



Dear Friends of Good News Gang,

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Since 1989, the passion of Good News Gang has never changed: to lift up Jesus, win souls, raise up champions for the Kingdom of God, and destroy the work of the Devil in Detroit. Countless lives have been radically transformed by the love of Christ flowing through the army of believers who have devoted themselves to the Good News Gang mission field.

The history of Good News Gang is filled with huge steps of faith, along with miracles of God meeting need after need. We are currently at a cross roads in our ministry. We are praying and believing for miracles regarding the future of our ministry.

In March of 2014 we took a step of faith by moving into our current location at 4801 Oakman Blvd. From late 2012 to early 2014 we negotiated on the final building price of \$250,000, down from \$500,000. Five years later, our final payoff of approximately \$180,000 is due in March 2019. Currently, we have \$30,000 set aside for the payoff. These funds have been provided by many generous friends of Good News Gang, including those who sponsored a golf fundraiser this past summer, providing just over \$10,000.

We believe the Lord has provided a plan of action for this final payment. We believe He is asking as many people as possible, from the Christian community and beyond, to partner with us. **Between now and March 1st (just over 75 days from now), if 300 individuals give a sacrificial financial gift of \$500, the goal of paying off the property will be reached! Our target is to raise \$150,000.** Your financial gift in any amount will help us reach this goal. Ways of giving are listed at the close of this letter.

We have the examples of Abraham, Noah and Joseph who trusted God. George Muller, William Tyndale, Charles Spurgeon, Charles Mully and many others sought God and trusted Him to meet their needs. **We are also seeking God and trusting Him to meet our need.** We are believing that a community of believers will rally behind us to see the miracle of raising the remaining \$150,000.

We are in a spiritual war as our "adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (I Peter 5:8). It is the devil's goal to shut us and ministries like ours down. Our stories are endless of the number of barriers we have had to overcome -- just to remain in Detroit. Our current building has been such a blessing to Good News Gang over the past five years.

Most of the children we serve live in hell like conditions. They are surrounded by verbal and sexual abuse, drugs, crime, depression, hopelessness, fear, are unloved, etc. **Good News Gang is the extension of God's love where these precious children learn about and experience the hope of Jesus.**

This past spring the 700 Club/CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network) shared our ministry with their viewers. We are extremely thankful for the time and support CBN spent to share the work of Good News Gang with their viewers. After hearing about us on CBN, Bayshore Christian School of Tampa, Florida contacted us. Bayshore brought a mission team of high school students to spend an entire week with us. They wanted to experience what we do and how we do it. The Bayshore mission team stayed in our building. It was a joy having them. A generous friend of Good News Gang purchased 27 cots for them to sleep on at night. **You can view the [CBN story](#) about Good News Gang on CBN's website, [our website](#) or [facebook page](#).**

In order to transform cities, you must reach the children and sharing the love of Christ with them day in and day out -- In their homes, praying with their families, knocking on doors, walking the neighborhoods, picking them up, bringing them to a building to hear the gospel week after week after week. Many of today's Good New Gang leaders were once the children we picked up twenty to twenty-five years ago.

As much as the Lord continues to provide for our monthly budget, we are full of faith that He will also provide supernaturally for us to bring a community of believers together to pay off the balance of our property. ***But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6***

How can you help Good News Gang reach the goal of paying off the building by March 1st?

Please prayerfully partner with us by giving a sacrificial gift of \$500 or any amount.

You can do this by: (Please mention: Building Payoff)

- Using PayPal or credit card on our website at GoodNewGang.org/why-give
- Mailing a check to: Good News Gang, PO Box 10148, Detroit, MI 48210

Please share our need with everyone you know. Share our story with others on facebook or with a copy of this letter. This letter is available on our website [giving page](#) or let us know if you would like additional copies by emailing us at info@goodnewsgang.org. We will keep you informed of our progress in raising the needed \$150,000 to paying off our building. **We do not want to lose our building. We want to continue reaching children for Christ for the next 30 years.**

Thank you for your partnership by investing in the lives of precious children in Detroit.

Rescuing a generation,



Matthew Cripps

*For 2018 donations, your tax-exempt receipt will be mailed by February 1, 2019.

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