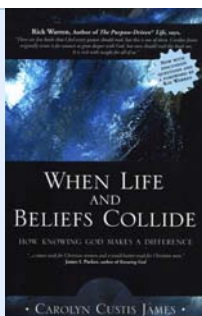


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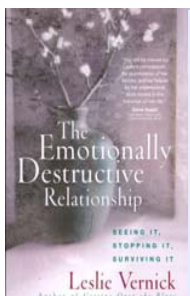
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*Unless the LORD builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it.*

Psalm 127:1

God is in the construction business and so are we. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Quite the project. God also created men and women and, as a good friend of mine David Roper is fond of saying, "it still takes God to make a man or a woman." God is the creator of every good thing and is continually holding the universe together by the power of His word. Everything, including our very selves would fly apart—become a dust—if it were not for His love and creative power.

Building references and metaphors abound in God's word. Messiah is referred to as the

chief cornerstone. Jesus appeals to His disciples and others who are following Him to build their house on the rock (God's word) so that when the storms of life come they will be able to stand firm. Paul encourages the Corinthians to be careful how they build on the foundation that he has laid "which is Jesus Christ". Finally, there is God's favorite project: the re-creation of every one of us into the image of His Son. The restoration of His great plan to have all people enjoy fullness of life in an intimate relationship with Himself.

As we show up to work each day here at Safe Place Ministries, we try to remember what it means to be "God's fellow workers". We come remembering and counting on the fact that "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works," *continued on page 3*

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Continuing with our construction theme, we were surprised to discover that our usual date and room for the Annual Dessert and Auction were not available "due to construction" on the BSU Student Union Building. But we are excited about our new date and room and hope you can join us. Our theme this year is, you guessed it, "Under Construction". Check out our website under "Support SPM" as we get closer to March 3rd for a preview of the dessert menu and sample auction items.

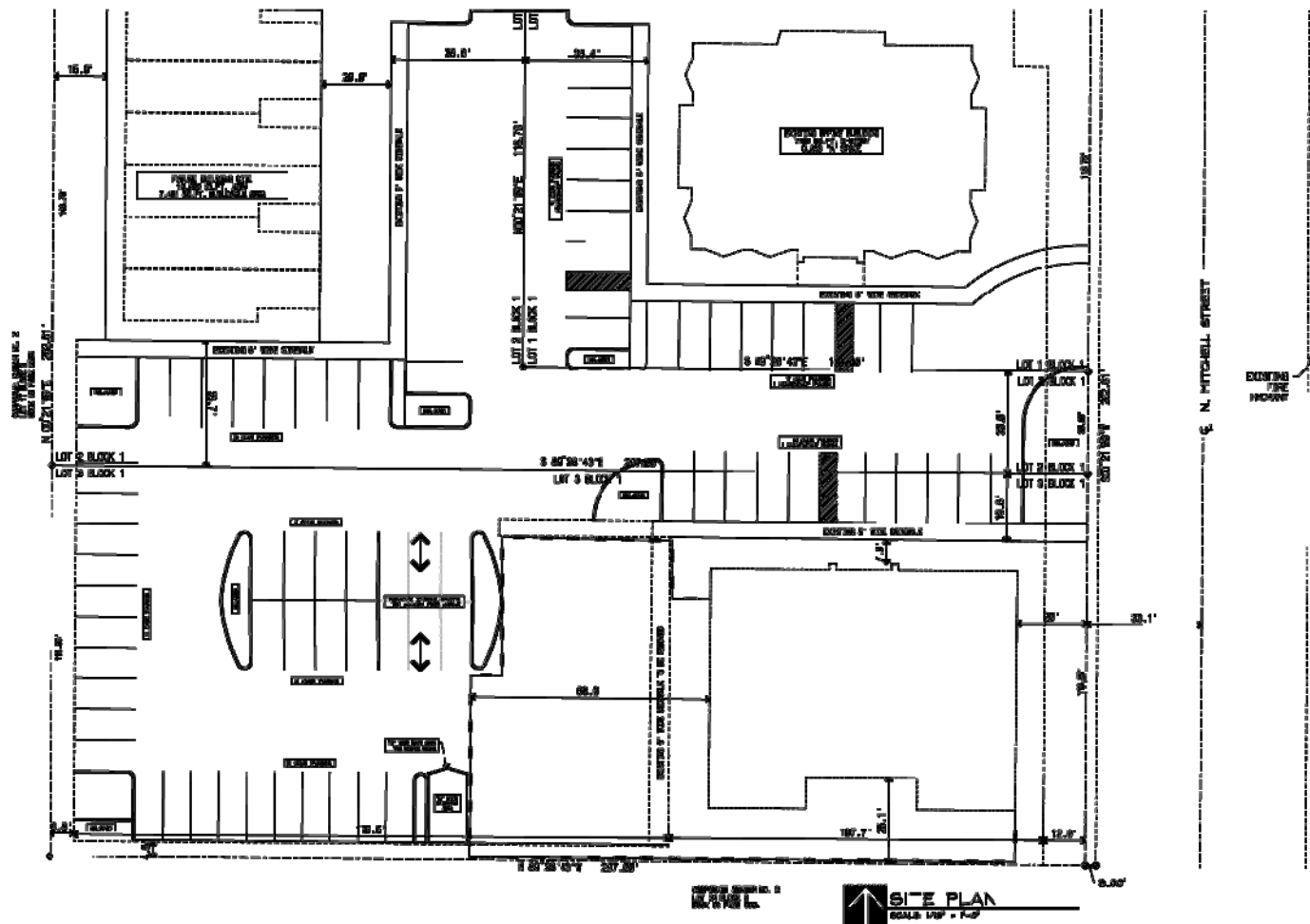
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IN BRIEF

