



As a Christian Business women and owner of E.G. Tax, I have much to thank the Lord about. My husband Bill Birchmeier and I have been long time partners with “Grace House” going all the way back to Terry’s conversion. We knew Rev. Terry and his wife Sheryl well before “Grace House” became a reality as funding partners of their ministry.

As a Tax Accountant and someone sensitive to the importance of filing timely financial reports, audited statements and the sundries of regulatory reports required for a not-for-profit, we have witnessed the dedication of Saving Grace Ministries Inc. to Christian principles of accountability that guide this ministry. As a supporter of this ministry work we are comforted to know that the financial and donated resources are used wisely, accounted for and invested to bring meaningful change in human lives and spirits.

E.G. Tax is a company based on biblical principles having grown from 1 office in 1990 to 35 offices throughout Western N.Y. ,Florida, Nevada, Arizona, Michigan and N.Y.C. Both Bill and I praise God for our partnership with this ministry and give all the glory to God.

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Grace Notes

"If the Son sets you free you will be free indeed" John 8:36



Believe

"All things are possible if you believe."

Mark 9:23



Larry Blakely, Melvin Taylor, Pat Bishop, Rev. King, Rev. Munson, Marlene Mura

Seasons Greetings

We want to thank you for your gift of prayer, support and thoughtful gifts through out the year. It's because of you that we are here to serve.

The Staff of Saving Grace Ministries, Inc.

Buffalo, N.Y.

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Visit Our Updated Website
www.sgmworld.org

We have recently added new links for families, community agencies, churches, and donors, to get more detailed information about our program policies and guidelines. The website also contains a list of our Board of Directors, and our newsletter. This has been especially useful for families and government agencies to have access to detailed information in an expeditious fashion.



A “Word from the Director”

Rev. Terry King

As the year winds down and another begins, plans are being made for new projects, expansion, and regional development of “Grace House” in other cities. I can’t help but reflect upon the year and the overwhelming accomplishments God has allowed.

Saving Grace Ministries, Inc. began in 1999 from a simple, yet vital vision. Today “Grace House” Buffalo, New York, stands as a testimony of faith that the church in partnership with government, business and private donors can change lives and impact our nation.

I would like to share several milestones reached this year: The completion of an additional ten beds providing a total facility capacity of twenty residents. Rebuilt, renovated entire roof system, second floor bathrooms, completed resident kitchen, rebuilt and installed energy efficient boiler controls, installed digital door security system, infrared television cameras with remote sight control and recording capability, installed “state of the art” computers, server, pc’s and provided for net work accessing Erie, Utica and expansion cities, Installed color high volume printing and high volume copier equipment linked to the network. Upgraded phone system, installed pay telephones and linkage to accommodate ankle monitoring (GPS) equipment. The ministry continues to receive Medicaid shelter reimbursements and establish an ongoing relationship with Erie County DSS for qualifying residents We have secured reimbursements for State “voucher” payments to case-manage, shelter, and provided services to intense, high profile parole cases as defined by the NYDOP, approved for federal HUD Emergency Shelter Payments by the City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning and through the grace of God was awarded a State contract with the New York State Division of Parole to provide specific contractual services to the Division of Parole providing emergency shelter, housing and treatment plans. Additionally, the financial support affords the hiring of appropriate qualified staffing, training for mentors and volunteers, engaging and solidifying relationships with community stakeholders in an effort to improve services to residents and assure each parolee is afforded equal opportunity to succeed in transition if they choose to. While the infrastructure accomplishments are overwhelming, the community and government support and contractual developments assure both long term technical and financial viability of our ministry and ensure delivery of vital services to our clients.

Meanwhile, administrating this expansion and rapid growth has not been without challenge. I am grateful for the support and the new staff members. Later this year we will unveil an employee manual addressing employee policy and conduct. We have begun employee performance reviews, training and in-house processes to assure best practices are in place in program delivery and program services.

