



**II Corinthians 5:18** – All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. – NIV

## The Curtain Opens on a New Year!

We hope that this newsletter finds you settled happily into the New Year. We here at TRH are eager with anticipation to see what this year holds for the future of The Restoration House. Already, we are experiencing an overflow of blessings that are bringing about excitement even in the midst of an incredibly busy schedule. Daniel and I want to say thank you for all you did for us in 2006, whether through prayer, service or financial giving. May the Lord watch over you and your families this year bringing you to a place where your cup is overflowing.



## Ministry in Partnership...A Time to Serve

On December 2, 2006 over 30 people representing multiple age groups from West Towne Christian Church and Farragut Christian Church came to TRH to serve in all kinds of ways. For us at TRH this day served as a beautiful representation of the body of Christ using all its gifts together. At one point in the afternoon the living room was full of preschool/elementary students making donor thank you cards, the kitchen was occupied with children making ornaments for donors, the upstairs apartment held high school and college students working on replacing cabinetry, outside the small house adults worked to construct a flower bed, while inside adults worked to replace the bathroom vanity and repair roof trusses. There is no possible way to express how grateful we are to those who gave of their time and energy to make this day of service possible. We are so grateful for all the families who came out to serve! Thank you WTCC and FCC for your partnership in ministry and your belief in the vision of TRH!

Here is a list of all the day's accomplishments:

- ✋ Cards and Ornaments constructed for TRH donors
- ✋ Constructing of flowerbed outside small house with bulbs planted
- ✋ Replacement of apartment kitchen cabinetry
- ✋ Repair of roof trusses in small house
- ✋ Replacement of burners in grill at the small house
- ✋ Replacement of bathroom vanity in small house
- ✋ General brush removal from roof of small house
- ✋ Cleaning of gutters
- ✋ Small house fence repaired



Decorating Ornaments



Making Cards



Heavy Lifting



New Cabinets



Working in the Flowerbed



Team Work

# Welcome Aboard...New Board Members Serving TRH!

The Restoration House is so excited to welcome three new members to its board of directors. We are pleased to welcome Crystal Clark, Craig Covert, and Jason Warden to the leadership team. We are privileged not only to know Crystal, Craig, and Jason but now to serve along side them. Here is a little about each of them.

Crystal Clark is the acting treasurer for The Restoration House of East Tennessee. She is an accountant for Kimberly Clark. Before working at Kimberly Clark she was an accountant for Alcoa Aluminum. Crystal brings not only her accounting experience, but also a great willingness to serve and a passion for ministry.

Currently, Craig Covert serves as the chairman of the board for West Towne Christian Church. He works for Alcoa Aluminum in leadership development, communications, and special projects. Craig previously served on the boards of Habitat for Humanity and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Craig and his wife Rhonda already serve as great mentors for a single mother in our area. Craig's compassionate heart and outgoing spirited personality bring much to the TRH leadership team.

Jason P. Warden, Senior Pastor at Farragut Christian Church, holds a Master of Arts in New Testament Research from Johnson Bible College. Jason has served at FCC since 1998, first as Associate Minister of Youth and more recently (since 2003) as Senior Pastor. Since becoming Senior Pastor, Jason has led FCC outside of its walls through becoming a part of the Compassion Coalition and helping to develop and promote various ministries and events in the community through FCC such as the Prom of the Stars (a prom for adults with special needs). He serves individually with Mobile Meals and coaches various sports teams in the community. His proudest development is his family; wife, Shannon; son, Gabe; and daughter, Ainsley. Jason's love for people and desire for the church to realize its mission on earth is what fuel his passion for supporting local outreach ministry.

## “Expanding the Vision” Pine Bluff Apartments Update

As many of you know, God is continuing to show us his big dreams for TRH. As founders, we are trying our best to be obedient in every move that we make; with hopes that we are acting faithfully in alignment with God's plan. If you have not read our concept paper about the expanding vision it is available on our website at [www.therestorationhouse.net](http://www.therestorationhouse.net). Please feel free to email us with any questions you have; [mandy@therestorationhouse.net](mailto:mandy@therestorationhouse.net).

Daniel and I ask for your continuing prayers, especially this week, as God is building a network of community interest in The Restoration House. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and especially protection over the organization and our family during this time. God continues to do more than we could have ever imagined, just as he promised!



## Contact Us!

TRH is beginning to seek further support from businesses, civic organizations and churches. If you or your organization is interested in inviting TRH to conduct a ministry presentation please contact us at [mandy@therestorationhouse.net](mailto:mandy@therestorationhouse.net)



## Please Pray...

We have a very important court date Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, concerning Ava's adoption finalization. We urgently ask for your prayers concerning this matter. Please pray that the adoption is finalized without further complication.

Also please be in prayer concerning the Pine Bluff apartment site. We are confident that if God wants TRH to have this property then it will happen.



## Donation Reports...

If you gave financially to The Restoration House in 2006, you should be receiving a contribution report from Farragut Christian Church that you can use to take a tax deduction within the next couple of weeks.



Bridge of Hope has twenty years of experience leading single mothers toward self sufficiency through supportive housing and mentoring. Currently they have eight affiliate programs in the eastern United States. TRH is praying about the possibility of becoming an affiliate. This partnership could open many doors for The Restoration House, as well as provide a network of other professionals with the same passion for single mothers and their children. We will keep you up to date concerning this matter. For more information see [www.bridgeofhopeinc.org](http://www.bridgeofhopeinc.org)

