

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:13

Housing: New Partners with Solutions & Synergy

Since the first community prayer guide was crafted in 2015, we've consistently prayed alongside community efforts to shepherd the unhoused and increase the overall local housing supply. From "Operation 365" housing 404 unhoused veterans, to synergy around the "TAC report," we've seen God at work. Then the COVID-19 pandemic brought the crisis to a new level.

Throughout 2021, we've prayed specifically for cross-sector collaboration and for new partners to come to the "table with solutions" to effectively shepherd unhoused people. **Leaders are seeing this happen with increased momentum.**

The Eugene Chamber of Commerce is one example. They published a detailed report calling for cross-sector action and identifying the business community as a key player in the solution.

PASTOR GABE & EVERYONE VILLAGE



Simultaneously, God is creating synergy for partners from many sectors to come around the efforts of Pastor Gabe.

Pastor Gabe and Everyone Village, a 60-dwelling transitional shelter village, are creating an environment where business leaders, churches, non-profit organizations, and government efforts can build new collaborative connections. **The Jesus-centered space is drawing new and seasoned partners to the same table, and work is progressing at a rapid pace.** Because of this synergy, the transitional housing supply is increasing, and people are receiving multi-layered support to help them transition to a more stable housing.

After reading the specific prayer requests that 40+ churches are praying, Pastor Gabe felt affirmed and encouraged that God is leading our prayers and his work. He said, *"It's as if the prayers of the Church are tilling the soil. The work we're doing is happening faster, and with more momentum, because of prayer."*

Pastor Gabe and Everyone Village have also received plenty of media attention, providing a measure of hope for our community.

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FAMILIES MOVE TO PERMANENT HOUSING, SUPPORTED BY THE CHURCH

We also pray for the increase and effectiveness of transitional, supportive housing for homeless adults and families. First Step Village, a micro-site of pallet homes for families at First Baptist has seen success. They have provided nine families housing, of which **two families have already moved into permanent housing.**



Volunteers from the church helped them move in and furnish their new apartments. Seventeen children and three pregnant mothers have found safe shelter at First Step Village. This removed the need for DHS intervention, and is providing "protection of single parents, kids, the elderly, and youth without stable housing," as we've prayed.

God is answering the specific ways we are praying, and providing glimmers of hope for the journey ahead. Be encouraged as we continue to pray, collaborate and take the next step.

Managing the Summer COVID-19 Surge



A veteran emergency room doctor considers it an answer to prayer that the local medical system was able to "manage the summer COVID-19 surge," and make it through in good condition. He saw God's hand through the whole pandemic as good practices were maintained, they never ran out of PPE, and numbers are going down again.

Additionally, Serenity Lane never experienced a COVID-19 outbreak, and the Mission never ran out of beds, while consistently maintaining a very low COVID-19 transmission rate; evidence of God's hand on our community.