As I have often stated during the last month, this simply wasn’t a milestone year...**It is a watershed year.** A year in which the ministry simply didn’t expand but grew in such a way that established a firm program foundation, received cash flow to meet the expenses, remained focused on how to improve services, touch the parolee life and assure each client was introduced, equipped and readied to enter life a free man, spiritual, emotionally and physically. Some grab the opportunity, some do not, but the joy for us is that most do grab hold of the opportunity and leave “Grace House” new men in Christ.

Turning to 2006 and beyond, I understand why we do this, it is a mandate to serve.

(Acts 26:16) But get up and stand on your feet. For I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and a witness of things you have seen, and of things in which I will appear to you.

Having experienced the pain of the past, overcoming, and living a life of Christ I am reminded it is this very purpose that God set before me was to take my life experiences, teachings and gifts and use them to serve others as only He can orchestrate.

I cannot do this alone. The integrity of this ministry rests upon the stewardship of the Ministry Board of Directors. They are faithful men and women who have guided, challenged, investigated, agreed, prayed, discerned and engaged God to build this foundation. This tangible organizational body assures accountability, encourages discipline and corporate structure. It is the corporate ministry integrity that allows for government contracts to be awarded, federal and state agencies to recognize the program impact and assures corporate ministry compliance. Though it requires hard work, a dedicated staff, far too many reports to maintain and file, numerous quarterly and annual reports, it remains a comforting place to know God is in control and the Overseer of what we are called to do.

Let us rest entering 2006 knowing that a firm foundation is established providing opportunity for lives to be changed, families restored, our community safer and God’s kingdom expanded.

Blessings to you all this Christmas Season,

Rev. Terry King, Executive Director

Ministry Moments *A Resident's Perspective*

Months before I was released, I sought assistance from almost every available agency, program, service or charitable organization. I knew that after two decades of prison life my transition to the streets would not be easy. One organization answered the call, Saving Grace.

The anticipated hardships of transitioning from prison to the streets have not materialized. What I found instead was a place where I have been fully supported in my needs. The basics, food, clothing and a clean place to live. Yet there was much more. I found help through the maze of social services, parole mandated programs, getting medical care and getting reoriented with how to live again on the streets. The first few months for any parolee are filled with appointments, and responsibilities that cannot be neglected. That's been my job so far to get my life re-established. Surely I would not be accomplishing these things from the county shelter system. With the help I've found at Saving Grace, my transition has been eased so much that at times I've felt I never left the streets. It's been amazing.

Now that I've addressed my parole programming, taken care of all my medical and dental needs and mastered the public transportation system, I'm applying for law school. There's a whole big world out there and the only limit to success is myself. Doing twenty years straight in prison is a lot of work, and I intend not to let that go to waste. If any parolee is as serious as I am about rebuilding their lives, Saving Grace will afford them the best chance at doing that.

Thank God for Saving Grace.

Dan

On this rock I will build my church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it



Rev. King shares in Oneonta N.Y.

Rev. Terry shared the vision of Grace House at the Otsego County Jail Ministry Association Breakfast in October 2005. Rev. Aswad, Senator Seward, and Sheriff Mundy all support the project and hope to see it come to fruition in their county.

Rev. King continues to travel to Erie Pa., Rochester, Albany, Utica/Rome and where ever else God will allow the door to this ministry opportunity to flourish.

We wish You and Yours a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year



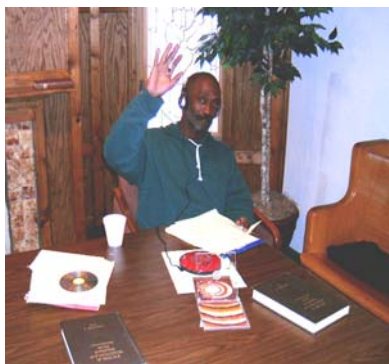
United Way Day of Caring August 2005



In August 2005, the women from The Veteran's Administration Medical Center came to paint at "Grace House". They painted the perimeter fence and foundation around "Grace House".



