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Hello,

My name is Chrissy Lucas, and I'm so excited to be writing this email to all of you! Some of you are familiar with or have heard about The Upper Room, and some of you have not. Either way, ***please keep reading because you are receiving this email for a reason!*** You've either been praying for us, have visited The Upper Room, have donated your time or finances towards The Upper Room, or the Lord has put you on our hearts to now share our God dream with!

#### THE FOUNDING:

The Upper Room was founded when my husband Jeff and I bought a property next door to us in May of 2021. The original intent behind the purchase was to allow us a space for our trucking company as there is a large shed on the property meant to store and service large equipment. After walking through the house, God made it very clear that He had plans beyond the shed. He wanted to use the house to bless people! From there, the Lord determined our next steps and provided in ways that we could not have asked or imagined. We purchased the property and began remodeling an empty space to use for various ministry purposes. We named the space "The Upper Room". We've been blessed with a family (Dylan and Haley Olson) who now live in this house and have also been on mission with us to start The Upper Room from the beginning.

We have spent countless evenings dreaming about and praying for The Upper Room. We were officially approved as a non-profit project under Global Horizons Inc (GHI) in June of 2022. GHI is a non-profit organization who serves as a fiscal sponsor for Christian mission projects and missionaries. Through this fiscal sponsorship, we were able to quickly launch our mission project, without having to go through the formal process of forming a 501c3 while still gaining all the benefits of nonprofit status. Nine percent of our donations go to GHI, to fund for the services they provide us and many other wonderful Christian mission projects around the world. We are incredibly thankful for Jill and Trudy, who are our two main contacts and have helped us get started and allowed us to be the "boots on the ground" for now.

BELOW IS THE LINK TO OUR WEBSITE: 🎉

<https://globalhz.org/the-upper-room/>

Here you will find more information on our heart behind The Upper Room, along with pictures of the space. I've condensed our story as we would love to share the entire God story with you beyond this email!

#### CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!

For those of you who have heard the story and know our dreams for The Upper Room, we want to update you by letting you know lots of forward progress has

been made! The guys have enjoyed cutting down trees and Jeff has spent many hours in the bobcat creating a parking lot for The Upper Room. We've had some amazing people working alongside us in the remodeling process and have been able to create a handicapped accessible bathroom along with a kitchenette. We were also able to replace the front door and it is absolutely gorgeous! I've attached a couple of photos that I took this fall capturing the beauty out here, along with the parking lot and new front door. We've had a number of people come out to visit the property, and we've been able to provide a safe space for people to come together, spend time in worship, and pray. God has been directly answering prayers and encouraging others through this space!

#### ANSWERED PRAYERS:

All of this would not be possible without the support of so many of you who have prayed and/or donated your time or money to our ministry. **Thank you for believing in us! We want each one of you to know how incredibly thankful we are for each one of you.** The Upper Room was founded by us, but inspired by God and is now yours to use and share with others so that people may be blessed!

**We'd like to say a special thank you to the family of Larry Quinnell and Joan Hruby. It was a privilege to walk alongside you as you cared for your loved ones until they reached their heavenly home. And, thank you to those who donated in honor of these two wonderful people. Your donations will make it possible for others who face a similar journey to receive support. End-of-life is a difficult thing, yet can be so beautiful. You are helping others to embrace this journey and bring heaven to earth! That is something that we are passionate about!**

**Please continue to pray for us and The Upper Room.** Right now, our main prayer request is for the completion of the remodeling. We are eager to get this done, so that God can fully use this space for His Kingdom! Any help is welcomed and appreciated!

If you have any questions about The Upper Room, its use, when it will be available for use, or if you'd like to come out to see it sometime, please email me at [christinemlucas23@gmail.com](mailto:christinemlucas23@gmail.com). Donations can be made online on our website OR if you prefer to donate via check, checks can be made payable to **GHI/The Upper Room** and mailed to **GHI/The Upper Room**, P.O. Box 64059, Eagan, MN 55164-0059.

Lastly, we'd like to wish all of you a **Happy Thanksgiving**. May you feel the Lord's presence with you wherever you go, and may you be present with the ones you love. For it is through our gratitude for Him and what He's done, that we can share His joy with others!

*"Everyone come meet His face with a thankful heart. Don't hold back your praises; make him great by your shouts of joy!" -Psalm 95:2 (TPT)*

