

# Because of HIS Life

## From the Desk of Dr. Staples



Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will never die". What a hope that we have in Jesus! During this resurrection season when so many believers of various

traditions of the Christian Faith celebrate his death and resurrection we have the comforting knowledge that His life and death has made all the difference in our lives. Through Him, we have peace, joy, the forgiveness of sin, cleansing, healing, the renewing of our minds and hearts and a transformation. We are no longer bound by sin or the past but have a new life in Christ and one that is better. It is a hope and a reality that we celebrate and seek to live out daily. Through God's grace we are strengthened as we seek to fulfill His purpose in our lives. May I encourage you during this season to share his love and peace with those around you.

Anchor House continues in our mission of reaching out to boys facing challenging circumstances in their lives. Some of these boys are struggling with backgrounds of violence, with substance issues, homelessness, poverty, educational needs, grief and loss of family.

Jesus continues to be a source of encouragement to these boys. Several of our boys are making enquiries about the Lord and many of them ask good questions in our chapel and devotion services.

### Spiritual Director to be Announced in April

Anchor House has been prayerfully and carefully interviewing candidates from all over the country to come in and serve as our Chaplain/Program Director, the position that Marc Rivera held for so many years but was previously titled Spiritual Director. We felt that the name change was more fitting to the role. We anticipate having our new chaplain and program director in place in April. We are so excited about the high level of competent, skilled and experienced pastors that have come forward expressing interest in serving our boys.

### Needs for Upcoming Work Projects

- **Sod, Fertilizer, Seed and other gardening materials.**
- **Freezer: Money Donation or a freezer in excellent working order.**

## Update on Boy's Activities

These days the boys have been able to do many different activities. They have enjoyed getting together with the youth at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays, attending Cleveland Indian's baseball games courtesy of Dr.Pfeil, watching the Harlem Globetrotters, attending pancake breakfast and playing in various baseball leagues. Thanks to all who help us by sponsoring events. Maybe you or your church or group would consider sponsoring a child or an event?

## Special Thanks

**St. Marks Episcopal Church**  
Pancake Breakfast

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Youth Lock-in Weekend

**Marjorie R. Roby Charitable Fund**

**Enice Fuller Family Foundation**

**Three of our boys graduated from our program in February and March. Two were reconciled in a family setting and one graduated through the Independent Living Program.**



Praying for two brothers who graduated



Last shot of Joseph before leaving Anchor House

## Rewards System For Big Screen TV

With the opening of our new residence hall we do not have a television for the boys to watch. Because we do not have the funds to provide this, we thought that we may be able to come to you with an idea. We would like to introduce a special rewards system for our boys that would require them to above and beyond the duty of completing their chores and homework. We believe that this will instill in them a work ethic that will require them to work for what they receive. We fear that simply providing the boys with this gift would lead to them expecting hand-outs in the future. They will have a visual chart in the residence hall that will continue to be filled in as they earn their points. Once the chart has been completed they will receive this gift for their hard work. This is where we need your help. In order to provide this, we need specific donations. If you would like to help us in this effort, please write on your check "plasma" . We truly believe that this activity will encourage the boys to succeed in their work and appreciate the result or their hard work. The boys will be allotted points for completing special projects around the grounds.



## Upcoming Events

**Work Team Project**

**Teen Summit**

**Cleveland Indians  
Baseball Games**

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