

- **Isaiah House is debt free**
- **We housed 39 men in 2009**
- **We are parole and probation approved**
- **We recycle and compost**
- **We opened a women's safe home called The Refuge in July**

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# Isaiah House

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## Our First Year

Greetings to you and your families! For Isaiah House it is a season of true joy and gratitude. Last year at this time we signed a lease on the property and began extensive renovations to bring the house up to code and to create a home for the men who would be residing with us. We are happy to report that Isaiah House is everything we envisioned and hoped it to be and more! Thank you, friends, for all your support and belief in Isaiah House.

We offer weekly Narcotics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous meetings to the public. These are well attended, with folks arriving early and staying late. There is a very large and wonderful group of men and women in



**Isaiah House Residence**

recovery in Gilmer County crossing all economic and social lines. They are our true friends.

Isaiah House is operating at capacity, with 13 beds filled. Our men arrive from a variety of places. We are parole and probation approved through the Georgia Justice Department and State Board of Pardons and Paroles. Our men

find us through THOR (Transitional Housing Offender Re-Entry) RHP (Re-Entry Housing Partnership), and GARR (Georgia Association of Recovery Residences). But mostly they come by word of mouth.

Several of our men have successfully departed Isaiah House and re-entered society. Two men have been fully reconciled to their families. Three men have obtained full time work, their driver's licenses and a home of their own while still remaining in recovery. Several men have rededicated their lives to the Lord, while numerous others have given their lives to the Lord for the first time. We are blessed!

-Ed and Sally Jeffery

## The Refuge opens for women

Following a conviction that we should open a safe, private, and economical home for women who need a viable option for living arrangements, The Refuge opened in July with space for eight women and two children. In addition,

a loft bed is available for temporary non-resident emergency needs. This is a drug free environment. No men are allowed on the premises. Rent is \$80 per week which includes all utilities and most of the food. We do have a

single room for \$100 per week and if a mother and child over age one shares that room, the cost is \$120.

Anyone interested in The Refuge should call Isaiah House at 706-635-5353

# Goats, Chickens, Cats, a Dog and a Garden



**Chickens pondering their eggs.**

Isaiah House enjoyed a large, beautiful, and bountiful vegetable garden this year, which would not have been possible if it were not for Ricky Boring clearing the land and Tony Balfa providing us with a tiller and

plenty of horse manure! We offered the garden to the community to share in the planting, care, and harvesting of their efforts. Many

Community Service adults and youth participated as well as others in the community. We were blessed to consume, freeze for later, and donate plenty of home grown vegetables to those in need.

Through the efforts of several Isaiah House men, and donated materials from the community, a fantastic chicken house and fenced area was created. We enjoy our eight chickens and the eggs they produce.

We love our two Oberhasli goats, Mr. Tumnus and Jacob, and our Saanen goat, Lucy, that is pregnant. Max, our Great Pyrenees dog is their great protector. And lastly, we have three cats; Phinneas, Vincent, and Gracie.



**Ed in the corn!**

## In the Kitchen

Isaiah House is an approved agency with The Chattanooga Community Food Bank as well as USDA. This has been a wonderful help in keeping our food expenses down. In addition, Longhorn Steakhouse in Ellijay provides food for Isaiah House through the Harvest Program, twice a month. Various local churches, civic groups, and

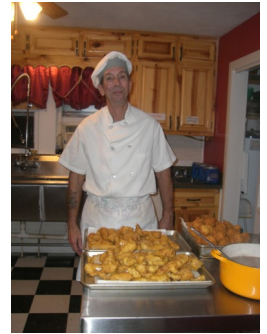
sports clubs have also donated cooked meals to Isaiah House



**Meal prepared and served by Longhorn kitchen manager Gene Luczynski.**

and The Refuge.

Sally Jeffery, Director of Operations for Isaiah House has been the resident cook. She enjoys cooking for a crowd and providing the men with healthy home cooked meals. Other resident men have aided in preparing the evening meals as well.



**Resident chef prepares dinner**

## Lessons in Finances

Ed Jeffery, Director of Isaiah House teaches a Crown Financial Ministries class to the resident men. One week the discussion was on tithing. Many men had never heard of the concept of giving the first ten percent of their earnings back to the Lord in gratitude. One gentleman said he felt great when he placed ten dollars in the offering plate. Ed explained how Isaiah House tithes on the money that comes in, and the Lord in turn provides for our needs. Ed chal-

lenged the men to test God as he instructs us in Malachi 3:10

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, “says the Lord Almighty,” and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”*

Two days later many of us were relaxing on the front porch. A gentleman stopped by stating that he was driving by and the Lord in-

structed him to turn around and make a donation because we needed money. He asked what Isaiah House was and if we accepted donations. He wrote a check for \$300.00. It was a perfect illustration of how the Lord works. Needless to say some of the men were wowed by this and began tithing immediately.

Isaiah House has ended its first year operating successfully and debt free. We give the Lord praise for His provision.

# Hope for a New Life



Isaiah House desires that every man transitioning back into society does so having received

**Imagine  
A new life**

all the tools necessary to live successfully. In addition to basic skills such as social, financial, relationships, education and employment, we believe that the foundation to a successful life is found through Jesus Christ. We pray we may display the love of Christ through our actions and thus

point the way to a life lived in abundance, joy, and contentment.

We are privileged to have led numerous men into a personal relationship with Christ. Several additional men have re-dedicated their lives to Christ. It is pure joy to witness the lives of men being transformed and to see hope restored to their lives.

*“...do good, be rich in good deeds, and be generous and willing to share.”*

*1 Ti 6:18*

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'He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners' Isaiah 61:1

# Meetings and Opportunities at Isaiah House

### **Sow into the Lord's field:**

- Sponsor a man: \$150 per week
- Help build a goat barn
- Seed money for a van
- Help in our community garden
- Hire a man to work
- Use Isaiah House Painting & More
- Make or help cook a meal
- Donate Food
- Be a friend

### Narcotics Anonymous (Open)

Meets Mondays 8:00pm

### Cocaine Anonymous (Open)

Meets Wednesdays 8:00pm



Due to large attendance, meetings may move to a new location in 2010. Call first!

### **Donations we appreciate:**

- Twin blankets
- Ink cartridges: HP94, HP95
- Sugar
- Creamer
- Coffee
- Milk
- Bananas, fresh fruit
- Toilet paper
- Bath towels, bath mats
- Bedside rugs
- Gas card
- Wal-Mart card
- Contribute toward utility expenses
- Monetary