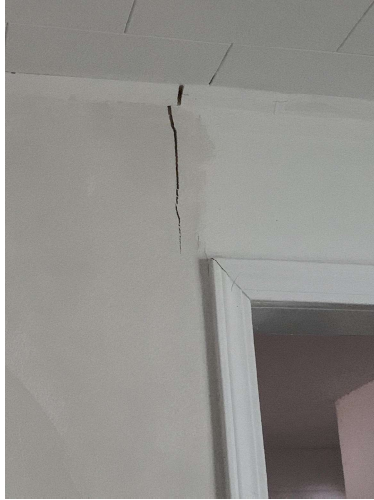
This is why we do what we do. This is what depression looks like.

I know for some of you, these can be hard to see. But this is the reality of why we are doing what we are doing. God humbles me many times when I get excited about the youth center and what He is doing in this ministry and He reminds me that this is our **WHY**.



Just because you can't see mental illness, doesn't mean it isn't there.

Romans 5:3-5 (NIV) Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



After the floors were leveled, I walked into the youth center and saw this crack. I immediately smiled. Now, I know that most would see this and would be concerned. But for me, I felt God speak to me. I remembered that day that Erin died. I felt like I was being pushed down and crushed and for a while, I felt my spirit cracking. I remembered thinking "what will people think?" All of a sudden - there was no hiding how I was feeling; there was no amount of makeup that could cover up all the worry lines, the stress, the sadness. I remember that morning, I went to the school to be with some of the kids who I knew would be lost. I looked awful. And I couldn't hide it.

When our volunteer started leveling the floors to the youth center, he warned me that the walls would crack.

You see; sometimes we have to crack before we can heal.

Much like the youth center - we give off this look that we are ok. But when we start working on ourselves and God starts moving - that pretty exterior may start to crack a little under the pressure and some of our flaws might start showing - the things that we have been hiding from the outside world start to show and sometimes it's not very pretty - but WOW- how beautiful is it when God starts patching up our cracks?! So when I look at the cracks in the house from the floor being leveled, I can't help but think that that's just how God works. And just like us, when the pressure is on, the walls start to crack but when those cracks are loved, tended to and mended - wow- how beautiful will these rooms be and how much stronger the foundation will be!

Hope you all have a blessed Christmas season!

Peace and Love,

Terri