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## Upcoming Events:

SAFE House Winter Benefit Concert  
Sunday, February 22, 2009 from 4 to 6pm at First United Methodist Church in Champaign

*Canaan Development Foundation, 217.367.2158*

## Keeping the Doors of Deliverance Open

*by Rev B.J. Tatum, President, Canaan Development Foundation*

Substance abuse issues are at the core of our most intractable social problems, and are becoming more and more pervasive in our community. The SAFE House ministry provides hope for those whose homes and lives have been wrecked by the ravages of this demonic malady.

Residents come as miserable souls that have burned all bridges and have lost all hope. These miserable souls need a Mighty Savior. The SAFE House Substance Abuse

Ministry points them to a Power greater than themselves.

Mark's Gospel gives the account of Legion, who was a menace to society. "No man could restrain him" (Mark 5:3). Jesus told the demonic spirit to "Come out of him" (Mark 5:8). The man was restored to his right mind and instructed to tell others what Christ had done (Mark 5:19). Similarly, the shackles of satanic bondage to drugs and alcohol are broken by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The SAFE House Ministry instills in residents the need for hope to obtain goals; education to compete in a global economy; and a job to enhance self-sufficiency. Seventy-five graduates successfully completed the 12-month residential program since its inception in 1994 and are now living productive lives. They are no longer menaces to society; rather, they are missionaries telling others the difference that Christ made in their lives.

**Praise God!**

## Gospel Jazz Fest

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Jazz Fest will be held on **Sunday, August 24th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at Hessel Park in Champaign.

A variety of local artists will be featured, including Cynthia Turner and HeartSpeak, Grace of Mahomet, CU Superstars, and Vineyard Praise Band and Drama Ministry. Proceeds from the event will go directly to the Men's SAFE House. Corporate or individual sponsorship opportunities are available for both the Gospel Jazz Fest and SAFE House Ministry (217-367-2158).

## Graduates

Congratulations to the following SAFE House graduates:

### 2007

Dennis Brown, Jan. 7  
Corey Ford, Feb 11  
Alfred Neal, March 25  
Henry Randle, May 6  
Gary Smith, June 24  
Anthony Taylor, July 15  
Mark Epps, July 29  
Jonathon Trice, Dec. 9

### 2008

Brandon Trice, Jan. 27  
Michael Berry, July 6  
Roscoe Brown, July 6

**Congratulations!!!**

## Prayer Request

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:16)

We ask your continual prayers for Rev. Vincent Carter, Director of the SAFE House, as he recuperates from surgery. We know that God is a Healer!





Before: Site from 2007



SAFE House men and Grace men working together



The flood water was as high as the flags are on the top of the poles on the boat



Yard outside the finished house

## The Mississippi Mission Trip

The Safe House mission trip was a very exciting and interesting trip. Imagine, 16 men from different walks of life and several different backgrounds, working together all for the single purpose of glorifying the Lord. I had many wonderful moments on the trip down laughing and joking with the five other men in the van and also taking the time to get to know each other.

However, I think the

greatest blessing was for me to see the faces of the families that had lost the joy and peace from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina being restored by the love of God working through the 16 of us. God used every talent that was there to accomplish His goal. (Rom. 8:28)

*by Roby Craft, SAFE House Resident*



16 members and a new friend at church on Sunday



After: Finished project!!!

## SAFE House Voyage 2008

*by R. Brown Jr., SAFE House Graduate*

Amid the many communities that make up the Gulf of Mexico, Pass Christian, (chris-tee-ann), Mississippi was one of the most devastated. For the past two years Canaan's Men's SAFE house has joined forces with Grace Church of Mahomet and others in embarking on concerted efforts to aid and assist the residents of Pass Christian.

A coastal community that once encompassed approximately 5000 residents, now Pass Christian survives off of only around 500. This survival has been made possible by GOD putting on the hearts of HIS people to leave their comfort zones in order to help others as they go through their trials and tribulations.

If you look deep, you will see the correlation

between the men of the SAFE House and those who were victims of Katrina:

- For the men of the Safe house, there were a series of issues/traumatic events and situations that caused them to pursue their addictions. This course of action led to devastation and in some cases, destruction. By these men obtaining residence in a SAFE House environment where they're assisted by the Pastor, Staff, church members and their own personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, their lives undergo restoration.
- While in Pass Christian although the devastation wasn't self-imposed, there still remained a need for other outside resources (with GOD

being the main Source) to come in to help restore not only their community but also their lives. You see, as the physical work is being done to rebuild their community, GOD provided opportunities for us from the SAFE House to share HIS love.

Along with our group, there have been groups from as far away as Canada, both coasts and all parts between. With the influx of patrons coming to serve and not be served, everyone involved is following the Word of God as it says, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look not only for his own interest, but for the interest of others." (Philippians 2:3)

# A Message from the President, Board of Directors

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For more information,

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I'd like to thank all of you who support this ministry through your prayers, monetary gifts, and time helping in big and small ways. We want to especially thank Champaign Rotary Club for their generous grant to

## About SAFE House

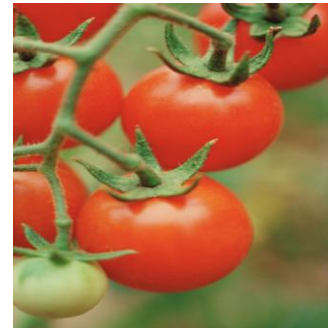
SAFE House (Substance Abuse Free Environment) Ministry channels human and economic resources back into society by attacking the drug culture with prevention and rehabilitation. SAFE House offers separate 12-month live-in Men's and Women's programs that incorporate a structured daily regimen of G.E.D., and/or adult education, devotions, group therapy, personal counseling, volunteer work projects, evening community-wide personal enrichment courses, and weekly worship services. The Men's SAFE House has been in existence since

replace all the windows and to upgrade the HVAC at the SAFE House. We hope to have windows replaced by early Fall.

Also, I would like to compliment Brother Green and the residents in planting a garden now filled with 25 tomato plants and 30 assorted pepper plants. It looks like an abundant harvest is in the future! Planting and nurturing a garden reinforces the Biblical truth that "as we sow, so shall we reap." Feel free to stop by and see it. They will be planting a fall garden of various "greens" as well.

I look forward to seeing you at the **Gospel Jazz Fest on August 24th**, and may we all want to answer the call to joyously serve the Lord through this and other ministries that enable Him to be glorified.

~ Michael Weber



## God will supply...

We believe that God will meet all of our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus, and we also know that He will meet them through you. Corporate or individual sponsorships are needed to defray Gospel Jazz Fest expenses. Sponsorships are needed for:

- Sno cone supplies and super cooler
- Meat & seasonings
- To-go containers
- Sandwich bags
- Food service gloves
- Grill rental & charcoal
- Audio equipment rental

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