



From Pastor Jim's
Desk

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Dear Freedom House Friends,

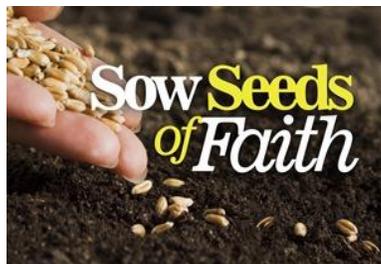
The daffodils are up and blooming here on campus which is always a good sign, heralding the coming of Spring. Our team of students and staff are growing with several new young men entering the doors for help. You may not realize how many of our men are in fact homeless when they enter FHM. I would say that two-thirds of our student population fit that description. To me, this step for help is one of the most positive and truly encouraging one they can make to really turn their lives around. As we see the growing size and scope of the homeless camps and the challenges which our community politicians and leaders face, the familiar boiler plate statement for this ministry effort resounds with truth. "... **if you change a man's heart, you change his future**...! Personally I have the privilege of seeing this in action day after day. Praise the Lord! He alone can change the human heart in such a profound way. We thank the Lord as well for those of you who help us make this opportunity available through your charitable giving and volunteer efforts. Bless you all!!!



A couple of recent donations have helped us to pay down an additional 10% on our mortgage balance. The new total balance due is close to \$335,000. A hearty thank you to these friends for such an encouraging and generous act. My reading of Hebrews 11:1 declares... "*Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*". I am prayerfully asking the Lord to help us pay this remaining balance off, trusting that He will make a way over the course of this year. We have earnestly endeavored to be good stewards all the way through these now 15 years of service to diligently keep the bills paid and not carry debt. And by His grace, we have seen His help to meet challenges and provide so faithfully to keep us operating free and clear, having turned no one away for lack of funds. This alone is a miracle of His doing and is marvelous in our eyes. Our support is primarily individuals and for the most part, people of modest means; faithful brothers and sisters who believe as we that "Jesus is the answer to the drug problem." In faith, I can see a "mortgage burning" at a BBQ event right here on campus in our future. What a great flavor that would give to the meat! HA! Can you now see it... through your eyes of faith?



With that in mind, would you join your faith to ours in asking the Lord for His help and wherewithal to bring this miracle to pass? To be completely debt free and secure with all property paid... we may begin anew to turn our hearts and faith towards the idea of laying the groundwork for a "**Freedom House for Women**", somewhere close by. As the old adage goes, "*If you aim at nothing, you are sure to hit it*". I don't want to begin to just coast, but rather to stay active and stir my heart to continue to stretch and grow in both faith and purpose. As this FHM experience has so often proven, Our Lord is glorified both in and through the transformed lives of broken captives set free.



This month's newsletter is a bit of a departure from our usual style and format but spring time is when you put fresh seeds into the ground and begin to plan on and work hard towards a harvest. With God's blessing and help we will see His purpose blossom. Perhaps, you may have some thoughts or prayerful comments. Please share your heart. Above all, may we agree in prayer for His Kingdom purpose to come and His will to be done! There is much to do and time is short! You are loved and a great part of this ongoing miracle. PTL!

Looking towards a Harvest,

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim Cottrell
Exec Director

You Can Make a Difference!

Here are a few ways you can consider helping Freedom House:

- ❖ Choose Freedom House as your charity of choice for the Fred Meyers rewards program.
- ❖ Choose Freedom House as your charity of choice on AmazonSmile at Smile.Amazon.com.
- ❖ Employee Matching Gift and/or United Way campaign.
- ❖ Contribute towards the 2020 FH Project Fund.

Through the help of the caring Christian community, FHM has endeavored to never turn anyone away for lack of funds.

Helping those who desire freedom from addictions and life-controlling problems.