

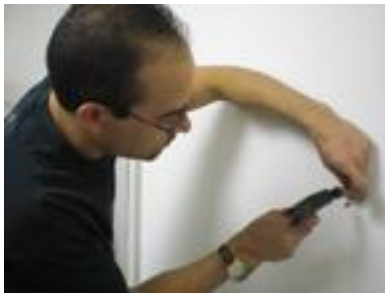


Greetings from Clara's House:

December 2009

Living in Midtown Sacramento, I find it takes a while to find your way around. As I go down different streets to get to the house, there are roadblocks to slow the traffic, and one has to go to another street to get through. So it is with Clara's House. Each day brings new road blocks, and our task is to find our way around them.

During this last year, we have confronted zoning issues, rental availability (landlords open to our project), Government and State regulations for tax exemption, laboratory licenses both Federal and State, DEA drug licensing, professional licenses, and business licenses. Presently we are working on a clinic license from the State, and a pharmacy permit. We have to write policies, procedures, protocols and additionally schedule fire inspections and clinic inspections. We are numb from applications to be completed.



We are grateful to the many people who have helped us, realtors, lawyers, architects, CPA, doctors, nurses, volunteers, board members and those who believe in the dream. These include St. Vincent de Paul, the Sisters of Notre

Dame de Namer, the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of Social Service and the Sisters of St Francis (both in California and internationally), Kaiser Permanente Foundation, priests, and friends. Work has included installation of computers, wiring, setting up computers and programs, posting signs, getting locks, hauling furniture, and acquiring a new refrigerator to meet codes.

The season gives us the reason for it all. Our God became one of us in a humble setting. We walk the journey with four diabetics, who are illiterate, and who struggle with a chronic disease that afflicts our society in epidemic proportions, and with children who struggle in school because of the lack of daily nutrition and the need for glasses. We have walked with those who have spent their last days here on earth, and we accompanied them in the letting go and rebirth.

Yes, here in Sacramento, we know that God's voiceless and vulnerable await us, and we patiently pay the Government with fees -- hoping and knowing we will provide what we started out to provide, a dream of health care for those without access or health insurance.



The scripture today speaks of the banquet, the fullness of God's love for all brothers and sisters. We hope to bring more to the table at Clara's House.

Peace and all Good!



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