



SPRINGS OF LIFE

John & Ruth Ann Payne

These past several months have included illness and some major transition (I am behind on being in touch with you). Let me catch you up...

- We've had structural issues with our house on Alford Ave. It declined to the point that it was no longer safe to live there.
- God graciously provided a safe place and the means for us to live in the neighborhood, as we pray and seek the next steps the Lord has for us concerning the property and house.
- We moved to a safe and beautiful one-bedroom apartment the first of July, where we are able to host various activities.
- In July, we attended the Summit. This is a week-long training/retreat that Cornerstone International has every five years for their missionaries.
- My relationship with Hosea's House has changed! In July, I stepped into the role of Resident Advocate Missionary, and it has become my official receiving agency.

"Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God."

1 Peter 5:2

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Saying Goodbye

Two of those I considered part of the flock that God had entrusted to me, and that I dearly loved, went home to be with the Lord this year. The first was Debbie Dowell, whom I have mentioned in a few other newsletters. Then Ginger passed away five weeks later. Saying goodbye to them was hard for both John and me. However, the grief was lightened by the knowledge that both of them are now in the presence of The Good Shepherd. They both loved playing Yahtzee and coming to game night at the church. John and I went weekly to play Yahtzee with Debbie in the nursing home the last nine months of her life.

We had a game night in September to honor them both. In addition to playing Yahzee, we had pizza, vanilla cake, and ice cream, which was Debbie's favorite. Ginger spent quite a bit of time living on the street during the years I knew her. As we were leaving, we shared an extra pizza with one of our neighbors who was on the street that night.



Saying Hello

In May of this year, I was approached by Hosea's House to prayerfully consider partnering with them as their Resident Advocate Missionary. In July, Hosea's House became my official receiving agency here in the neighborhood. God has highlighted Hosea's House as a focal point of our ministry this season. The amazing women and children have become the new flock that God has entrusted to my care, along with Nicole and Shari.

Prayer Corner

Please keep us in prayer in the following areas:

- Wisdom, discernment, and the Lord's vision regarding our property and house
- Financial provision, especially for God to fund the vision He shares with us
- Our overall spiritual, mental, and physical well-being as a married couple
- The staff, women, and children at Hosea's House
- For the continued spreading of the Gospel and making disciples of Jesus in the neighborhood and the greater Louisville area

We are so grateful for each of you. We depend on your prayers and financial support. Please let us know how we can be praying for you! Our contact information is below.

Blessings in Abundance,

John and Ruth Ann Payne

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