

CBM Gives to Local Pastor with Big Heart and Clear Vision

This year, instead of spending money on Christmas cards, a local company decided to support a local cause. CBM, Inc., a Manufacturers' Representative located in Raytown, MO heard about a local pastor with a vision. Pastor John Wiley of the River Christian Fellowship Church bought the Park Lane Hospital that has been vacant for ten years with the idea that one day it would house local families stuck in a cycle of struggle.

CBM, celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, had been spending money on sending Christmas cards each year to customers and associates. With the idea of using that money for a good cause, emails spreading the holiday message have taken the place of a mailed card. Each year, CBM uses the card money to support a local organization. This year, that organization is "River of Refuge."

River of Refuge started with the thought of helping local families living in one room, pay-by-the-week motel rooms. While the families have jobs and the children attend school, there are many families that have fallen on hard times with nowhere else to go. The idea of River of Refuge is to help those families who use all of their money to keep a roof over their head to break free of the cycle. By housing families with a work-for-rent policy, counseling the tenants to help them develop financial freedom forever, and giving families hope again, John Wiley will give people their lives back.

After visiting Park Lane Hospital with John Wiley, CBM made a commitment to support the "River of Refuge." The hospital does not look like much now, but Pastor John paints the pictures as you walk through the halls. He has a clear vision and a lot of faith. This is a good cause within the Kansas City community. The hospital, which is located on Raytown Road, has been vacant for ten years and is in severe need of renovation. Many local people and businesses have already stepped forward to donate their time, money, and resources. CBM gladly joins this charitable group with a donation presented to Pastor John Wiley on Friday, January 15 at the CBM office in Raytown.

<http://www.riverofrefuge.com/>