



New Beginnings

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Renovation projects that need to be done

- Rewire downstairs / upgrade electrical service — \$2,000
- Replace outdated furnace — \$2,000
- Replace rotted downstairs floor — \$8,000
- Refinish upstairs floor — \$2,500
- Storm windows — \$4,500
- Insulate attic — \$1,000
- Replace leaking gutters & downspouts — \$2,500
- Repaint the exterior — \$7,500
- Replace upper roof — \$4,000
- Seal basement leaks — \$1,000
- Kitchen cabinets — \$7,000
- Kitchen appliances — \$3,000
- Ceiling fans and lighting fixtures — \$2,000
- Plaster and paint interior — \$3,000
- The good news is that we can save a lot of money by doing much of the labor with volunteer help. **If you want to be part of Koinonia House ministry by donating your time and talent, let me know.**

Koinonia House® is about Eddie

Eddie Wells was one of the first men to be part of Wheaton Koinonia House®. He spent 4 years at Dixon and Vienna prisons. But when he was converted to Christ, he knew that he needed to be disciplined by other Christians if he wanted to make it on the outside.

"Having spent 18 months at Koinonia House® I now have the ability, the tools and



Koinonia House® resident Eddie Wells with mentor Rob Willey

the discipline to pass on what has been given to me," Eddie said.

Eddie is now married and works at a private school for a living. But his work isn't a job. It's

a ministry.

"My wife and I are involved in a full-time ministry. We are house parents at a private school for boys. It's great just to be able to pass on what was given to you. It's all about the Lord's grace. That's why we are doing this."

His mentor Rob Willey added, "The grace that saved Eddie was the same grace that saved me."

House dedication set for Sept. 9

Kathy and I bought this house to do radical ministry. That's why we feel it is important that we dedicate both the house and the work to the Lord.

On Sept. 9, Manny Mill, the founder and director of Koinonia House® National Ministry, will be here. His goal is to see hundreds of homes all across the nation used to disciple ex-

offenders who are now new men in Christ.

Koinonia House® of West Central Ohio in Greenville is the first one outside of Illinois.

We are all convinced this is the front line of Christian ministry. We are literally doing what Jesus called us to do in Matt. 25:36 - "I was in prison and you visited me."

At 4 p.m. on Sunday,

Sept. 9, we will be meeting at East Main Church of Christ, 419 E. Main St. - just behind our house - for a light picnic lunch to meet Manny and learn more about Koinonia House® ministry. Then we will tour our home, and most important, dedicate the house and this ministry to the Lord.

You are invited. **RSVP.**



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Koinonia House® renovation progresses

The work is progressing on Koinonia House®. May and June were spent on the roof repairs. The garage and rear porch roof needed new decking and the front porch was nearly rotted through. That required nine new rafters. But then a hard rain made it clear the downstairs utility/bath room needed a new roof, too.

Kathy spent most of July stripping wall paper. She wouldn't let me near the scraper. No complaints from me.

The new downstairs bathroom is roughed in and wired. The next job is the insulation. With a house this old, we can save a lot of heating expense this winter by

taking care of this now.

Another concern is wiring. The circuits need to be upgraded to make the house safe, so the national office is sending an electrician to help us rewire.



John Graham spent most of July and August installing new roofs to winterize the house.

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Another big job is a new floor downstairs. We hoped to save the old oak flooring, but it was covered with vinyl tile glue. We had to tear it up. Unfortunately, this added \$3,000 to our budget. So if you know a good source for oak flooring - even used is okay because we will refinish it, let us know.

Of course, all the woodwork has to be stripped. I'm hoping to have some volunteer help with this job. Feel free to call me if you are willing and able.

My goal is to have the downstairs livable for our first resident by late fall.