

## Summer 2021

## **Planting Seeds**

What do we do at Next Step Ministries to bring help and hope to the men to whom we minister? We plant seeds, of hope, change, transformation, and renewal. How do we do this? We believe the answer is given in Paul's second letter to his spiritual son as he commands Timothy to "....preach the Word..." We believe that if we are to be obedient, if we are to answer the call of God for Next Step, if we are to bring help and hope to men, we must preach the Word!

Next Step commenced the first weekly Bible study with participating men in October 2012, before we even had our residential facility. The weekly Bible studies have continued ever since that first study. We believe, as the Apostle Paul also told Timothy in his second letter, that "all scripture is...profitable for teaching...and for training in righteousness...that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." So that God may do the work He does in the lives of these men, we have completed the study of many books of the Bible, from both Old and New Testaments. We have completed numerous Bible based topical studies so that the purposes of Holy Scripture can be fulfilled.

We wholeheartedly believe what is written in the letter to the Hebrews that "...the Word of God is living and active..." It is our prayer that as the men hear God's living and active Word and apply it in their day-to-day activities that it will continue to work in renewing their minds, and transforming their lives, although we recognize that those changes may take a long time.

How else is Next Step structured to routinely bring the Word to these men? In addition to our weekly studies, the men also attend a worship/teaching time at the residential facility at least twice a month. Our discipleship program specifies that each man attend a Bible believing, Bible teaching church on a weekly basis. Accountability partners are also a key contributor to "preaching the Word" to the men. Each man is to have such a partner who, in addition to other aspects of his role, is to speak Biblical truth to the individual.

We are humbled by the privilege we have to plant these seeds, and we are greatly blessed to watch as God brings fruit from these efforts. If you are interested in volunteering to participate in any of these seed planting efforts, please contact Todd at 505-717-7941.

Special thanks to Spencer Brown for sharing Planting Seeds.



This patio is a place we gather, share a meal, and share the Word together. We are grateful Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

## **Gratitude is the Best Attitude**

Each of our men has expressive a great gratitude, a gratitude with God and a gratitude for Next Step. They are grateful to God for all He is doing in their lives and all he has delivered them from. They are also very grateful for Next Step Ministries. They are grateful to have a safe healthy place away from the world where they can heal, learn and grow. We are also grateful to God for using Next Step Ministries to transform the lives of men, what a privilege and honor it is for us.

We are very grateful for you, our donors, who partner with us, in helping our men overcome their past and start a new life. We couldn't do it without you, without your prayers and support. So, we thank God for you and using you in His ministry.

It's because of you we were able to build a nice patio with covering and replace our stairs. We thank you all and a special thanks goes out to Hope Church for their kind and generous donation. They are such a giving and caring church!

## **Call to Action**

We are currently looking for three picnic tables to go with our new patio. Call us if you can help us .

**We have updated our website** and now have a monthly option to make monthly giving easier. We also accept Vehicle Donations through, one of our partners, One Community Auto. Check out the Next Step website (nextstepnm.com) or call at 505-717-7941-we would love to hear from you.



