

# SHARING THE SHEPHERD

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## TWO YEARS AND COUNTING

Shepherd House Ministries was two years old this August. I really never imagined that a dream/vision, whatever you want to call it, that the Lord gave to me back in 1992/93 would really ever come to pass. But why should I have doubted? His word tells us that if we delight ourselves in the LORD he will give us the desires of our heart. Commit our way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this. Psalm 37:4&5 It doesn't say, he "might" give us the desires of our heart. It says he "will" give

us the desires of our heart. I guess maybe I needed to first discover what it means to "delight yourself in the LORD".

God is good, and his timing is perfect. The vision of Shepherd House Ministries was shared with a group of women at church in the summer of 2006, and since that time I am just trying to keep up with the Lord. Since August of 2006 SHM was incorporated, has an active and skilled Board of Directors, and in December of 2007 we

received our 501(c)3 for non-profit status; in record time.

**It is clear that the Lord is in this.**

From the beginning we have prayed that the Lord would **hand pick** the people that he wants to be a part of SHM. It never ceases to amaze me the people he continues to bring across my path to serve him, in some capacity, at Shepherd House Ministries. May there be many more years ahead; **Lord willing.**

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## Getting Our Ducks in a Row

One of the hardest things for me to learn is patience. I remember a friend telling me to never pray for patience because I would end up in a trial. Trial or no trial, we live in a society of fast food, drive through coffee shops and pharmacies.

Now with the internet availability on our cell phones, most of us are doing business in the car while we drive. I believe we call it "multi-tasking". Because of the success of network marketing/direct sales, most of us have a full time job and

probably a couple of part time jobs as well. We keep ourselves so busy, and we want what we want when we want it, now, no waiting.

So, for me, waiting for everything to fall into place for

### Special points of interest:

- It is clear that the Lord is in this.
- She said yes.
- Rome wasn't Built in a Day.
- Just \$10.00.

# TAKING SHM TO THE STREETS

Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to join a team of inner-city missionaries to go to the streets of North Minneapolis to minister and witness the love of Jesus Christ to the prostitutes of that dark neighborhood. When I say neighborhood it is because that is where the prostitutes “work”; in and around the residential neighborhoods.

We spoke with a woman working on one street corner, and directly across the street was a family out on their patio spending time with their children. By the grace of God we can't comprehend living in a neighborhood like this. This woman, when I looked into her eyes, had a look of death, the death of her spirit.

I know because I was once there. She was empty and lost; **she had no hope.** We told her that Jesus loves her and that he wants her to come to him. We gave her a care package (A gift bag with some tracks, information on re-



GO AND SIN NO MORE

sources in the area, a bottle of water, deodorant, lotion, chap stick and a hot “double cheese-burger”), took her name and asked her if we could pray for her. **She said yes. Please pray for Michelle.** It is my desire to build relationships with the women of the streets of Minneapolis. My hope and prayer is that they will learn to trust me, and that the day will come when I can bring some of these women, and their children, home with me to live and find hope at Shepherd House Ministries.

*“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.*

*Matthew 9:12*



## CONTINUED

Shepherd House Ministries tends to make me a little crazy. The real issue is that I haven't a clue what all needs to be done before the doors can actually open and we are ready to take in residents. It is especially hard when I get phone, calls on a regular basis, from girls/women or the mothers of young girls, looking for immediate help. At this point all I can do is pray with them, offer them some free counsel, and give them some referral phone numbers of a **few** like minded ministries. Unfortunately the ministry resources are **very few.** Most of the residences are small and so they are full, and have no openings in sight. There is a maternity home in St.

Cloud that has license for 15 girls and their babies, and in one years time they received 136 requests for service, but could only help 19 girls. These numbers are devastating. What is even more disturbing is that these are all girls dealing strictly with unplanned pregnancy. These numbers don't count for those struggling with issues of abuse, self harm, eating disorders, addictions, prostitution, depression or any of the other issues that seem to stop us from

being the person and/or parent that God would have us to be.

