

French Village church of Christ
C/o Scott Weidenbenner
9155 McKay Rd.
French Village, MO 63036

July 27, 2014

To all those who are loved by God and called to be saints:

We are writing to you in the spirit of the early church.

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." - Acts 2:44-45 (ESV)

"Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need." - Acts 4:32-35

We would like to present a need before you and ask that you prayerfully consider giving and supporting this need as the Lord places it on your hearts. One of our dear sisters and her son were both baptized into Christ about one year ago. They desire to make an important transition in their lives, although they are hindered by lack of funds. She is a 35-year-old single mother with a host of health problems including a seizure disorder, which started 3 years ago. She is unable to work at this time due to these ongoing health related problems and requires an aid for help many days. Our sister and brother have grown quite a bit within this year and desire to move closer to our church family; they currently live about 30 miles away. This would greatly ease the load on the families within our body who help her with day-to-day needs, including picking them up for worship and Bible classes, etc. Our church family consists of about 35 members; we help her with basic utilities and food, as the disability funds she receives do not always cover even her modest rent and living expenses.

Our young brother at age 11 has endured much due to his mother's health and suffers from a lack of godly male influence. However, God is working in both their lives and producing much fruit. If they were closer, the men and young Christian men could more easily come alongside our young brother in helping him grow stronger in his walk with Christ and in his Christian manhood. Unfortunately, their family does not help her with any of these needs and his father is unable to help financially or spiritually at this time due to his own health problems, which prevent him from seeing his son much and being able to work a job. He also does not live close. Please pray for this young man's father to seek the Lord; some of the men are currently

speaking with him over the phone and trying to help him see the Truth. Our desire is for him to become a godly father to his son.

Currently it seems that God may be presenting us with two possible options. There is the potential availability of a small one level house within a few minutes of most of our families that could be purchased for around \$70,000.00. This seems preferable since our sister would not face the potential of falling down stairs when having a seizure as she does in her current rental house. Also, utility costs would be considerably less. The other option is to purchase a used single or doublewide trailer in good condition that can be placed on available land that one of our church families is willing to share. If someone has a used trailer and God is leading you to donate, we would be happy to arrange to have it picked up and moved. We are estimating a used trailer and set up costs could be approximately \$30,000.00 - \$35,000.00.

We are requesting your generosity in helping us collect enough money to pursue one of these potential options, either by a donation from the church or having a special collection for this need of our sister and brother in Christ.

We realize that letters like this are not sent out much; we are asking in faith. We would be pleased to participate in other needs that you may have in the future as well. This would be an opportunity to become more like the early church in sharing burdens with each other and we pray would encourage others to do the same as significant needs may arise within our brotherhood. We will follow up with updates as God works through this request.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please email or call our contact person, Scott Weidenbenner at:

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If God places on your heart the willingness to contribute to this need or offer up a special collection for our sister and brother in Christ, please send any correspondence to:

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Please make any checks payable to "French Village church of Christ" and put "house help" in the memo field.

May God bless you and your families as you continue to serve the Lord Jesus Christ!

The men of the French Village church of Christ.