



# S.M.I.L.E.—Samaritan Ministries Imparting Letters of Encouragement

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## BIRTH OF A VISION

by Elizabeth Recker

Samaritan Ministries is proud to announce that we have just purchased our transition home and will be opening the Samaritan Inn shortly. The parable of the Good Samaritan is a key part of our motivation as a ministry. This story in Luke 10:25-37 is the origin of our name and the inspiration behind our goals, and specifically, our mission. It touches hearts and opens eyes about what it truly means to “love thy neighbor”. As we all may have many questions for God, this is one time where we can see how He directly answers a question about eternal life and an even more specific question about how we are called to treat others.



In this passage, Jesus is being tested by an expert in the law and is asked what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus then replies with another question, “What is written in the law?” The man recites the law and asks for clarity, “And who is my neighbor?” Trying to explain this concept, Jesus begins to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan. There is an injured man beaten by robbers on the side of the street half dead. A priest and a Levite happen to be going in the same direction and as they pass by him they don’t

pay any attention to the man and walk by on the opposite side of the road.

Then comes along a Samaritan who is a stranger to this man. He goes to him, tends to his wounds, and wraps him with bandages. He puts him on his own donkey and walks beside him as he leads him to an inn and pays for him to be taken care of for a month.

We named our ministry after this story because we feel that it embodies who we are as a group and what we strive to do. We are here to walk alongside these women through the worst life has to offer and to treat everyone as God would want us to treat our neighbors. We are so excited to be opening our new transition house now as well. We will not only walk alongside women, but also lead them to a safe home where we can tend to their needs and help them to become stable and healthy.

Join us in our plight as we take to heart and put into action the lesson of the Good Samaritan. Our expenses are numerous as we embark on this mission to change lives for a better tomorrow. Any donation will be welcomed.

Even while we are in the process of preparing to open our home in Bunnell for single mothers and women in transition, we welcome opportunities to speak publicly to groups or individuals about our mission. We also are still available by phone, and operate by appointment at the offices at Divvy Professional Offices in Palm Coast. 386-437-4372



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all your ways and he will make your paths straight. ~ Proverbs 3: 5-6*



- ♥ to Doris Claybourn for a donation in memory of Andrew Domson.
- ♥ to Maria Flake for a donation in honor of someone special.
- ♥ to Maggie Williams for the donation of a car.
- ♥ to Pastor and Mrs. Jim Bullock for the donation of furniture for our Inn.
- ♥ to those from Epic Church, Palm Coast Community Church, and Palm Coast Bible Church who helped transport furniture.
- ♥ to those who are helping install our fence.



Maggie Williams and Lorraine Vickery with car donated by Maggie



Fence in progress

You're All  
WONDERFUL!



**ALL ABOARD  
WELCOME CAYTI RECKER!**

Samaritan Ministries is *pleased* to welcome Cayti Recker to serve on our Board of Directors. Though Cayti has volunteered *behind the scenes* for years, and occasionally been a speaker at events, she is also a single mom who has raised three girls alone while putting herself through college. Cayti's life experiences, education, gifts, and talents make her an excellent board member whose knowledge and input in making policies or decisions are founded on personal experience and in a spirit of

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the date of remembrance, or the month thereafter, we will share your sponsoring event in our newsletter. October has already been pledged to celebrate a couple's an-