Because of the sense of urgency, it just seems like things aren't progressing fast enough.

I have been involved in training sessions offered by the Initiative Foundation, and the last few have brought me much comfort and peace that not only are things moving along, but they are actually progressing pretty quickly.

At one session, How to have a Healthy Organization, they stressed that **“Rome wasn't built in a day”.** That's all well and good, but there are women and children in desperate situations, and we are unable to effectively help them.

At another session, they pointed out that Capital Campaigns generally take five to seven years.

We are currently putting together a

Program Committee. On Thursday October 9th, I will meet with the Program Director of Vision of Hope in Lafayette, Indiana. This ministry is the closest to Shepherd House Ministries we have heard of. We also have a Business Plan being written. This is huge. I have been approached by Christian Businesses that have Corporate Giving Programs, and are interested in donating to Shepherd

House Ministries. I guess I just need to remember that **God is in control,** and his timing is **perfect.**



picture or graphic.

# \$ Raising Money \$ It's An Ugly Job, But Someone's Got To Do It

I know that we all get tired of people asking for money. All the letters that come in the mail from this organization and that organization; **tired of it all.** Especially with the current condition of our economy, it just seems like there is not an **extra** dollar anywhere. Actually, that is all we are asking for, a few dollars here and there.

**And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:19



How much is a cup of coffee at Starbucks; **\$5.00?** And how many times a week do we go through the drive through on the way to work or church; **several?**

If you would give up two cups of coffee, or whatever your "thing" is, just **\$10.00,** you could help support Shepherd House Ministries and bring hope to a hurting family. **Just \$10.00 a month!**

## PASSPORT TO GIVING



Did you know that you can **support Shepherd House Ministries** just by doing what you normally do? Passport to giving is an exciting and unique way to bless non-profit ministries like us.

If you are traveling, renting a car or hotel, sending flowers or gift packages, need minutes for your

cell phone, want a golf tee time, are going to a concert, want a cruise or tour package and much much more, you can get it all done by going to our travel web site.

The prices are the same as Cheap Tickets, Travelocity, Orbitz and the like. The only thing different is that Shepherd House Ministries gets the royalties instead of the travel agent.

Will you please consider blessing us by using our web site for your future recreation needs?

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## PROSTITUTION—Coming to a neighborhood near you

As I returned home from my time ministering in North Minneapolis I was so broken over the things I saw that I began sharing them with my circle of believing friends. I was shocked and left speechless, only for a second, to hear from a few different people

that we actually have prostitutes right here in Cambridge/Isanti.

**WHAT?**

How can this be?



Is this really what we have to look forward to, prostitutes on the corner of our neighborhoods while we sit on our patio, trying to enjoy an evening with our family? **What are we going to do about it?**

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**Shepherd House Ministries**, founded in 2006, is a residential and out-patient, "Christ Centered" program designed to help girls and women deal with issues of abuse, depression, self-harm, addictions and eating disorders.

**Shepherd House Ministries** is a discipleship program to assist girls and women in crisis situations to make major life changes toward achieving independence and well-being by applying Biblical principles, enhancing social

### *Please Pray For Shepherd House Ministries*

**Shepherd House Ministries** is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded primarily on donations. We are committed to **not** taking any Government funds that will prohibit us from speaking the name of Jesus Christ.

Please pray and consider how you can partner with us in this ministry.



**"Rejoice with me;  
I have found my  
lost sheep"  
Luke 15:6**

Please return this panel with your check:

- Yes, I want to help with a pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month.**
- Yes, I want to help with a one time gift of :**
  - \$50     \$100
  - \$500     \$1,000
  - Other \$\_\_\_\_\_**

Please make check or money order payable to: Shepherd House Ministries.

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- I would like to be contacted with more information.
- I am interested in volunteering.
- Our business or organization would like to have a presentation on Shepherd House Ministries.