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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### *EXODOS MINISTRIES, A NEW FAMILY IN THE BAKER COMMUNITY*

We wish to thank each of you who have called, written comments in the paper or emailed expressing your support after having read or seen the news concerning opposition to our ministry being re-located on to Buck Ward Road in Baker.

Our vision has always been to have a family oriented facility that houses a limited number of men. This allows us to minister not only to the men but to their families as well. The property is located just three doors down from Tom and Kyra Crowson, our founding directors. One of our other directors also lives on Buck Ward road. This allows us to be in close contact at all times. The resident Pastor, Brother Clyde Risen, and his wife live on site as well. When the comment was made in the Crestview Bulletin, "Why don't they put it in their own neighborhood", obviously the person making the comment had no idea that is exactly what has been done. We left our previous facility because we wanted to be closer to the founding directors. We still operate strictly on donations and resident fees (when they can pay). We trust God to provide.

It is normal for opposition to come when God's work is being done. In 1942 a white man started a farm called "Koinonia", which later became the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity. Because this man integrated the farm and allowed black men and women to live and work there, they were subjected to bombings, bullets and burning crosses and were further persecuted for sponsoring two African-American students at Atlanta's Georgia Business College. However Koinonia was founded as a Christian Community for people in need, just as Exodos Ministries was founded as a family oriented Christian Community for people in need.

Clarence Jordan, founder of Koinonia, expressed the contemporary meaning of Acts 2:44: "What one does is determined by the needs of the community. Thus, both capital and labor are subordinated to the common good. The means of production, whether it be tools or time, money or might, is never used as a club of extortion but as an instrument of service for the betterment of the whole."

Today, one of the greatest needs of the community is to have programs to help the person addicted to drugs and alcohol and have healing inside our homes.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support . Praise God for His many Blessings!!

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