

ADULLAM HOUSE IS A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS.

“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who Kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all”

D ale Carnegie

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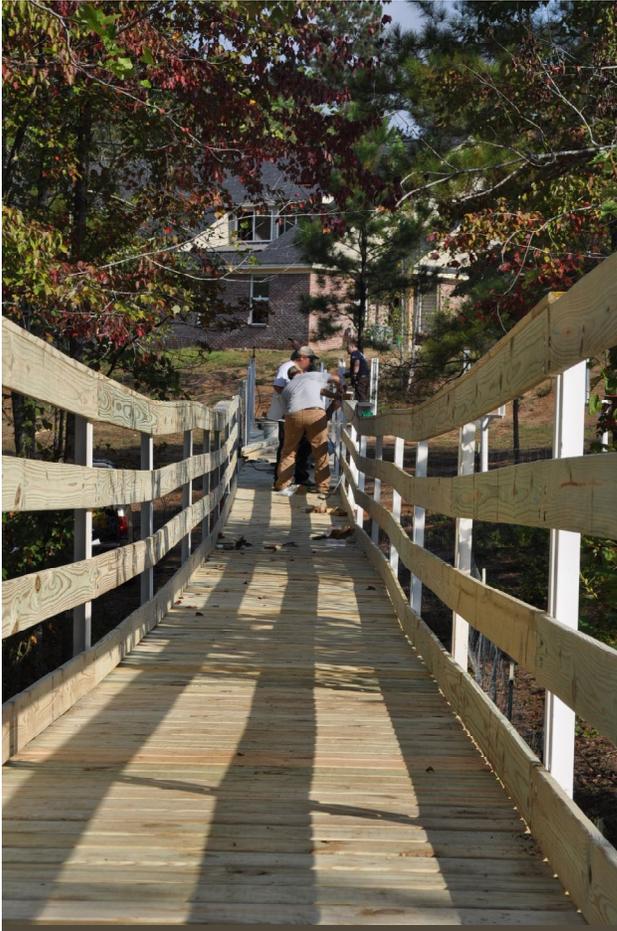
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These are the eyes that each-morning look into mine and remind me *how privileged we are* to be entrusted with their care. His mommy is soon to be released from prison. She plans to go to a halfway house. *It is full of other inmates—full of the same kind of depravity that fills our prisons.* It is the kind of atmosphere that corrodes the thinking and corrupts our society. I don’t want him to go there with her. *I sigh with relief when she chooses to leave him at Adullam House until she gets out.* She wants to hear about him praying for his mommy, doing well at school and getting all the dental work done that he has needed for so long. She wants to hear how excited he is about Christmas and that someone is tucking him into bed each night. *She wants the best for him—everything she didn’t have.*

From 1991 to 2007, the number of incarcerated mothers increased by **122%**. In 2007 some 1.7 million minor children had a parent in prison. ***One in 43 American children has a parent in prison.*** Children of incarcerated parents are more likely to drop out of school, engage in delinquency and subsequently be incarcerated themselves. **What an opportunity God has given us** to sow into these little lives during their most formative years. Thank you for your help in rescuing children.

The plaque reads: "This bridge was built for our children by the men of Bethel Pentecostal Church, LA, men of great heart, great spirit and much love."



Bethel Bridge (or Bridge to Terabithea), - whatever the kids decide to call it - has been a **big hit**. Each day tricycles and kiddie-cars rattle along at great speed. **Thank you to Brother Marty and all the men!**



Each year the men from Bethel come to bless our children. About 28 of them come and live on site for a week. For that week they work *tirelessly* at whatever task we assign. Last year we mentioned that we needed a walkway from the Main House to the New Dorm, never dreaming what they would design.

I have to say I was very worried when they arrived, armed with prefabricated wrought iron supports for "the bridge". We usually supply the materials, so as they began to order the lumber, my fears increased. Finally I called Josh aside. "You'll have to tell them we can't do this Josh," I confided. "It's huge!" I had previously planned to swallow the cost of any lumber on an account that we had with a local building supply store—but *not this much!* This was going to be thousands of dollars. We just couldn't do it! Our finances had been a great cause of concern now for couple of months. We just couldn't incur any debt. I hated it. I knew they had come to work, but I didn't know what else to do. Josh came back grinning from ear to ear about 30 minutes later. "I told them," he said. "And?" I asked nervously. "**They're going ahead,**" he said. "**They're just going to raise the money for the lumber when they get home!**" How can you say thank you to people like that? *There's just no way!*



Never a dull moment!



Somewhere in the middle of all these children is Brother Pete! This poor, ancient golf cart is used for transporting goods from one building to another but always seems to have to carry more than its' fair share. We would love to have a longer, *passenger friendly* and reliable cart to be able to show our many visitors around the property. If you know of anyone who may be willing to donate a cart (or help purchase one) please send them our way.

Our poor old golf cart will thank you!

Christmas will be here before we know it! Each year we rely on the kindness of those who care to provide for our children. If you are interested in helping our children this Christmas please call our office to see how you can help!



One suggestion for Christmas gifts this year is a "Land Shark" (a four-wheel Knee Board). These are a lot of fun for kids of all ages and we are hoping to provide all of our children with one. They are available at most good toy stores and any help with buying one or more of these would be greatly appreciated.



Surprise! At a recent gathering for Brother Pete's birthday, Jason Selman took everyone by surprise by proposing to little Ruthie Spackman - who just isn't so little any moreand of course— she did say yes!

And *very special thanks* this month to **Ms Phyllis Carnes** of Preferred Cleaning Service, who has been sending her staff twice a week, at no charge to Adullam House, to clean our big house—how can we repay that!!!! And others too numerous to mention who are a constant source of help to us, like Minuteman Press who print our newsletter for free, Gray's Tire who help greatly with our vehicles, Mr. Jerry Godwin, who always helps fix our computers for free, The Mane Idea who for years have taught our children to ride horses. Ms Joan Morbidelli who keeps us supplied with fresh fruit . We are so indebted to these kind people and *many others*.

Still praying for skilled men who can help finish our second building so that our little ones (Adullam House babies) will have a lovely nursery house. If your business or Church are able to help rough in plumbing, electrics, A/C and /or hang sheet rock—WE NEED YOU! And pictured below, are the Southern Crusader for Christ, who gave our children a wonderful day of Pizza, fun and revving motor cycle engines!



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So many lives depend on what we do!

For many years now people have been visiting Adullam House and saying -***"You are Wetumpka's best-kept secret!"*** Since we certainly don't need to be a secret, for the last few weeks, the children of Adullam House and our staff have been travelling and sharing about the miracles that God is doing here on a daily basis.

*Everywhere we go God has been blessing and touching lives and our children have loved making new friends. If you would like for the Adullam House children to come and bless your Church with their singing and their story, please call our office to schedule a meeting. **We would love to come and meet you and keep you up to date with the wonder of this most precious ministry to children of incarcerated parents.***



I had a Hand in Adullam House .

Needs List for the month of December 2010

- **X-Large Pull ups/adult diapers**
- **100% Baby Juice**
- **Household cleaners**
- **Laundry detergent**
- **Dishwasher detergent (powdered)**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Disposable paper products**
- **Barrettes and 'Bobbles' for girls' hair**
- **Body lotion**
- **"pink" or any moisturizer for afro hair**

Remember!
When buying office products at **Office Depot** you can now designate **Adullam House** as the School you would like to benefit from your purchase!

Adullam House admits children of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally made available. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its admission policies, educational policies, athletic and school-administered programs.

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