

## Master's Touch Designed For A Work

In addition to feeding, housing, and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every man who walks through our doors seeking Bible-based Christ-centered transformation, our Master's Touch Ministry also provides the educational resources and job skills that will result in their return to society as fully-functioning, God-honoring members.

***Designed For A Work (DFW)*** is a major component of our program. Created and led by Master's Touch volunteer Keith Schauer, DFW is a 12-week training program to help our residents come to know the work for which they have been designed, to identify the various jobs that fit their design, and how to proceed in obtaining this new work. Each week, the attendees meet for two hours. During that time, there are "general sessions," as well as "table breakouts" in groups of eight. Serving as table leaders are a team of volunteers comprised of local Christian business leaders, pastors, and successful DFW graduates/Master's Touch alumni.

At the conclusion of the 12 weeks, the attendees leave with a Biblical world view of work, a deeper understanding of who they are in Christ Jesus, and a road map to follow regarding how to proceed with their vocation plan.



*Designed for a Work - Class of 2016*

Please ask Our Lord's blessing on Keith, his team, and the more than 50 Master's Touch residents currently participating in the 2017 class. God has given each of them natural skills and abilities, yet statistics indicate that 70% of people are in the wrong job -- a job that does not fit their design. Thanks to Keith and his team, our residents are mapping their way to the "land of 30%!"

## TRUTH + HOPE + PEACE = TRANSFORMATION AT LIFESPRING

**TRUTH.** Lifespring is thriving. As a program and a home. We are hearing from the volunteers that the conversations are deep and participation is lively. From the staff side, we are seeing more women growing in faith, in their relationships with others and in their ability to earnestly plan for their next steps. The day-to-day dynamics are hardly insignificant.

**HOPE.** New ladies and their children are settling in quickly with the formalized intake procedures, and the veteran residents are sharing their wisdom and grace to help make the acclimation process easier.

**PEACE.** We cannot help but praise God when we hear that a young woman on her first night here was snoring every time the night shift supervisor checked on her. The sweet soundness of her sleep is in sharp contrast to the life on the street that has been her home for too many nights. We are grateful for the faithfulness of volunteers and supporting churches that make us fruitful and bold. As a staff we pray to stay humble and loving, but strong enough to carry the sad histories and tender hearts.

**TRANSFORMATION.** We recently celebrated three ladies who had achieved their six month



Celebration! All have been asked to continue to work toward their one year graduation. And two ladies that graduated in the fall are still very active in and around Lifespring. Robin lives in one of our apartments and Nicole is living off campus but remains friends with the ladies and staff here. Both women are very active in their churches and community. Both reflect the love of Christ to everyone they meet. Both bear fruit in keeping with their deep love of Jesus and His work in their lives.

**Mission:** To honor God by loving and serving the afflicted and powerless through sharing the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ by empowering them to be disciples of Christ.

## Compassion Uganda Initiative

**Update by Missionaries, Jim and Kappy Robinette**



You may remember that Wayside Cross, through the Compassion Uganda Initiative, started supporting the *Discipleship House* when it opened on March 1, 2016 with six

boys. The boys are “street kids” who have run away from their families, they wander and live on the streets where they find themselves overwhelmed by their circumstances and confronted with danger.

The goal of the Discipleship House is to love, feed, school, support and teach the boys about Christ and salvation.

The House is comfortable for the boys and the two helpers, who are members of the church where the house is located. Everyone is very excited and grateful for this opportunity.

August marked the half way point in the school year. The boys are improving and enjoying school and are getting good grades. They show a willingness to receive instruction and correction and their new attitude is a big part of their success.



They have daily discipleship and Bible study time. They receive counseling,

guidance and attend church. Our goal of teaching God’s Word to the boys is being realized and it is bringing about good change in them.

They have a small choir and sing on the worship team at their church. They have two drums to accompany their songs, and they hope to be singing in other churches soon.



In early December, the boys started traveling to their homes to reconnect with their families, the goal being reconciliation and eventual placement back in their homes and a return to school. Pius and his Dad have reunited and as a result, Pastor Sunday shared the gospel with him and his dad made a profession of faith.

Our first year of the Discipleship House will end in March 2017 and we will continue to help the boys learn about Christ and about following Him; until then, we will pray for good and effective transitions to their next homes.

May God bless! We are encouraged here, and hope that you are also. We appreciate you, our work together, and your prayers.

## God has the answer for hurting and needy people. He meets them here at Wayside Cross.

*"They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.  
They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress."  
- Psalm 107:5-6, NIV*

**Thank you for being a part of this glorious work.**

If you can, please send a gift to help us through the winter months.  
You will be providing a warm welcome for someone to come and  
find a new life in Christ through the gospel!

## Making a Difference

One of the final pieces in completing our landscape around the new building is our garden area. This is nestled between the new building and the Chapel.

On a recent visit to Wayside, the "Pond Guy" Greg Wittstock, from Aquascape, Inc. of St. Charles, toured the facility and stopped to see the garden.

Aquascape, Inc. of St. Charles generously donated a cascading waterfall with a six foot spillway to help finish off the area.

Because many of our men struggle with addictions and addictive behaviors, the garden was strategically designed to help them overcome their obstacles while they are on the road to recovery.

The sights and sounds of the running water are very soothing and have a therapeutic and comforting effect on all those who enjoy the tranquil area.

Our heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to the garden area, without your generosity this would not have been possible.