Surf's Up! Web surf that is. We have been working hard on our new website set to be launched February 8th. We're excited about our new format and the new features that will hopefully provide even more help and resources to clients, client care providers, and church leaders. Check us out at www.safepaceministries.com. We have updated and expanded information under Victim Services, SPM Training, SPM Resources, Other Resources, Topical Information, and Supporting SPM. Many SPM resources are now in PDF files that will allow for free, quality copies straight off the internet. Upcoming features soon to be developed include Spanish Resources and Denominational Links related to abuse and abuse recovery.

Some Old Dogs Can Learn New Tricks! I can say that because I am the old dog! There is a general principle that tends to be true about many founders of nonprofit organizations such as Safe Place Ministries. Many founders are better visionaries than they are managers, and so, after the initial years many nonprofits have to address the issue of who will be the director of a growing organization. We have been talking about this for a couple years at SPM, and the Board and I have decided to have me stay in my current position as Executive Director, but to supplement my current skills with additional management and leadership training. I am very thankful for the opportunity to be attending a degree completion program at George Fox University Boise, in Management and Organizational Leadership. Classes started January 8th and will continue weekly for 16 months with just a couple of brief breaks. I am also very thankful for a scholarship from the Sunshine Lady Foundation that is enabling me to attend this high quality program. This is just one more way in which God is building up this ministry.

New Campus Site Map! Directly below is a site map of our future Safe Place Ministries Campus. The overall site is a 1.79 acre parcel located at 723 N. Mitchell directly across the street from Horizon Grade School. Plans for this site include an existing 7800 sq. ft. office building (upper right), then six row houses for transitional clients and their children (upper left), and finally a 5800 sq. ft. Children's Center that will feature day care and after school programs for high risk and abused children (lower right with adjacent playground area).



"SAFE PLACE MINISTRIES CAMPUS"

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which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10). We “labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within us.” (Colossians 1:29)

In this context, I would like to share with you about a very special construction project currently underway at Safe Place Ministries.

Over the past several years, we have outgrown our current leased office space and have also been paying attention to the particular needs of our clients. We began to dream about not only a larger office, (our waiting list for SPM services is as long as 3 months) but a “Campus Community” that would address our client’s needs for housing, safety, transportation, and childcare. We envisioned three facilities that we wanted to have: a Supportive Services Center,



Quilt at New Supportive Services Center

Transitional Housing, and a Children’s Center. We appreciated that this was a very ambitious plan and knew from the beginning that God would have to open many doors and provide for us in ways beyond our own means in order for such a dream to become a reality.

Let me share with you just a little bit about some of those open doors and what God is doing.

- About 18 months ago we began looking at properties that would accommodate our dream of a Campus Community.
- A little over a year ago one owner offered us “the best deal in town” on a 1.79 acre parcel that included an existing building and 2 lots.

- That offer included below market prices on the existing building and lots, a commitment to lease back a portion of the existing building for five years (\$350,000.00 worth),



Cris Polk and Linda Bothman in Entrance to New Supportive Services Center

and an offer to pay all utilities, taxes, and maintenance on the whole building for that 5 year period.

- Six months ago the M.J. Murdock Trust communicated to SPM that they were interested in funding a significant portion of Phase One of the Campus Project: The Supportive Services Center.
- The Children’s Fund Foundation also committed to paying for approximately 1/3 of this phase.
- We created site plans for a future campus that would require the City of Boise to approve a rather unique combination of an office, transitional housing and childcare in a Planned Unit Development.

- The entire project was approved by the City one month ahead of schedule without any problems whatsoever.
- Three months ago the current owner of the proposed property offered to help SPM acquire the property by making two additional adjustments. First, they said we could purchase the existing building and the two lots separately and secondly, they would give SPM a \$260,000.00 credit up front for a portion of the lease they would be paying us over the next five years.
- During the last quarter of 2007 we had 20 different individuals give a total of \$35,000.00 to our Campus Project.
- As of today, we have pledged or in-hand \$937,900 of the \$1,030,025 needed to purchase the existing building and finish tenant improvements on the 2400 sq. ft. that will be our new Supportive Services Center

This Campus Project is such a concrete expression of God’s goodness and the generosity of so many SPM supporters. We are very excited and very thankful. We also recognize that this Campus is a physical reminder of an even greater reality. These buildings are the places in which we intend to carry out God’s favorite project of loving and serving the vulnerable and oppressed. God bless everyone who is helping with this project in any way!



Existing Office: Initially, 2400 sq. ft. will be New Supportive Services Center