

December 2, 2006

Dear GEBC Family,

At Glen Ellyn Bible Church we have been blessed in many ways. One of those blessings is the financial generosity you have shown throughout the year in supporting GEBC's ministries, and your generosity has put us in a position at year-end to think big. Over the past few years we have taken the opportunity at the end of each year to "invest" in our church's property and plan for the future by making some needed repairs to the building. This year, we are going to ask you to invest in a different way, a way that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of several young women in DuPage County.

More than 1,000 individuals between the ages of 16 and 25 are homeless in DuPage County. Included in this group are both single young women, as well as single mothers, and in most cases these women became homeless after years of disruption and turmoil in their nuclear family. Outreach Community Ministries (OCM), located in Wheaton is a Christian mission agency focused on making a difference in the lives of these women. Their mission statement is: Restoring Hope & Providing Opportunity, and much of their effort is aimed at enabling local churches to put faith into action by partnering with them.

One of OCM's most effective ministries for homeless women is the care provided through a group foster care home. The problem is the foster home is in disrepair and must be completely rebuilt. The new facility has been named "Hawthorne House" and will be located on Hawthorne Boulevard in Wheaton. The project is ambitious - construct a new, custom-designed home with mostly donated labor and materials. They have a great jump on the donated labor, but they still have one major barrier, the money needed to buy materials. They estimate a need of \$150,000 to complete the project.

Here is where Glen Ellyn Bible Church can make a difference. In a desire to partner with OCM, the elders at GEBC have decided to donate all financial gifts, above our full year expenses to the Hawthorne House project. Our goal is to be the lead sponsor and donate \$75,000 to this project. In order to meet our expenses in 2006 and donate \$75,000 to this project, we will need \$225,000 over the next five weeks.

One of the primary activities in GEBC's "Disciple Making Target" is *Sending Out Disciples*, and we believe that the Hawthorne House project matches well with our desire to send out disciples who will pursue the lost intentionally and love others selflessly. We urge you to give sacrificially toward this goal.

Additionally, we are looking to donate time and talent, both professional and lay volunteers to this project. If you are interested in donating your time and talents, please contact David Hornok, pastor of outreach and assimilation (dhornok@gebible.org) and he will help you find a place of service.

Let's look to reach our goal of \$225,000 in 2006 and make an investment in our community and ultimately, a substantial and eternal difference in the lives of these young women. Please pray with and for us as we continue to listen to the Lord's leading and make a difference for the less fortunate in our community.

Sincerely,

The Elders of GEBC

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