

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Abundant.....

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This has been the watch word for 2007. The Lord's abundant love began early in the year. FLC experienced tremendous volunteer growth with the expansion of our material support program that included furniture. As the ministry grew in programs, FLC was able to serve more and more families. By the end of the year, 2294 families were given clothes, shoes, toys, beds, children's books, cleaning supplies, diapers. Many more folks stopped by for an encouraging word, group discussions, or Bible studies.

II Corinthians 9:6 really came true for us. It says *"...he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully."* So many people have "sown" into this ministry in so many ways. FLC has a volunteer who keeps track of all the volunteers and their gift of time. She has tallied 284volunteers and 68 court-appointed workers serving over 13,000 hours. Talk about abundant! My heart swells when I think about all the people doing really hard labor for the Lord and the families of Greene County.

Paul goes on to say in v.10

"Now, he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest for your righteousness." The Lord has led so many people to give financial gifts; He in turn has been able to multiply every dollar. FLC works with many churches and organizations to match financial assistance to families in need. With this teamwork, we are able to help these families make ends meet.

There have been so many appreciative families this year, we have a stack of Christmas cards from our families thanking us for making their Christmas wonderful. FLC was able to compile a master list of 687 families in need this year. These families were matched with angel trees, law enforcement agencies, schools, churches, and individuals who wanted to make Christmas a wonderful experience for the children. Along with that, FLC served 143 families directly from our ministry. Again, **abundant** was the watch word. Every day for 3 weeks, a van, a car, an SUV, and even a trailer unloaded toys and new clothes. The shelves were never bare; someone was always stocking new toys. The Christmas volunteers are convinced that toys reproduced every 30 seconds! But the truth is, we really live in a time when people are caring about others.

The **abundant** love of Jesus is supplying the service of this ministry which overflows into many thanksgivings. And may I take time to thank you personally for keeping FLC in your hearts and prayers.



Did you know:
February, 2008

Year-end statistics
2007

Volunteers	352
Total volunteer hours	13,328
Christmas families served	143
Children served	340
Families screened	685
Direct service families individuals	2294 5321
Diapers given (dozen)	1128

2008 up-coming events:

- Inductive Bible Study on the book of Ruth—every Friday 10 am-noon—beginning Feb. 22nd
- Volunteer Training — February 18, February 25, March 3, March 10 12:00—1:00 p.m.

- **NEEDS FOR FLC:**
- VOLUNTEERS FOR DESK & SORTING CLOTHES
- KITCHEN PANTRY ITEMS
- PAPER PRODUCTS

Life At FLC

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER
VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

February 18, Monday 12:00–1:00 p.m.

“Everything you wanted to know about FLC.” — Trainer: Dianne Langer & Staff

February 25, Monday 12:00–1:00 p.m.

“Everything you wanted to know about Greene County referral resources” — Trainer: Elizabeth Hilderbrand

March 3, Monday 12:00–1:00 p.m.

“Everything you wanted to know about “HIP” Healthy Indiana Plan-for uninsured adults—
Trainer: Elizabeth Hilderbrand

March 10, Monday 12:00–1:00 p.m.

“Recognizing Signs of Abuse & Neglect in Children”
Trainer: Katie Baruth

Registration is 1 week prior to training. Training and lunch is free to public. Lunch will be served by Family Life Center. To contact us call 812-384-1639 or email flc@flcminis.org.

Sharing, Faith, Hope & Love by meeting family needs.



These trainings are to encourage and equip people helping other people.

The referral resource training is for people trying to network families in need to other help agencies. FLC has compiled an extensive manual for your use. This manual will be given to attendees of the workshop.

The HIP workshop is for people assisting the uninsured adult. FLC is an intake office for HIP. This training will enable the attendee to assist the uninsured adult in the application process. The attendees will receive applications, fliers, & brochures for their office.

We have tried to make these trainings available without intrusion to the workday. Please register today.

CHRISTMAS MASTER LIST

The last 4 years, FLC has taken the responsibility of compiling and maintaining a Christmas master list of families receiving services from area agencies and organizations and also list families in need of assistance. Using this information, FLC is able to provide names to area churches and schools for angel trees and coordinate donations to families who might not otherwise be served. Together, we work toward serving more Greene County families rather than some families receiving abundance and others nothing. This year,

687 families were coordinated by FLC and served by angel trees, law enforcement agencies, schools, churches and individuals who wanted to make Christmas a wonderful experience for the children.



Christmas Stats

- Families Coordinated — 687
- Coordinated with 7 agencies
 - 5 schools
 - 3 churches
- FLC served — 143 families
 - 341 children
- Each child received approximately \$100 worth of clothes and toys
- Volunteers — 51

LIVINGWORD BIBLE BOOKSTORE

Another important aspect of Family Life Center is our bookstore. LivingWord Ministries keeps many Bibles in stock. We keep a wide range of translations and media. LivingWord also carries church supplies and curriculum.

