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TO THE FRIENDS OF THE GATHERING UNITED METHODIST MISSION CHURCH:

We have made amazing progress since our last newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Williams from Springboro UMC, our sanctuary is now surrounded by beautifully painted walls that reflect the light and give the room a warm glow. Chuck also installed insulation and repaired holes in the duct work that has greatly reduced our utility bills. Chuck repaired ceiling tiles and replaced all fluorescent bulbs with LED lights. Tom Holley, owner of Full Circle Cleaning (937-369-5434), volunteers his services to wash down the walls prior to painting. Nick Murphy, Computer Tech Medic (513-594-5131), also volunteered his expertise to recover the Gathering's laptop when it crashed. He also is very close to restoring our website and helping us update our social image. We highly recommend these two gentlemen and ask that if you need their services, please tell them The Gathering sent you! We can never repay them for everything they continue to do for us. But if we can pay it forward, then they will know how much we appreciate their generous support of our ministry. Our sanctuary is finished! Next we move into our kitchen area and hopefully install a second shower.

We are blessed to welcome the Berachah Cares mission team from Berachah Church as one of our new partners. They have committed to join our monthly meal schedule and their help has been invaluable this past month. Saturday, June 8, the Berachah Cares team, headed up by Sherrie Myers, Dedra Branham, and Georganna Conway, cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for our outdoor event. Frank Doria led the live music. We met Chelsie Thomas, Community Outreach Manager from BrightView Health. Chelsie provided hygiene kits and information about her company's programs to benefit our folks. Our own Danielle McCabe gave a beautiful testimonial, along with Dedra and Georganna.

We welcome Crosspointe Church to our neighborhood. They are represented by Tom Terry and Pete & Mardi Martinek. One of our faithful donors has provided \$500 worth of new tennis shoes for our homeless folks. Every week we see God's hand in giving us opportunities to continue our mission. We have been inspired by these new friends that we have made in such a short time. And we thank God for the continued support from our faithful donors who share our mission.

Our next outdoor event will be Saturday, August 3, 12-4pm. Our meal will be provided by the food truck who has visited us in the past. Debra Lindholm, executive director of Coffee Collab (debra@coffeecollab.org) will be cooking for our visitors. We invite everyone to join us for live music, food, and testimonies from inspiring people who can tell us how God gave them the grace He promises to all of us.

I am available to speak to any group who is interested in our mission ministry. We look forward to meeting new people who have a heart for helping those in our community who need to feel that God loves them and they can be given a new life through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Service,

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