

STORIES OF HOPE

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Celebrate with us as
we open the doors
to **hope and healing**





Pastor Michael L. Brown

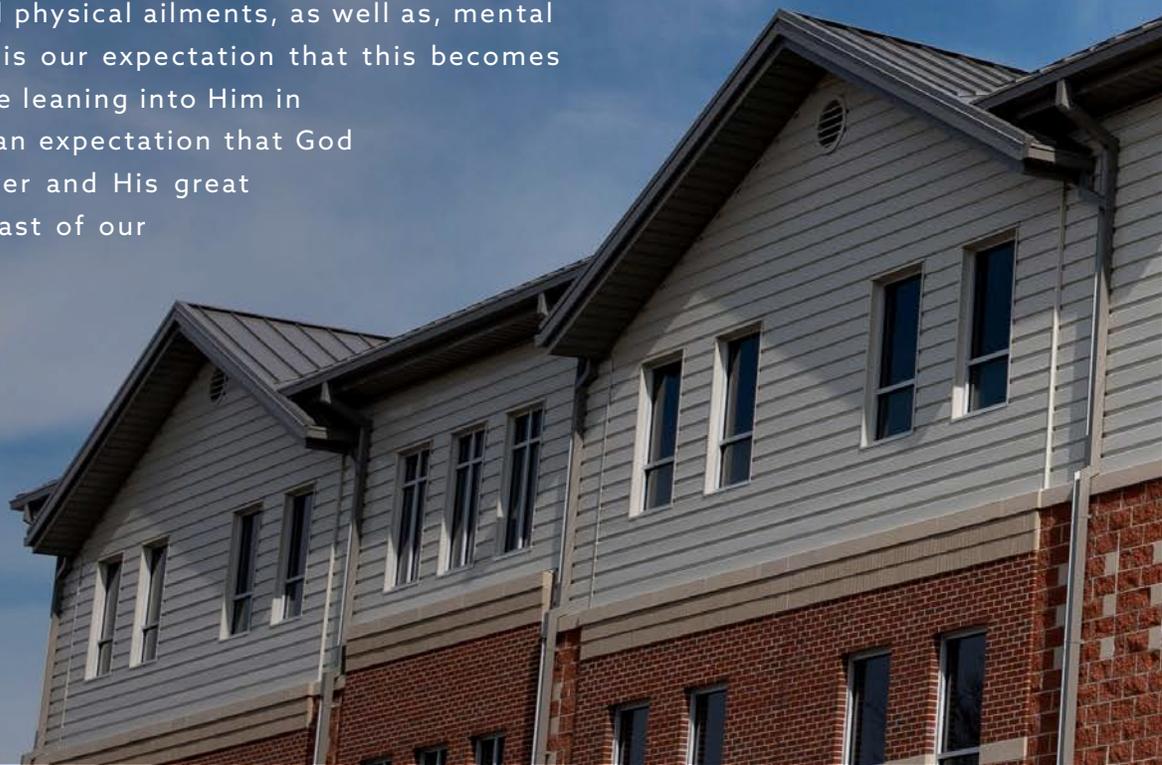
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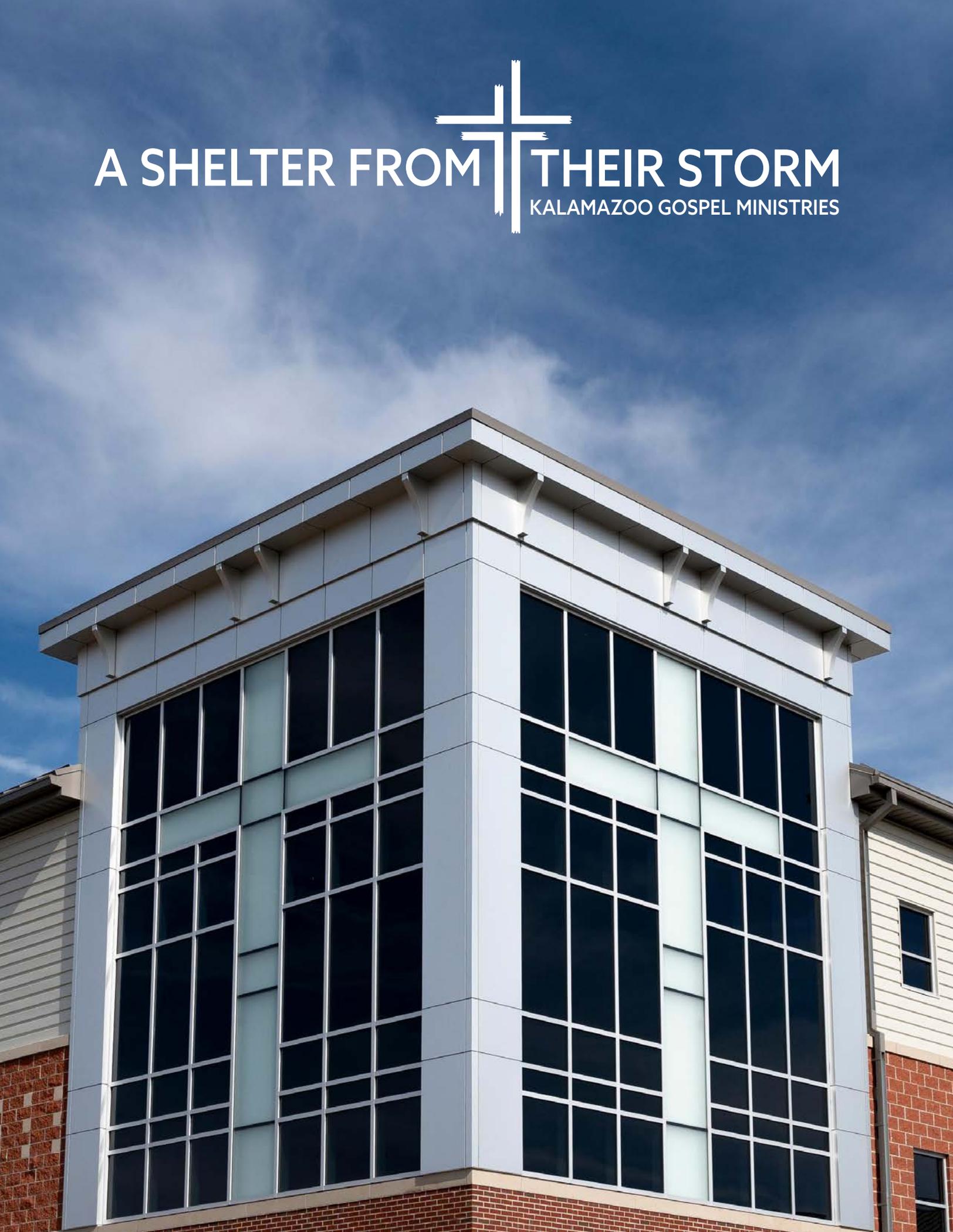
1 Corinthians 2:12 (NKJV) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