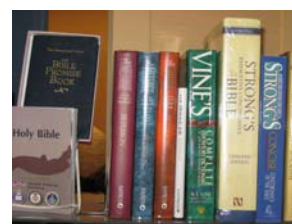
LivingWord is proud to be carrying “The Experience”. A new dramatized audio Bible that is fun to listen to and truly inspirational.

What if LivingWord does not carry the Bible or item you are looking for? We are more than happy to do special orders, and we will work hard to find any item you may need or want.

The next time you are in the market for a Bible, Christian book, Christian



resources, a Christmas gift or a graduation gift, please check out LivingWord.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This is the segment of the newsletter that is the most enjoyable for me, as director of this ministry. I have the privilege to write about the volunteers that impact the lives of FLC. Elizabeth is one of those women who come to this ministry with experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm.

Liz has been volunteering since 2006. Her responsibilities include managing the Bible Bookstore, ordering Sunday School curriculum, keeping a variety of Bibles stocked, and have a working knowledge of the Christian lending library. She knows the local pastors, Christian Education directors and many of the Sunday School teachers.

The outreach support of the church is her thing.

Liz also works the front desk as an "air traffic controller". She answers the phone, fills out the paperwork for families and generally answers questions.

This Christmas, she coordinated the master list for the families seeking assistance for presents for their children.

Liz also is the HIP intake coordinator. She helps adults who do not have insurance, compile and submit the necessary information to the HIP office.

As you can see Liz wears many hats and brings a smile to those who hang with her.



DID YOU KNOW:

*PROGRAMS & PROJECTS ARE FREE

*EVERYONE IS A VOLUNTEER

*ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE

* FLC IS A 501C3 ENTITY

*PROGRAMS & PROJECTS ARE SUPPORTED WITH YOUR DONATIONS

*THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO DONATE: TIME, CLOTHES, PROJECT RELATED SUPPLIES, LONG & SHORT TERM FINANCIAL GIFTS

HEALTHY INDIANA PLAN

What is HIP? The Healthy Indiana Plan is a new, affordable health insurance program for uninsured adult Hoosiers. The program is sponsored by the State and only requires minimal monthly contributions from the participant.

HIP offers full health benefits including hospital services, mental health care, physician services, prescriptions, diagnostic exams and disease management.

Family Life Center is assisting people in the applications process. When applying individuals are to provide proof of identity: valid drivers license, citizenship: birth certificate, and income verification: pay stubs, tax statement.

Eligibility for HIP are uninsured Hoosier adults between the ages 19-64 whose household income is between 22-200% of the federal poverty level.

Successful enrollment is based on the first-come, first-served principle. The

earlier the complete application reaches Indianapolis office the more successful the enrollment.

HIP plan offers a basic commercial benefit package once annual medical costs exceed \$1,100.00.

A POWER Account valued at \$1,100.00 per adult to pay for initial medical costs. Contributions to the account are made by the State and each participant (based on a sliding scale).

Coverage for preventive services up to \$500.00 a year at no cost to participants. After the \$500. is met, preventative services are covered, but the POWER account must be used if necessary.

Currently, there is no coverage for dental or vision.

Coverage for brand name drugs and over the counter medicines will vary by plans.

The state has contracted with Anthem

and MDwise with AmeriChoice, which are commercial insurance carriers, to provide coverage for HIP. An applicant will select one of the insurance carriers to be their carrier. Once an application is approved, the state will then deposit a POWER Account (\$1,100.00) in their name.

Now the newly insured adult has the availability to draw upon that account for their health care needs.

Applications can be picked up at FLC on Mondays. If the applicant wants assistance in the application process please make an appointment.

For more information log onto www.HIP.In.gov or call 1-877-GET-HIP9 (1-877-438-4479) or call Family Life Center 812-384-1639.

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BIBLE STUDIES

This spring we are studying the book of Ruth.

Ruth is an exciting book of redemption, recovery and renewal.

Classes will begin:

Feb 22, Friday 10:am—noon

March 7, Friday 10 — noon

March 14, Friday 10 – noon

March 21, Friday 10 - noon

The cost for workbooks is \$10.00

Dianne Langer is the teacher.

We will be meeting in the new Fireplace Room.@ FLC. Please call to reserve a place at the table.

Material Support Ministry

Is accepting:

Spring Clothes of all sizes.

Sports clothes for children: baseball pants, shoes,

soccer shoes, track shoes

Easter baskets & bunnies

Christian Books for library

Bed Lines: sheets, blankets,

Programs & Projects

Kid's Fair

Back Pack Give-Away

Ice cream social

Apple festival

Quilt Auction

Bible Studies

Group Meeting

Rooms

Christmas Coordination for the county.

Christmas Decorations Give Away

Free Clothes

Free Diapers

Cleaning Products

Lending Library

Children's Activity

Lending Library

Pastoral Resource

Library

Apartment

Counseling:

Individual

Support Group

HIP Application

Church supplies

VBS, Bibles

Candles, Com-

munion Items

Community

Kitchen

Mentoring for

Ministries