

Good
Samaritan
Home

New Beginnings

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New female house

Since we opened our first house nine years ago to help men coming from prison, we have helped more than 800 men. We now have 15 houses in Greenville, Sidney and Dayton. But we were getting too many calls asking if had any place for women, and every time we had to say no. In fact, there was no place for women in the entire section of the state.

But in May we changed that when we opened our first female house in Greenville. And since then we have helped six women rebuild their lives.

Debbie

Although Debbie, 53, had a successful career as a nurse, her growing drug addiction finally put her in prison.

"I had two arrests, lost my license and had three divorces," she said. "It started out with Vicodin, then oxycotin, and finally heroin."

Although many women coming out of prison have family support, Debbie said her family was a not a healthy place for her to be, but with no job and no other place to live, she had nowhere to go.

"I was depressed. Very depressed," she admitted. But then her parole officer told her about



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"I'm in recovery now and I even have a job cooking in a restaurant. I'm extremely thankful to be here."

Staffing problem

Normally opening another house is not a problem. But a female house required female staff. Fortunately we had two females working for us in Greenville already. **Kathy** is a co-founder of Good Samaritan Home and has always been bothered that we had no house for women, so she

was a natural choice to run this new house. **Debbie** has been with us for two years helping maintain our houses. But now with the female house, she has been promoted to manager and is in charge of the day-to-operation of the female house.

Decorating

Then the volunteers from the Versailles Christian Church brought all of it together by donating material and labor to decorate the house and make it our most beautiful house

This is what we have been saying all along. **Helping hurting people is what the Church does best as a primary expression of our faith.**



Lisa, Audrey and Debbie all said they feel safe now at the GSH female house.



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Welcoming the Stranger

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Your help needed

This past year we offered 156 men – and now women – housing and support following prison in one of our 15 houses in Greenville, Sidney and Dayton. They stayed an average of 70 days – at no cost to them.

We also offered low-term, affordable housing to 25 more men. Some stayed several months. Some have been with us for several years.

But it is here, in something so simple as a safe, clean place to live, that real mentoring happens. When someone has been on the street, all they want to hear from us is ***“You are welcome here. You are safe here.”*** We are convinced the gospel message can only be heard in this simple act of kindness.

But to continue offering the gospel message in practical ways, we need your help in practical ways. Because we house so many people in so many houses, we are in constant need for these items:

- **Twin blankets**
- **Twin cloth mattress covers**
- **Dish towels**
- **Wash cloths**
- **Dish soap**
- **Frying pans**
- **Apartment size microwave ovens**
- **Small coffee makers**

Why write a book?

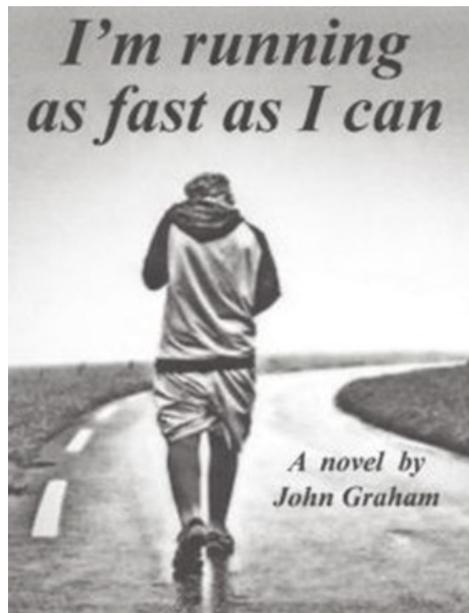
For the past 16 years I have talked about the moral and spiritual basis for offering broken people a second chance. Many people have heard that message. But our hope is to reach far beyond those of you who have supported us faithfully.

Our hope is to tell the Christian message of second chances to the world, but in a language they will understand.

That is why I spent three years writing this novel and the past year rewriting it. This is what Jesus did every time he said, *“The kingdom of heaven is like.....”*

Here is a synopsis of that book.

All Daniel Robinson ever wanted in life was to be normal like everyone else. But growing up in a home where neglect and abuse was all he knew, he had little understanding of what normal even meant, and espe-



cially how to get there. On his own at 16, and trying hopelessly to find a place to call home, he falls desperately in love with Elizabeth Johnson, whose family was everything he ever wanted.

When she eventually rejects him, he ends up at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. The killings that day leave him completely broken, and he spends the next six years wandering the country trying to find himself.

Eventually he meets Fitz, who was running from her own demons. Together they learn that when two broken people lean on one another, they can walk straight again. But soon their lives are nearly destroyed by the bigotry, fear and hatred of small town politics.

This is a story of second chances that many of us need, but too often are denied by birth and circumstance. It is a romantic story between two broken people who learn to walk straight together, a story of love that survives even murder.