This is truly an exciting time for all of us at Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. For the past year and a half, we have been working to get our new building constructed and now we are all set to open. COVID taught us quite a few lessons which helped us to grow stronger and brought us closer together as a ministry team. Now, we are focusing on leaning into God. We realize that to be successful in "Changing lives through the power of Christ" we must be tuned to God's power and His timing. As a ministry team, we will be spending more time in corporate prayer, using the power He has given us, and petitioning Him for direction, as we continue this life-changing ministry. God has continually proven Himself faithful to provide our every need.

The addition of this new building will feature 45,000+ sq. ft. of space, and will allow us to stretch out and serve more people. With 16 new, two-bedroom apartments, a new chapel, community rooms, and dedicated intake rooms, we are ready to take this ministry to the next level. This expansion will also provide the much needed increase in space that our children's programming really needs. Please join us in praying that God moves in the hearts and minds of the people He sends our way. Pray that they have the desire to change some of the self-defeating habits that have kept them from experiencing the abundant life that is available to them. In this new season, we are expecting to see radical encounters with the Holy Spirit. Encounters that result in people being set free from addictions and physical ailments, as well as, mental conditions being healed. It is our expectation that this becomes the norm at KGM, and we are leaning into Him in anticipation of it. We have an expectation that God will begin to show His power and His great love for the lost and the least of our community in radical ways.

