

Dear Friends,

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As many of you know, Alli has a ministry of reaching prostitutes and victims of sex trafficking. The Workshop, a ministry house located in San Pedro, is a place where the church (IBEM) offers discipleship, education, job skills and life training to these rescued women, many of whom were put into prostitution as young girls. Though the work is filled with disappointments, there have been several women and children rescued, who have also found new life in Christ and a purpose within the church body.

The Workshop is mostly for women who live in the city who desire to leave the streets on their power. Yet, it is not adequate for the higher-risk cases. The women's ministry has realized there is a great need for a more secluded home for drug-addicted women, crises cases, and teenage girls rescued from forced prostitution in other parts of the country.

This January we received news that the construction of this crisis home will be 100% funded! We break ground for this home to be located on Visionland (46 acres of ministry property) in early May! Please pray as we look for personnel to work in this new home and additional funding to help with the infrastructure leading to the home (road work, electricity, etc.). Another way you can help is by hosting a Mercy Jewelry party at a ladies event at your church. These parties fund the women's rescue ministry and offer jewelry pieces made by rescued women.

As you pray for Allison, also pray for her continued wisdom, strength, and clarity as she works with The Palms to minister to families in San Pedro. She has had the opportunity to step back from the administration in the school and take a part-time counseling position at The Palms. This allows her to counsel children and their parents in the many challenges that face families today and allows her more time for her women's ministries.

In other news, Gary has stepped back into helping the baseball ministry. The league currently ministers to nearly 150 players and there was a need for a revamping of the structure. Gary agreed to coach a team of 9-11 year olds. This allows him an opportunity to teach and build relationships with children and parents. Continue to pray for these unique opportunities.

Our couples' small groups have grown to four. Two of these new ones came out of our group from last year. The two men leading them were both discipled by Gary. While we are leading our own young couples' group, we are also lending help to one of these new groups. Continue to pray for the growth of the couples ministry, both in number and spiritual character. We are excited that there are two more men waiting in the wings to start groups, one of these also discipled by Gary. We hope within the next year they will be able to launch groups. It is also exciting to see the fruit of discipleship!

On Sunday nights, Gary has been preaching on the "furniture" of the Tabernacle. This has been an insightful study that has helped our church understand the connection of the Tabernacle to Jesus and to our faith. It has been exciting to study and discuss during the midweek Bible studies and to listen to a new group leader confidently and accurately reteach in his study! This weekend we will study the veil and its significance.

Lastly, we still have a couple of dates (May 3, 6 and possibly 13) open to share an update about our ministry. We are flying in to be part of the wedding of Gary's mother and will be in for a couple of weeks. We understand services are hard to give up – we'd also be willing to meet informally at a home, church, restaurant, or about anywhere to just share what God has done, is doing and we believe will do! Write us at g.hale@dbmi.org if you'd like to connect in person while we are in!

Living the vision,

Gary Hale

Ps. Have you thought of bringing your church group to work in the vision? Contact us for details!