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Volunteers Our Life's Blood

As all of you know, we have been an all-volunteer ministry since 1997. We could not do all the things that we do on our budget without our wonderful staff. We keep adding new folks and we want you to meet them.



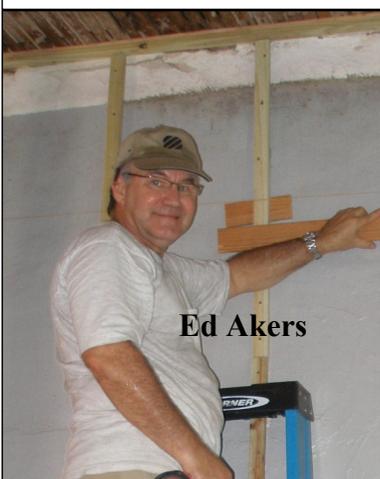
Alberta Sims

Alberta is one of our newest graders and a Monday volunteer. She graduated from Gordon College, Ma, and was a SIM missionary to Niger, Africa, for many years teaching reading and bible school. She was also a volunteer in NC in a house for women in the last stage of incarceration. She also volunteers at the local Highlands County jail with the women. A great addition to our staff.



Mallory Clark

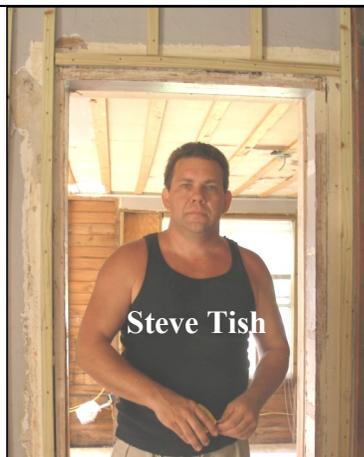
Mallory, our granddaughter, graduated to the computers this summer vacation. She comes from Boise, Id., every summer to help us.



Ed Akers

Our Construction Crew

As we progress with the make-over of A Safe Place, many people have volunteered to help. Our newest helpers are Steve Tish. Steve has helped with removing all the old flooring and general helping with lots of clean-up. He's one of the men we call on when we need help, like hauling the donated furniture. He is looking for a job in this area and is part of Little Lambs fellowship.



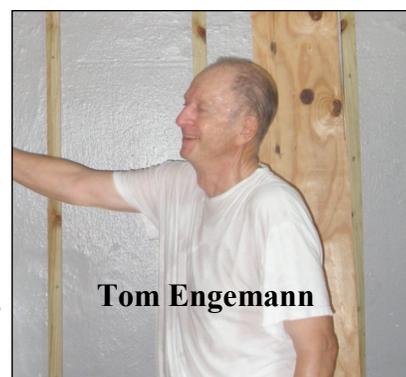
Steve Tish

On the bottom right is Ed Akers. Ed has sort of dropped out of the sky for us. One of our regular Tuesday office volunteers recruited him and he has been quite a worker. After our first inspection, we had things to clear up. Ed stepped in and has gotten us right with the city, like with firewalls, etc., and we've passed inspection and ready to move on.

Another great addition is Tom and Carol Engemann. They came to us after reading about us in the paper. With a long history of volunteering, they jumped right in. These folks are sort of like the postman: neither rain, or sleet or 100 degree weather keeps them from their jobs.

On July 5, we will be starting to hang wallboard. If you can be one of these volunteers, please call John at 863-214-9683

We have already begun receiving calls from women who need our program.



Tom Engemann

Dear Partners, We have been having an exciting summer. The home for women has continued to move toward completion. We have had so many material donations which have saved us tremendous amounts of money as well as the men and women who faithfully come to do the work without any pay. How much do this community need this home? Let me share with you a recent experience. (Reports on progress available at www.littlelambsinc.org/asafeplace)

One day a woman and her husband came to interview for our parenting classes. She said that she had used drugs all her life. At the present time, she had just had another child and cocaine was found in the baby's blood and the child was put in foster care just like all her others. She was not a young woman, perhaps late thirties or early forties. Her personal appearance was very poor, she was dirty and appeared un-kept. He husband hid behind dark glasses and said very little. He said all he knew was that he went to work everyday and pretty much didn't know anything. I was skeptical to think that we could make a difference with just one 2-hour class a week, but agreed to let them come to class in an effort to perhaps keep this child. She also revealed that she could hardly see, which meant that she could not go home and reread the material or study. My concern for returning a child to that environment because of the drug use was certainly mounting. *Continued on back*

