



December 1, 2023

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you in great spirits and that you are enjoying a happy, healthy and joyous holiday season.

In this season of celebration, I am grateful. I am humbly counting the many ways God has blessed our ministry and the promises He has kept that have enabled us to reach the lost and broken, to feed the hungry, to comfort the sad and lonely and to encourage the dismayed. He has truly been with us this year!

"And surely, I am with you always to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:20

I am filled with gratitude and appreciation as I reflect on the incredible impact our ministry has had this past year. In 2023, the Table Ministry continued our mission to reach those in need. We often underestimate the power of a smile, a hug, a kind word, a warm meal and sincere friendship, all of which have the potential to turn a life around and to give hope to the hopeless. I can sincerely say that I have seen the impact that these small acts of compassion and caring can make on an individual in need.

This year, I witnessed life changing moments and am in awe of God's promises kept as we engaged with those most in need through our various activities and outreach including:

- hosting sit-down dinners with the homeless.
- built wells in Dominican Republic
- made a missionary trip to Africa and clothed an entire village
- weekly outreach to the homeless and drug-addicted including live music, testimonies, prayer, wound care, free clothing and meals.
- assistance/guidance for admission to treatment centers
- neighborhood cleanups
- outreach training of other groups specifically in how to work with the homeless
- school visits to share the mission of our ministry, to educate youth of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and the importance of empathy and care for our fellow man.
- growing of teams in all of our outreach locations including Philadelphia-PA, Camden-NJ, Paterson-NJ, Virginia and Dominican Republic. ***Together, we achieve maximum success!***

Throughout this past year there was one sentiment that I often heard from friends we met on the street to volunteers whose lives were changed forever.

"This saved my life."

THIS. SAVED. MY. LIFE. There is joy in those four words! There is confirmation and affirmation that our mission is making a difference and I am encouraged and reassured that The Table will continue to touch the lives of many. Lives like that of Christopher, addicted and alone but who came home after a year of no contact with his family after simply texting to say, "I'm ready. I'm coming to The Table." Or the veteran suffering from PTSD who needed to hear he was needed, worthy and loved. Or the volunteer in Virginia who has found meaning and purpose through helping others. There is no doubt that that our work and outreach make a meaningful impact.

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in the power of your hand to do so." - Proverbs 3:27

For years our ministry has been praying for a building. A true home-base to expand our reach. This fall, our ministry was approached by a long-established church in Philadelphia going through a transition period. The church shared an interest in having an organization take over use of their property. This was not an easy decision to make and their priority was to pass the property on to an organization that they believed would do good in the community. The Table was deemed the right choice because of our mission and vision for making a difference. Praise be to God!

We have faith that this property will be a lighthouse in the community and we have a vision to provide programming that would empower young and old, families and individuals seeking hope in seemingly hopeless times. We see a safe haven for a community that is in dire need of our ministry and outreach. This vision will take time and funding as there is much renovation and preparation of the property that needs to occur before we can open our doors. This is where you come in.

As you know this ministry is powered by the support and partnership of our friends and organizations that believe in our mission. For these relationships we are truly grateful and we understand this will take all of us! I invite you to be a part of this journey as we continue the work God has called us to do to reach as many as we can to share his love, care and compassion. We need generous people like you to join hands with us and help us to move forward in the transformation of the property that will do so much good for so many. Without your partnership, we cannot imagine being able to move forward. Stand with us and help to make this vision a reality as we set out to reach our goal of raising \$250,000 in the coming year, 2024. **Let's set the table so everyone can eat!**

To learn how you can donate to support the building restoration project, please visit: www.thetableministry.com/support-us or contact us: info@thetableministry.com.

As a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code every donation makes an impact, and we are so thankful for your support.

I'm sending you warm wishes from the heart, always. May all the joys of the holiday season fill your heart and follow you throughout the coming year. I pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth.

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PS If you are interested in learning more about this project, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! (ben.rosario@thetableministry.com)