As you read through this newsletter, and hear the stories of what God is doing here, I hope you'll be inspired to become more intimately involved in the life-changing ministry here at KGM. To God Be The Glory!!!



The image features a large, modern building with a prominent glass facade and a white cross logo above the text. The building has a white metal frame and large glass windows. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font.

A SHELTER FROM THEIR STORM

KALAMAZOO GOSPEL MINISTRIES

HOPE AND HEALING

WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST



Kami Galvin

Director of Programs

All of us make choices daily. Some are healthy choices that lead to a productive life, while others have the potential to negatively impact our lives.

Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries' long-term program, New Life | New Hope, is focused on providing the essential tools to help guests make those healthy choices. "We want to see lives transformed by Christ," says Kami Galvin, Director of Programs at KGM. "Our goal is to come alongside people and help them acquire the structure and tools they need for success."

With the new women's and children's building now open, the launch of the long-term program will give the resources needed for those who desire a fresh start. The comprehensive one-year program offers a gospel centered approach to life. With emphasis on recovery, education, life skills, and spiritual growth, New Life | New Hope guides those who have committed to the one-year track. This voluntary program offers key steps that lead participants toward individual goals and ideally reduces the future risk of homelessness.



63 Emergency shelter beds **16** suites
(space for 191 women and children)



2 New community rooms for
women and children



School aged children's ministry
addition



Dedicated Chapel Space

MEET KIM

I KNEW I COULD RELY ON MY SUPPORTIVE FRIENDS AT KGM, AND I CALLED TO TALK THE SITUATION THROUGH. THEY TOLD ME "COME BACK, KIM, YOU HAVE A SAFE PLACE HERE."

I moved in with family after losing my job at the beginning of the pandemic. Although I appreciated them taking me in, it wasn't a good situation. There were lots of disagreements and we were angry with each other all the time. I knew I needed to make a change, so I took my two kids and moved us to Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. It was a safe place, but I still found myself restless.

In a rash decision, I decided to move home to Alabama, where the rest of my extended family lives. Although, I thought this was the best choice I could have made for my family, turns out it was the worst. While we were there, one of my children was sexually abused by someone close to me.

