



ADULLAM HOUSE

RESCUING THE MOST VULNERABLE

“You have never really lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” -anon



2019—celebrating lives rescued!

Wow, how time flies! Looking over this old Adullam House photo, I realized that this year, the **25th anniversary year** of the ministry, three of these little guys pictured are *graduating!*

One is getting *married*; two are *turning sixteen*; two have just *turned eighteen*; three are dreaming of *soccer scholarships*; one is on staff in our *Nursery*; one is at *college*; one is training as a *manager in our thrift store*, another has saved to buy his *first truck*— and got it last week! **Every child in this picture** — is doing amazingly well. Every one of them is a success story! *It is a picture of changed lives*; lives affected by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The gloomy prognosis for the children of incarcerated parents has had *no effect* on these little ones who have been raised with much love and prayer.

- Rev. Peter Spackman (President)
- Mr. Brian Paterson (Vice President)
- Angela Spackman (C.O.O.)
- Rev. Johnny Jones
- Mrs. Gladys R. Watson
- Mr. Bob Messick
- Mrs. Naomi Hellums (Sec./Treas.)
- Mrs. Rachel Harborth
- Mark Morgan
- Tonya Prewett

Lots of exciting changes

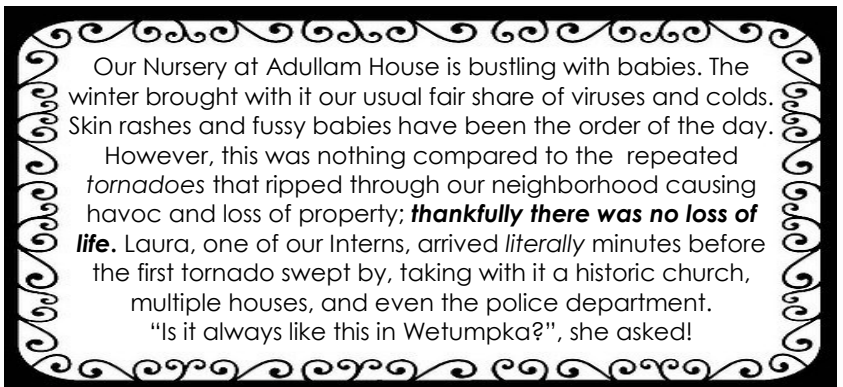
are taking place in this 25th anniversary year! The original (and mostly unknown) legal name under which Adullam House came into being, *New Convictions Outreach*, reflected the prison ministry that gave birth to the present work. That name has recently been changed to reflect the expansion of the work. **Adullam International Ministries (AIM)** is now the umbrella under which Adullam House, here in the USA, will continue its great work rescuing children at-risk. However, that name also reflects the fact that AIM is also reaching and caring for children overseas, in Moldova and Africa. These children are in desperate need of our help. How exciting to think that some of the young people we have raised here at Adullam House may now be used by God to minister to other kids overseas! **We plan to celebrate our 25th anniversary year with an open day on September 8th**



The first group to visit our new retreat! History in the making!

So excited to share this news with you!

Last year, as happens every summer, we were hunting for some accommodations near a beach, so that we could take about thirty children at a time on vacation. We even posted an ad in our Spring 2018 Newsletter asking if anyone knew of somewhere—but had no response. Little did we know that **God, as always, was silently planning for us.** Someone had seen the notice and brought it to the attention of a precious family who were looking to partner with a ministry to children. As a result, this year, we have been able to rent their family home on a monthly basis, **for only the cost of insurance and taxes!** The house is only about twenty-five minutes from the beach! It will cost less for us to rent this house for one year than it did to rent a beach house for one week. Who, but God, could do such things as these? This means we can take the children away at any time and even offer our staff a place for respite. God is sooo good! **Many, many thanks to the precious Messler family who have been so very, very kind to the children of Adullam House.**



Our Nursery at Adullam House is bustling with babies. The winter brought with it our usual fair share of viruses and colds. Skin rashes and fussy babies have been the order of the day.

