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THE PATH 527-6500 or 746-5993

THE PATH NEWS

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a Christian living environment that allows true rehabilitation. To allow long term stays for life changing, biblical teachings to take effect. To encourage the work ethic, for those without a home in Citrus County.

A NEW YEAR AND NEW GRACE!

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We want to thank God for seeing fit to present us with another year to serve Him. It's such a privilege to be used of God; whether it be your prayers, time & talents, or money. It takes all of us as a team to fulfill God's purpose for The Path. Everyone has an important part.

So much has happened since our last newsletter. First of all, as many of you may already know, God has moved ahead with the Path Shelter Store, located in Nottingham square between the Chevy and Buick dealers on Hwy. 19, one mile south of Home Depot. One of the biggest blessings is our Store Manager—Sherry Knight! And what a blessing she is. God has used her in a mighty way, even just welcoming customers with a smile. You know, loving kindness goes a long way and Sherry has an abundance of it. Come visit our Store and see for yourself. And like Sherry says, you might find something "you can't live without." We welcome clean usable FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES, pass it on.

We believe that no matter the length of time a client is here, somewhere down the road of life God will make a difference. God promises His "Word" will not return unto Him void. Thank God!!

Last but NOT LEAST, thank you to Tammy Nott, 7 Rivers Presbyterian preschool and EVERYONE who had ANYTHING to do with the "Giant Yard Sale" on Saturday, February 12th. Tammy broke her previous record. God is so good! The sale was a success and we're so thankful that God has supplied for our need once again. And Thank You Mark Stone from Remax Realty for making our job so much easier by your giving.

Internet site of the month
www.nationalchristian.com

Gift Cards or Certificates
 For Winn-Dixie or Wal-Mart are
ALWAYS Appreciated!!
 It helps purchase perishable
 items as needed.



Ephesians 4:32

"And be ye kind one to another, Tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DR. JAY!

We want to express our gratitude to Dr. Jay Newcomer from Beverly Hills Eye Clinic, for making himself available to the clients here at The Path. We have many clients who without his help would not be able to have an Eye Exam. Some of our clients were not even aware of their need. Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to ALL of Dr. Jay's staff. Everyone has been so kind and helpful and we greatly appreciate it. May God Bless you ALL for providing this service to The **PATH**.



GUESS WHAT? GOD Answered our Prayers!



REMEMBER us kids were wondering if you could help us out? We were praying that God would replace our swing set and **GUESS WHAT?** God answered our prayers!! We were blessed with a swing-set that was way bigger and better than we thought we would get. You know I remember hearing something in Church and I know it's in the Bible. Hold on..... let me find it.... here it is, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,..." and God did that--- oh, sorry— that's in Ephesians Chapter 3 and verse 20. I had to have help with that, but isn't that **GREAT!!!** You know what?? We want to say **THANK YOU** to Mr. & Mrs. Sbani and friends who gave this special gift. We hope God Blesses you real good for blessing us! We just wanted EVERYONE to know how happy we are to have it. Well... I guess that's all for now. Bye and thank you again!

The Vision

To bring the good news and teachings of Jesus Christ to those in need by means of example according to Matthew 25: 35, " For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, for I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." NIV

Physical Needs

PRAYERS most of all!

- ◊ Wash cloths, & baby towels
- ◊ Baby & Toddler Clothes
- ◊ Feminine Hygiene Items
- ◊ Women's Shoes-all sizes
- ◊ Dish detergent/Laundry Soap
- ◊ Clothes hampers
- ◊ Phone callers
- ◊ Portable Closets—2
- ◊ Foot lockers (client storage)
- ◊ Trash Bags—13 gal.
- ◊ Trash Bags—black
- ◊ Laminating machine
- ◊ Study Bibles with tabs
- ◊ Volunteer drivers
- ◊ Board members
- ◊ GED teachers/coaches
- ◊ Box fans
- ◊ 48" window mini blinds
- ◊ Locking cabinet (for medications)
- ◊ Vehicle Donors
- ◊ Garden tenders
- ◊ Truck Trailer for storage
- ◊ Tractor w/implements
- ◊ Generator
- ◊ Car batteries
- ◊ Building Materials
- ◊ Houses to hold Garage sales for us, we deliver
- ◊ Screen Door
- ◊ Land for the Main shelter site.

THANKS TO YOU!



Jeremiah 33:3

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

The board of the United Way and John Marmish, distributing FEMA funds have awarded us \$3000 for the coming year to help put people into motels when we are full or cannot intake at the shelter. Joe Monroe, president of the local homeless coalition, has worked tirelessly to help us get funding into Citrus County. Please lift these people up as they work hard to take care of the difficult problems we face.

HEY! WHERE'S HE GOING WITH THAT TRACTOR?



I'm SO glad we don't have to do farming the old fashion way. You know why? God has used the Nazarene Church in Hernando to let us borrow 10 acres of land for farming!! This will raise valuable funds and we hope to work with other Feeding agencies like Harvest, CUB and Daystar as we grow. This will be accomplished in cooperation with the Church Without Walls. Please pray for God to meet our need of a tractor.



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I wish to make a tax-deductible gift of:
 \$10 _____ \$ 25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____ Other \$ _____

Call me! I would like to donate a _____ . Which is listed here in your needs .
I cannot make a financial contribution, but I would like to help you by volunteering in the following way

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

DISCOVER THE GIFT!

You do know that you have a God-given gift right? You are very important to God and God has created you for a purpose. Sometimes we don't always know what that purpose is. It may even take awhile to discover the gift God has placed in us to be a help & blessing to others. **Can you make phone calls, pray here at the shelter for 1 hour a week, cook 2 meals a week, teach someone to write a letter on a computer or drive a client for a half hour to an appointment? Any ONE of these jobs will help us greatly.** I think God would have us, as a "body" of believers, find our place of service so that God's people can accomplish God's will. After all, He created us for His good pleasure unto good works for the furtherance of His kingdom. *Philippians 2:13* says, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." *What will you pledge to do this year that will bring pleasure to God and blessing to others? Have you discovered YOUR gift?? Please let us know! † CALL 746-5993*

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Share What's
Inside!



IN THE WORDS OF OUR RESIDENT MICHELLE,
"FAITH IS DARING THE SOUL TO GO BEYOND WHAT THE EYES CAN SEE."



Psalm 20:7

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

From the Heart of our Director

In the last year it has become increasingly clear why God has set me upon this mission for a county that for all outer appearances, looked like a sleepy retirement county. We are upon a growth explosion for our population. Impact fees are inevitable that will make things more difficult for our poor population. The poor are already dangerously close to not being able to qualify for Low Income and Affordable housing projects. Land values have skyrocketed making it difficult for everyone to purchase including the Path. Now, we are being informed that the Department of Children's and Families, will most probably, close their local office in Citrus County to save the state money. They are calling it modernization. They have approached several of the local charities to help them facilitate the states burden of administering food stamps and other services. The state is also going to try to use computers placed in ideal locations, for people applying for benefits. God's people are being called to rise to the need's of the poor. "Don't forget the poor".

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