Getting ready for Christmas at "Grace House"



Preparing for life ahead.

"The Staff Grows" at "Grace House" Buffalo, NY

2005 represented a year in which we served over 70 residents, families and referrals requiring numerous services, assistance, counseling and mentoring. We are grateful to report that God provided in His time qualified staffing to join us in this work.

Assistant Executive Director -



Rev. Melvin Taylor joined SGM in November 2005. Rev. Taylor is a ministry leader at Bethesda World Harvest Church in Buffalo, having served as church administrator. Rev. Taylor was previously Field representative for Promise Keepers, Assistant Director of the Buffalo Christian Center and Director of Fearless Faith Ministries.

Having worked in the secular world and currently is heeding a call of God. Having overcome a life of abuse and addictive behavior, Rev. Taylor understands the joy, the freedom that comes with a surrendered life.

Facility Caretaker – Mentor

Larry Blakely experienced in men's fellowship accountability groups, overcoming addictions and a passion for details. Larry joins SGM with an extensive history in accounting and management.



Secretary –Pat Bishop began early summer of 2005 through the "Experience Now" work reentry program. Through the on- the- job training program it remains our mutual goal that Pat may become part of the staffing. She has brought her godly gifts, an understanding of the city life, willing to receive on the job training, while committed to reaching the hearts of the men. She oversees their schedules, program compliance while injecting humor and a flair that only she can deliver.



Teaching & Ministry – Rev. Kenneth "Rocky" Munson, Senior Pastor Mac Alpine Presbyterian Church for 35 yrs., panel member on "Ask the Pastor" TCT television, Chaplain, Boy Scouts of America ,Buffalo, N.Y. Board member of Urban Christian Ministries, Former Recreational Director of Goodwill Industries



Facility Caretaker II

Samuel L. Jackson is preparing to join SGM in early December 2005 as an assistant facility caretaker. We have waited patiently over three years for God to provide a mature man of God from the city of Buffalo to help mentor and disciple residents. Samuel is well respected within his church and offers years of experience having worked for an adult care facility previously.

Rev. Terry King
Executive Director



Second Kitchen Completion



Fall of 2005 the second kitchen was completed at "Grace House". We are grateful to the contributors for the financial and tangible resources, supplies and laborers for their dedication and support.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Thank you to the carpet installer in memory of Bob Kwaitek founder of the Men's Ware House.

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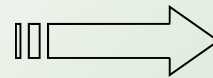
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"Moving Forward"

Rev. Terry King



Entering 2006, I am encouraged, excited, reminded that it is only for the sharing of the Gospel, the advancement of God's kingdom for the restoration of lives that we at Saving Grace Ministries do what we do.

We have witnessed nearly **200** residents be introduced to the gospel truths. Many have chosen to make their election sure and today lead new lives. Some hear, yet remain fixated on the ways of the world. However, today "Grace House" is rooted, secure and available to serve our community meeting the needs of the violent offenders, individuals with mental health or in need of special oversight in order to afford each returning parolee opportunity to become a free man.

God has strategically assembled His staff, His plan, His purpose in this work. Some people report to work, we report for Duty, serving Christ. Often it is frustrating seeing someone go back to prison, yet we show up if only for the one who states, who knows, that freedom can only be achieved through the surrender of it all to our Lord and Savior. For that is the reason we serve.

I share this in closing that you may know, that although we are excited for the growth, the expansion and the future plans God is laying out, it is only for the one sheep that he may return and be led by the good Shepard.

May God bless you and keep you this Christmas season as you reflect upon how you may reach beyond all that you know, and serve the Lord of Lords.

Merry Christmas and God Bless

Prayer Focus for 2006



Medical Center Expansion, after care housing for "Grace House" graduates, cities wanting to establish "Grace House" Lockport, Rochester, Utica, Oneonta, Erie Pa.