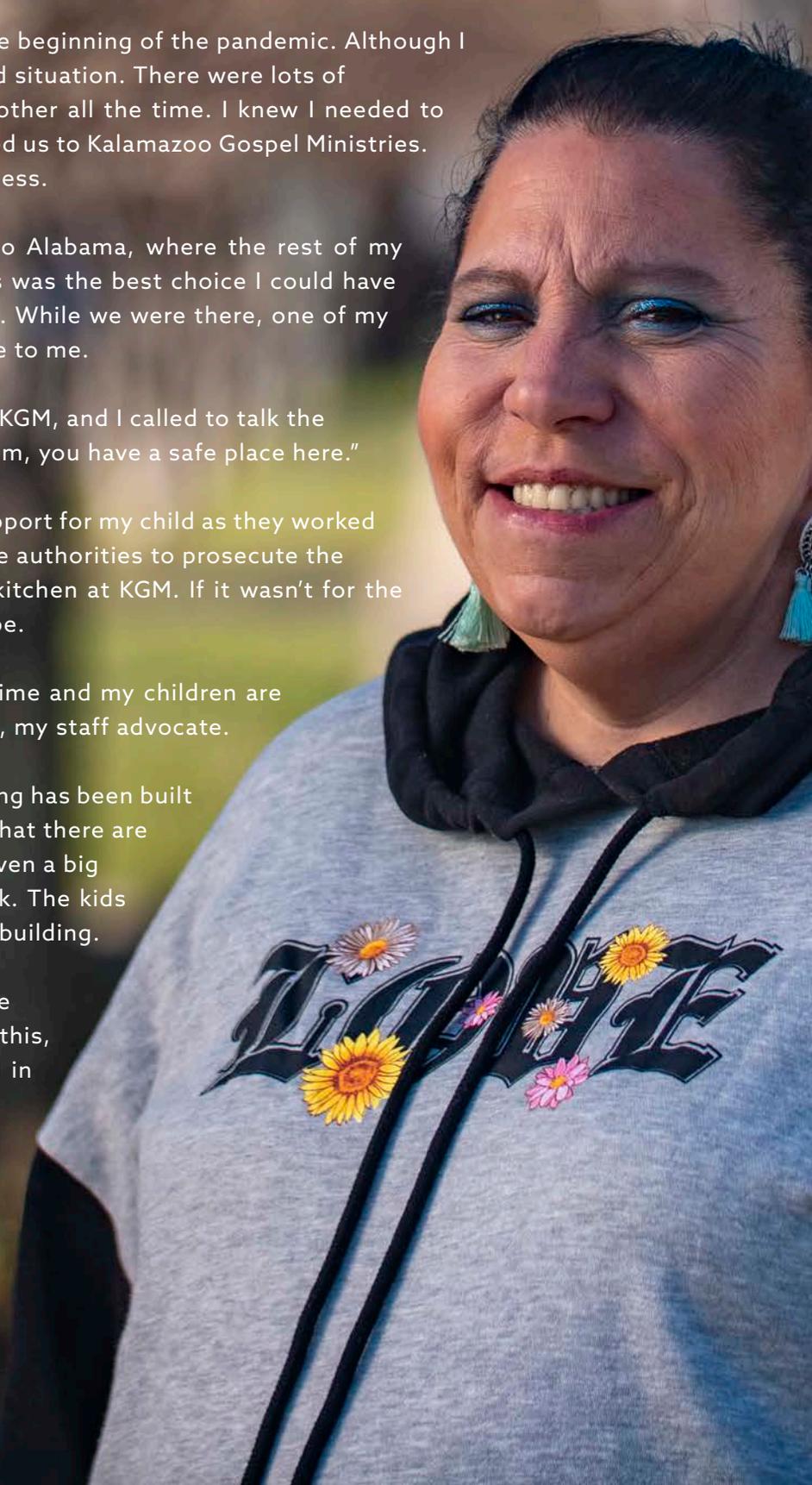
I knew I could rely on my supportive friends at KGM, and I called to talk the situation through. They told me "come back, Kim, you have a safe place here."

We found the help we needed. We arranged support for my child as they worked through the trauma, I was able to work with the authorities to prosecute the offender, and even found employment in the kitchen at KGM. If it wasn't for the staff here at KGM, I don't know where I would be.

I am now in my own home; I am working full time and my children are with me. I am doing well and often talk to Beth, my staff advocate.

There are lots of changes recently, a new building has been built for families like mine who need shelter. I hear that there are individual rooms for moms with children and even a big living room where kids can go to do homework. The kids never had a space to hang out before this new building.

I think this will be awesome for the kids and the ladies staying here. Not everyone understands this, but we need to support each other; we are all in this together, because we are all homeless. Encouragement from staff is important, but it's important for ladies to support each other while staying here. If we don't support each other, it becomes really lonely.



Resilient

Women Supporting Women Event

Special Guest Speaker
Tonier Cain



You are invited to join us for an exclusive women's luncheon and silent auction on Friday April 22, 2022 at 12pm.

With the new women's and children's building now open, we have some exciting news. Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries has invited internationally known speaker, Tonier Cain to join us for a women's fundraising event called "Resilient, Women Supporting Women".

Tonier Cain is an advocate and educator, speaking all over the world on trauma, addiction, incarceration, homelessness, substance abuse and mental health.

Tickets for this event are \$50 and are available at kzoogospel.org/resilient

Happy Easter

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DID YOU KNOW, **DONATING** **YOUR CAR** WILL HELP THE HOMELESS?

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