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## MOBILE OUTREACH CENTER

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Look What The Lord Has Done!

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2013 has been an eventful year for us. In January, the Lord moved us from the Houston area back to Vickie's hometown, Denison, Texas. Moving from the suburbs to acreage in the country has been quite an experience for us personally. As we prepared to move we sensed the Lord had purpose beyond our expectations. Returning to her hometown after more than 40 years, Vickie felt like she was being called as a missionary of sorts to the town she left behind as a rebellious teen. Located in NE Texas, with pockets of poverty and high addictions, Denison is very much in need of the Lord's Transforming Power. He has already opened the door for ministry partnerships with local ministries and churches who yearn to see *Community Transformation* touch this city and region.

Rise to the Time was recently given a building located on one of the major streets in our community. We are very excited at the opportunity afforded to us with the ownership of this building. But, before it can begin to fulfill our vision of a local *Community Prayer and Training Center* there are some repairs needed. We also plan to use the back yard area for a garden for the local community.

The process has begun with planning and vision casting, but we need your help to impact our community for Jesus! The building is in need of minor roof repairs, several ceiling joists and sheetrock replacement in the big room. One corner of the foundation also needs work.

Denison has shown real signs of BIRTHING lasting transformation and we want to be a part of what God is doing here! Will you help us?

We believe the Lord has brought us here for times such as this!

We envision the following uses for the building:

- **♦**Community Prayer Center
- **♦** Training Center
- **♦**Community Garden
- ◆Rise To the Time Offices & Disaster Resource storage



## How you can help:

- Pray for the vision to become reality- For the sake of the Kingdom
- Cash Donations- Total material costs for repairs/ remodeling is currently estimated at a minimum of \$10,000. There will also be additional expenses for the community garden set up.
- Gifts in Kind- Computers, tables, chairs, sound equipment, etc.
- Volunteer your time- some repairs require skilled labor, but many don't.



In May of this year, Oklahoma was hit with a series of devastating tornadoes. Through our partnership with Somebody Cares, we deployed to both Moore and



Shawnee within the first few days. Serving as SCA's Rapid Assessment team, we were able to connect with local churches in both areas. We were able to assist those new to disaster recovery with administrative organization that will help them throughout

their recovery efforts. We also served as the eyes and ears on the ground assessing needs and connecting them with resources. Our own local church, The Refuge, also participated with us by sending funds for many Walmart

gift cards with us as we left! What a joy to be able to provide some small assistance to so many.



In October, we were privileged to return to the same areas with Doug and Lisa Stringer for a follow up visit through Somebody Cares partnership with Daystar. One family in Newalla was recipient of a new mobile homefully furnished through the generous donations of Daystar and Somebody Cares. Be watching in the coming

months as Daystar will air a 30 minute special recounting Somebody Cares response and this family's journey to recovery.

## Preparation Training in Massachusetts

October 4-6, Kynada Boland invited Vickie to assist her with Personal and Church Disaster Preparation training in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Approximately 50 people from area churches of Lowell and Haverhill came together for a two day training workshop. At the end of the final day, neighboring church leaders sat together doing a round table exercise where they planned strategies to prepare for the unexpected with KINGDOM perspectives!





If you would like to bring this kind of training to your church or community, please contact us to make arrangements.

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