

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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InnerCreations:

Fourteen years ago, I felt the Lord leading me to buy a resale shop where I shopped a lot. The owners wanted to sell, but the numbers didn't add up. He even gave me the name – InnerCreations. It simply wasn't His timing, however. He had planted the seeds in my head, but at the time, I thought, "Well, I'm just not hearing right."

Years later, one of our NBBC volunteers began teaching our women how to refinish furniture. We included these items in our first annual banquet. They were such a success, we again talked and prayed over a store. Again, the timing wasn't right.

I would share the vision with new volunteers and had everyone praying. And I just put it at the back of my mind and didn't worry about it.

*A few months ago, one of my volunteers saw this building and called me about it. I called the owners and then started driving by and praying over it. Then one day the Lord said **IT'S TIME!!!** So we are planning to open our resale store in June.*

We will have nice quality clothing for women, re-finished furniture, and lots of arts and crafts that the ladies of NBBC make. Also we will have some antique items. We are super excited about our new adventure. This will be another outlet for us to help the women to teach them work skills and show them how to handle being around the public. Eventually as we grow we will be able to employ the women that have a hard time finding work. If they have any aggravated charges, it's very hard to find them a good job.

So please continue to pray for our new journey and if you are interested in volunteering or donating please contact Volunteer Coordinator Martha Sue Thomas at 806-577-9211.

The store will be run by volunteers and the women that are in NB. All proceeds will be donated to NB.

This is another big step of faith for us.

Faith House:

Almost a year ago, as most of you are aware, we lost one of our homes to a fire. We received a couple of donations to buy another house last summer. And while we looked at several, we just didn't find anything we believed was for us.

Finally, the Realtor took me to one that needed a lot of work. She told me all the negatives. She said we didn't want this house. I remember that was on a Friday. The following Monday, a woman from Weidner Apartment Homes in Abilene called and asked if NBBC had anything her company could do as a community service project.

She expressed to me that they like to help local non-profit agencies. This all transpired in November. And while she apologized for the short timing, she said it would need to be done December 1.

I could not question God's hand in all this. I spoke to the Realtor, telling her we had to close on the house on Peach Street immediately. And while she initially agreed, the title company told us there was no way. It happened that they messed up on the paperwork. We were told to cancel. But I knew there was no way I could do that.

The materials were already purchased to refurbish the house and get it ready. And we were down to the wire. People were flying in to help.

So I called my prayer warriors, and they began praying. The Realtor called the next day and asked if I had canceled.

"Well actually, no," I told her, "because I felt the Lord told me not to."



Another successful garage sale

She said the title company told her we could close that week next Monday. And the date was November 30. I was praising Jesus for making a way. When Monday arrived, she had multiple e-mails enumerating all the reasons we couldn't close that day.

Her response to this negativity finally was simple: "My client has her people praying. It will happen today."

Needless to say, we signed those papers at 6:10 p.m., and the crew showed up at 8 a.m., December 1. We praise Jesus for both making a way and sending these amazing people of Weidner to help us.

They went above and beyond, buying new appliances for us, custom wooden blinds and so many more things. We have been using the house ever since.

It's no wonder He gave me the name "Faith House" for our newest addition!