John and Eileen, I am having problems and you always seemed to be able to offer me some very good advice. First off this study has really opened my eyes and heart to show me just how much of a sinner I am. This Study has made me take a good hard look at my lifestyle and just how big of a mess I have created trying to do it my way. But to get with my problem. I come from alcoholic parents who, when I was the age of 2, both committed suicide. I was then placed in my first prison - the Edensburg Orphanage Home. When I reached the age of 5 I had to start attending school so I was placed in a foster home. At 6 years old I introduced myself to alcohol; by the time I was 7 and a half and 35 foster homes later, I was a full-blown alcoholic. My drinking progressed to the point



where I have had blackouts numerous times waking up in county jails facing charges for things I knew nothing about, having myself carted off to the hospital for alcohol poisoning, flat-lined 3 times. Now I have 37 years behind these fences because of alcohol related crimes. Now to the present in 1990 I awoke in the Tampa County jail on a sexual battery charge. While in here back in 2002 I found God and AA. I will be getting released as one of the worse things to be...a Sexual Offender. But through your studies and A.A. I have learned some very useful tools to help me on my release. But every morning I have to look at that ugly person in the mirror and it makes me so sick I want to kill him. Can you please give me some suggestions I might be able to try working with and implement in my life in helping me deal with myself and what I've done. I've got 13 months till I'm released an I'm scared! Thank you for sharing a shoulder. Tim, FL



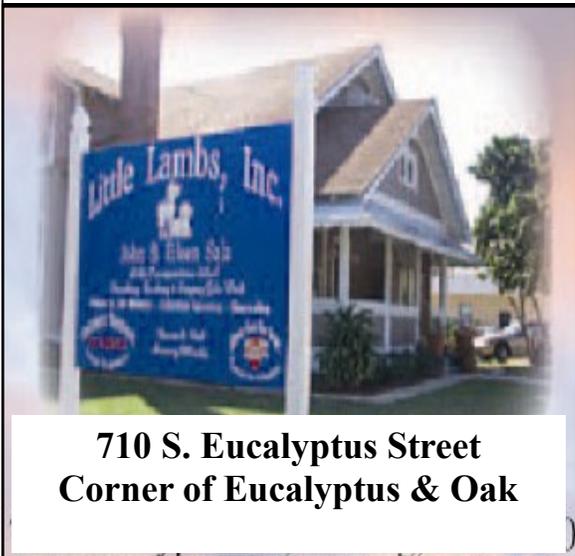
(Continued from front page) After that 2 hour interview we started them in class. That first night she was dressed in clean, new clothes. They had very good attitudes and have been very attentive. They are always early which gives us a chance to get to know them and let them feel comfortable. They have not missed a class, have been clean and sober, and seem to be growing in self-esteem and confidence. She even came last week with glasses her husband had found and liked the idea that she could see a little better. Her case-worker called to tell me that she had noticed a change in the couple and their willingness to cooperate was definitely better. They seemed more stable. This also happened with another lady in our group, single with 2 children. She has progressed so much that she will be provided with an apartment for her and her children. The case-worker said that her progress had been slow, but that she has seen a definite change in her since coming to class. These case-worker calls are so encouraging. We feel blessed that we have changed a home for the better for those children involved. We feel that God is a big part of our classes. We pray that the change lasts a lifetime.

About prayer in the class, we had a small miracle. Armando, a student, has gone swimming and has gotten a huge infection behind his ear drum. He had been in the emergency room before coming to class. When he arrived his head behind his ear was swollen into his neck, and he was scared. It was extremely painful, but he felt that he could not miss class. He was holding his head and ear and moaning in a front seat, he said he could not hear in that ear at all. Everyone was concerned. When we opened in prayer, we all prayed for Armando with strong and heartfelt words. The following week, he arrived, excited and happy. His ear was totally healed and his hearing back! It seems that he was also blessed with a job at Alan Jay and on one of his first days at the job, suddenly he could hear. He said, "I went to work without my hearing, then suddenly I could hear." He had witnessed the goodness of God and it had quite an effect on the class.

We continue to graduate lots of men and women, sending out those graduation bibles by the case! We are almost finished reformatting the English lessons in smaller print. Sally Phares has done a great job. Evangeline Johnson is diligently, single-handedly working on the Spanish lessons. Smaller print means a huge savings on the postage. While the rates have gone up, we have actually lowered our costs with reformatting and using smaller envelopes on some lessons. Donations in June: \$6,700. Thank you for your giving. John and Eileen Sala

May God keep America free!

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Schedule for July 2010

- Mondays – Overcomers Addiction Recovery Group
Upstairs @ Little Lambs 7:30 PM**
- Tuesdays -Biblical Boundaries Parenting/Family/
Marriage Avon Park Prison, 22 weeks**
- Wednesday – Biblical Boundaries 7 PM
Downstairs @ Little Lambs**
- Thursdays– Men’s Sexual Integrity Class
Downstairs @Little Lambs 7 PM**
- Thursdays - Staff training for A Safe Place**
- July 21 -Central Florida Prison, Orlando**

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