

## JOINT TASK FORCE PROGRESS REPORT: THE BOWIE FAMILY

In December 2010 a Joint Task Force formed between our Missions Committee and our Disaster Response Program to decide how best to aid a Bowie Family in despair. It was decided to make a loan to the family in the amount necessary to keep their house from being foreclosed after property tax sale had gone through.

Original Loan amount was \$12,762.25 disbursed on 12/28/2010 to pay the property tax bill and avoid foreclosure. These funds were disbursed from Restricted Fund Balance Accounts- DRP (83%), Bowie Family Fund (9%) and Mission Fund Raisers (8%). As of May 12<sup>th</sup> 69% of the total loan has been repaid by the Bowie Family and refunds from the county for tax credits and rebates. The balance owed on the loan is **\$3,963.36 as of May 12, 2011**, and is being re-paid in monthly increments of \$350.00.

### Monetary Gifts:

2010

Gifts from Church Members December 2010	\$3,158.87
Transfer from the Shelter Committee FB	\$ 500.00
Transfer from Missions Committee VIM-FB	\$ 657.64
Sub-Total	\$4,316.51

2011

Contributions from BIF Recreation Council	\$ 400.00
Gifts from Martin Luther King Day	\$ 568.25
Gifts from Church Members through May 2011	\$ 741.00
Re-Payments from Bowie Family	\$ 544.00
Refunds from PG County PT	\$ 214.83
Total Contributions 2011	\$2,468.08

Refund of Property Insurance Pennoyer Group	\$ 530.45
Grand Total 2010 & 2011 & Refund	\$7,315.05

### Expenses:

2010 & through May 2011

Property Taxes	\$1,002.73
Release of Lien PT	\$1,275.00
Fuel Oil	\$ 499.36
Western Pest Control	\$ 450.00
Pennoyer Group HO-Insurance	\$ 592.61
Birth certificates	\$ 51.87
Dan Blades Supplies	\$ 428.41
Bruce Thoman Supplies	\$ 514.38
Pennoyer Group HOI Deposit	\$ 88.51

Total Expenses	\$4,902.87
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Balance in account	<b>\$2,412.17</b>
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Pastors Discretionary Fund – Dental Bills	\$ 316.00
AP Gutters and Guards - VIM	\$ 686.00

## **Volunteer Organizations that have provided service & materials through May 2011**

***All American Home Improvement, Annapolis & Alsid's Vinyl Supplies, Baltimore-*** Replaced the gables and fascia on two sides of the house. This was a Bowie City sited Code violation that needed repair. Material costs were \$230.00, labor donated.

***AP Gutters and Guards*** - Installed new gutters and downspouts on the rear of the house and left front. Total cost was \$686.00

***A.W. Industries – Serta***: Donated 7 new mattresses, box-springs and frames

***The Bowie Bay Socks*** – For providing Christmas for the Family and visiting the home with their Mascot.

***The Bowie Interfaith Clergy Association*** – Who have responded to our plea for support.

***The Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Fund*** – For continual support.

***The Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council*** - Donated \$400.00 to purchase a new electrical panel and circuit breakers. The item was purchased and has been installed

***Bowie United Methodist Church, Old Bowie*** - Rehab work in two bedrooms and painting.

***Capital City Plumbing – Bob Glendenning*** - Donated time and materials for various repairs.

***Cardigan Kitchens & Bath, Bowie*** - Donated bathroom tub, medicine cabinet and hand rail.

***Christmas in April*** – Approving this home for rehab work and supplying countless materials.

***Christmas in April recipient*** - Donated a Car to the Family

***Church of Latter Day Saints, Bowie*** - Painted the entire outside of the house including the oil tank.

***City of Bowie Public Works Department*** – Unclogging the storm drain that flooded the front yard each time it rained.

***Community Christian Presbyterian Church, Bowie and Safeway, Jack Jacobs and four volunteers along with Paul Sell*** - Removed old floor on the porch and replaced new lumber on the entire front porch. The home owners then coated the floor with sealer and painted the porch ceiling, fascia and railings.

***Cornerstone Assembly of God, Bowie*** - Guttered the kitchen, installed a new wall, did dry wall repair, painted the kitchen, installed new kitchen cabinets supplied by Christmas in April, and installed the new electrical panel box.

***Eastern Flooring, Landover*** - Donated new carpet

***Ebenezer UMC, Lanham*** - Held a Fundraiser Youth Rally on March 25<sup>th</sup> that included household items.

***Greater Mount NEBO AME Church, Bowie & St Matthew's VIM Team*** - Have gutted one bedroom in the basement and are replacing all drywall and ceiling, insulation, painting and installing a new floor.

***Jiffy Plumbing & Heating, Hyattsville*** - Replaced the sump pump and made it operational, ran hot and cold water supplies for the clothes washer, capped off a faucet and replaced faucet in the bathroom tub.

***Knights of Columbus, Bowie*** - Repaired dry wall in the living room and hall way, installed shelving the hall closet, did masonry work on the outside repairing old stove pipe holes. They replaced missing brick on the front porch and sealed loose brick at the foundation. They are conducting fund raisers to assist with repair costs.

***Leroy Gonzales, Chet Baskin & Larry Morgan- Local Workers volunteered their time and personal funds*** - Gutted and replaced the entire bathroom, new floor in the kitchen, installed kitchen cabinets and will be installing the new counter tops.

***Local VIM Team- Ebenezer UMC, Sykesville; The National Korean UMC, Sliver Spring & St. Matthew's UMC, Bowie*** - Formed on May 21<sup>st</sup> to finish the outstanding jobs related to the property; till and plant a vegetable garden; purchased and installed a new swing set for the children, and landscape the property. Furniture donations were delivered from storage.

***St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Upper Marlboro*** – Donated appliances.

***St. Matthew's UMC, Bowie*** - Have provided donations of furniture and appliances, patio furniture, linens and bedding. Removed old steps in the rear and side of the house and build new steps with railings, poured concrete pad on the side steps to avoid basement flooding. Repaired doors, installed new electrical receptacles, light switches and ceiling lights; have picked up and delivered or stored all donated supplies and beds; had one Local VIM Team remove debris and do general cleaning and organizing work areas. Rewired the entire electrical system in the house, and installed smoke detectors. Our Christmas in April Team did an outstanding job removing a downed tree and clearing the property of other debris and inside jobs. The task force has sought after, acquired and supervised all volunteer labor and teams every step of the way. Five members of our Joint Task Force have been in daily contact with the Family. Tutoring and transportation is provided weekly by other task force members. The Shelter Committee donated \$500 of their funds to help with this family.

***Temple Solel, Bowie*** - Completely gutted two bedrooms, replaced all drywall, ceilings, insulation, painted, installed new flooring, doors and blinds on the windows. They did an outstanding job.

***Western Pest Services, Gaithersburg*** – Gave a reduced rate for pest treatment and the final treatment was free.

On behalf of the entire Task Force we ask that you keep this family in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover from many setbacks in life to reach safe ground. Having a new living environment that is safe and functional has helped provide new hope for this family. Your gifts of generosity are greatly appreciated and your continued support has made a transformational difference in the lives of 11 family members. We have learned many things working on this project and the best has been to see a **community unite in support** of a poor family struggling to survive. May God continue to lead us in servant ministry to our neighbor! Thank you.....

*Irene Schneider – Chair Missions Committee*