

## WTJP Birmingham, Alabama Report for December 2015

### Community Outreach

WTJP reached out to several TBN-friendly churches in the Gadsden area to make a “good Samaritan” visit to the Addulam House, a ministry located several miles from Alabama’s Tutwiler Prison for Women, where they help rear children of prisoners. Homes for boys, girls, and smaller children are nestled in the piney woods of central Alabama, providing a safe and blessed environment.



Pete and Angie Spackman birthed the ministry over 20 years ago. They have built a church with a thriving support base and a beautiful Christian school with full gym. Items like soap, toiletries, diapers, toilet paper, etc., are always at a premium and consume much of the monthly budget. WTJP and the churches formed a supply caravan and delivered a truck load of supplies recently. The directors said that since we had brought so much, they could plan something special for the kids during the holidays, such as a Christmas movie, etc.

### Dream Center of Gadsden

Eddie Nichols with Break-a-Way ministries has purchased a vacated grammar school gym and sports field near downtown Gadsden. We took a tour of the facility and received a presentation of the vision for a fully formed multi-use program for inner city children, youth, and parents. Eddie plans programs for the entire family. A grammar school and middle school are located in the same block with no place for many of the children to go after school. We discussed the opportunities for partnership.

### Gadsden State Community College

Dr. Martha Lavender, President of GSCC, is planning a strategy with WTJP and community leaders to re-vamp the alternative educational opportunities in the Gadsden area. Many youth are literally “falling through the cracks” in the educational system. Solutions are being sought and WTJP is an active participant.

### LYN Initiative

The Love Your Neighbor (LYN) Initiative is a collaborative group of advisors in Gadsden/Etowah County positioned and organized to identify the glaring unmet needs in the county and bring viable solutions to the table. The community at large will be challenged to pray, volunteer, and/or support with resources and/or funds for each

initiative undertaken. WTJP has taken a key leadership role along with 12 community leaders of service based organizations in forming and organizing LYN. The refurbishing of the houses and buildings on South 11th St in downtown Gadsden is the first initiative of LYN and will commence this summer. Pastors and churches are positioning to address the unmet personal needs represented in each home. Each person in Etowah County is being challenged to get involved and collaboratively and collectively get involved in helping their neighbors.

### **Production**

WTJP is producing a “My Story” segment with Charles Gilchrist the mayor of Glencoe, Alabama. Mr. Gilchrist is a Vietnam War Veteran. His wife was saved watching TBN and “turned the troubled marriage up-side-down.” The subsequent salvation of Mr. Gilchrist resulting in a bold ambassador for Jesus is quite an awesome story. Two other “My Story” segments are in the works. Thank you Matthew Crouch for birthing this project.