However, this was nothing compared to the repeated tornadoes that ripped through our neighborhood causing havoc and loss of property; **thankfully there was no loss of life.** Laura, one of our Interns, arrived *literally* minutes before the first tornado swept by, taking with it a historic church, multiple houses, and even the police department.

"Is it always like this in Wetumpka?", she asked!

How Are We Making a Difference?



Before a trip we always wonder how many “goodies” for the kids we can fit into each suitcase. Converting European sizes to American sizes, we prayed that these shoes would fit each child perfectly when we got there —**and they did!**

Exchanging slippers and flip flops for tennis shoes! Nothing was more wonderful than putting shoes on the feet of these children in the orphanage in Moldova. Pete and Brian opened the suitcase of ‘treasures’, matching sizes to boys and girls who waited eagerly and patiently in line. They held on to them as though these Walmart tennis shoes had cost a million dollars!



Below: These beautiful little girls crowded around to get their pictures taken. In June, our AHCA Principal, Mrs. Harborth, her husband, and four children will be going to spend *three months* at the orphanage in Homa Bay, Kenya. They will help with **teacher training** at the school and will also be **creating files** on each of the 200 children on the compound. Pray for the medical professionals and teachers who will accompany them, to help with this huge undertaking.



Above: This little guy couldn't take his eyes off the incredible sight of **water bursting** from the ground as the orphanage well was drilled. Since then a damaged electrical transformer has held up the pump supplying the much needed water to the kids. Overcoming these hurdles is just one of the challenges of working in this impoverished country. **As always, we will continue to pray like everything depends on God and work like everything depends on us!**



Many hands make light work at Adullam House!

If there were a way we could list all of the people who have helped Adullam House since its inception, *it would take a million years!* Everything that has been done is the product of our precious partners working together! The playground (shown right) is a **complete miracle!** It began with one amazing young lady who chose to create a Facebook fundraiser for Adullam House for her birthday. *Sydney, age 19, raised over \$5,000 for our children. She was as excited as we were!* She and her mom had been volunteering at our Nursery for some time and had seen the need to create a play area for the little ones. As they brain-stormed over lunch with our Volunteer Coordinator, Hannah Powell, they came up with a plan. *They would use the money to purchase some new playground equipment and create an enclosed area where the toddlers could play!*



← Together they began to price fencing and mulch, borders and swing-sets. They needed someone to prep the site, and pull down the old dilapidated swings and overgrown bushes, that looked pretty sad to say the least. **As they began to get prices for each of these items it became apparent that they wouldn't have enough to do all that wanted to do.** We thought some of their dreams and plans would have to be scaled back, to say the least. **But then it happened!** As the workmen began to come to look at the job site, one by one, they began to offer services or materials for free.

Rubber mulch was donated!

Heavy duty borders were supplied!

Site preparation was done by a kind gentleman who couldn't believe that we were trying to do so much with so little!

Every day Hannah would share with the staff and children how God had provided once more. *She was becoming giddy with excitement as the project took on a life of its own.* Donated services and materials, meant that funds were freed up to get the swing set we needed and even a little see-saw. Sydney's friends and family showed up one day to clean up the yard surrounding the play area, making it brand new and inviting again. It is amazing! On Sunday, the 7th we "officially" opened our brand new playground. **Spectacular!** And all because one young lady gave.....

Needs List for April 2019

- ◆ As always: Paper Products (plates, cups, paper towels, napkins and toilet tissue)!
- ◆ Clorox wipes
- ◆ Baby Tylenol and Children's Tylenol
- ◆ Similac Advance baby formula
- ◆ bottled water
- ◆ Individually wrapped snack items
- ◆ Lots of Prayer for the many, many needs that Adullam House is meeting

When you give to Adullam House you are making miracles happen for children who would otherwise be without hope.

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.