

# New Song News



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## *Praising God* **FOR REFERRAL PARTNERS!**

"When kids come to New Song and are saturated with Christ's love in this Christian community, I believe God will use it to change their lives," said Hosea Baxter, Professor of Urban Leadership of Crossroads Bible College.

Hosea was one of 40 people who attended two luncheons held at New Song's Brown County campus recently. Many of the first-time guests who attended were referral source partners, meaning people who work directly with at-risk families that could be referred to New Song.

"The luncheon events are part of a significant outreach we are making to referral sources throughout south-central, central, and northeastern Indiana," shared New Song's Founder and Director, Bob Schloss. "While we don't have children living on campus yet, through this collaboration with other organizations we've been made aware of several kids who need our help. We trust that God's timing for us is growing nearer each day."

A large amount of energy and effort are being poured into these outreach activities by several New Song staff members. The groups and people that New Song is reaching out to include homeless shelters, social workers, school teachers, food pantry

staff, CASA workers, jail chaplains, churches, urban ministries, and social service agencies which support grandparents.

future," said Kyle Augsburger, New Song's Campus Director. "Our new friendships with numerous ministries and organizations who are already working with families in crisis will help



Guests enjoying lunch at New Song

In the past two months, more than 50 organizations have been personally contacted by New Song and made aware that the ministry is now fully open and ready to serve kids in need. Another 250 referral sources and churches have also been contacted.

"We believe these relationships are establishing a solid foundation for our

connect children with New Song for years to come."

Since the spring, New Song has been made aware of about 20 children who could benefit from the ministry's care. We hope to begin receiving formal enrollment applications soon.

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**Equipping children for life,**  
*through the love of Christ Jesus.*

# From *the Heart*

## *A message from the Director*

I still tear up when I'm alone in my study and think about boys and girls who feel abandoned by their dads, afraid in their neighborhoods, or are otherwise without hope. Even after these many years of New Song's development, the struggles and difficulties children face still make my heart grieve.

But when I'm out on campus and see the amazing setting that's been created for these kids, I feel so thankful to the Lord for what He has built.

As God's word states: "For He will deliver the needy when he cries for help, the afflicted also, and him who has no helper." (Ps 72:12)

It seems to me that God has blessed New Song with some of the most scenic property, amazing facilities, and incredible staff in all of Indiana. What He has created by His grace through 1,500 volunteers, 1,100 financial contributors, 100 business partners, and dozens of churches is truly remarkable.

What's needed now are the kids.

The way New Song receives children is unique. Children are placed directly into our care by moms who are struggling with challenging circumstances such as homelessness, addiction, incarceration, or other difficulties.

Custodial grandparents also enroll kids at New Song when they are no longer able to care for their grandkids as well as they'd like to. New Song empowers these parents and grandparents to give their kids a rare opportunity.

Our way of receiving kids outside of the juvenile court system is the narrower path, which can be more difficult. But it's a path we believe will holistically transform lives.

Finding at-risk kids we can help takes time as we build relationships with organizations and churches who know their families. And once these moms and grandmas learn about New Song, it's not easy for them to take the huge step of enrolling their children into our care.

We know, however, that there are moms and grandparents throughout Indiana who are dealing with very difficult situations and want to provide more for their children. We trust that as these parents and grandparents learn about New Song and see the hope and future God has prepared for their kids on our campus (Jeremiah 29:11), they will enter into a partnership with us to bless their children's lives.

Through our referral source partners we are finding kids we can help.



Bob Schloss  
Founder/Executive Director

Will you please pray for the moms and grandmas whose kids need to experience the love of Christ and the care of New Song Mission?

While we pray, work, and wait on the Lord, these words about faith that the Holy Spirit penned through the apostle Paul can be most helpful: "Faith is the substance of what is hoped for, the evidence of things yet unseen." (Hebrews 11:1)

May we soon see what we've been hoping for: children living and thriving on the New Song campus.

For Christ and kids,

Robert P. Schloss, JD  
Founder/Executive Director

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The situations surrounding many of these kids' lives provide a sobering picture of the children we will serve:

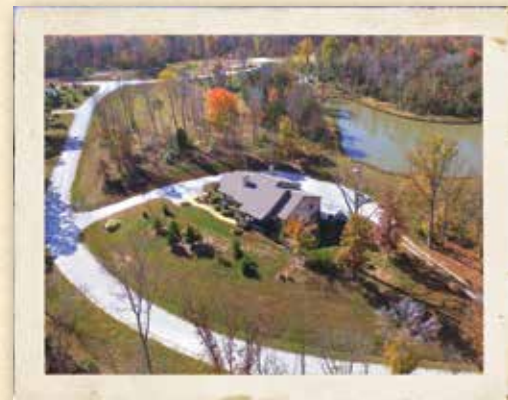
- A mom with four kids whose husband is incarcerated
- An elementary-age student who is being cared for by an adoptive grandmother in a dangerous neighborhood
- A mom living in a homeless shelter who wants stability for her pre-teen son

- Two sisters who are being cared for by an elderly grandparent with deteriorating health

"Some of these children desperately need New Song's help," shared Lisa Schloss, Co-founder and Associate Director. "Please pray that their parents and grandparents would have the strength and courage to complete the enrollment application and place them into our care."

All of us at New Song are very thankful to God for the open doors

He has provided to children in need. We look forward to how the Lord will bless us with children in the days ahead!



# CHILD ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

To learn whether a child may be eligible for enrollment at New Song, please visit [www.NewSongMission.org/ChildEligibility](http://www.NewSongMission.org/ChildEligibility)

# Happy Summer Everyone!

*(by Andy and Heather Beck, houseparents)*

Well, the temps are rising here in Indiana, and summer has arrived! Although we are still waiting on God's timing to receive New Song kids, we can undoubtedly see God's hand in numerous ways each day. He is working on our hearts and gearing us up to love the kids who will come soon. We see Him give strength to tired bodies after long days in the sun getting the campus ready. We see Him in our garden that is growing despite the fact we have no clue what we are doing. We see Him in the powerful storms that come and

the light show that the thousands of fireflies put on for us every night. We see Him in interactions with the New Song family and the way He is building our relationships. We see Him in his provision and answered prayers daily. We also saw Him in a gift of unexpected time away to see family in Texas. I could go on and on about the ways He is moving here in our lives and how He is always so faithful and good to us. Thank you Lord for showing our family your faithfulness and goodness as we are on our journey in ministry with New Song!



Andy and Heather Beck, girls' houseparents, with their son Hunter and daughter Hallie

## WE ARE EXPECTING

*(by Logan and Olivia Stoner, houseparents)*

We don't know their height, weight or day of birth but we are expecting. We are expecting God to move in huge ways. We know that the children who will soon fill this table are God's beloved children. He knows every hair on their head. He knows all about them. He has prepared our hearts and this home for children to be able to live in a safe place where they can be adopted into His family and grow and learn to be more like Jesus. All for His glory.

Thank you Jesus! Please join us in praying for each boy who will soon fill this table in our home!



Logan and Olivia Stoner, boys' houseparents

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## God Blesses New Song through \$50K Estate Gift!

New Song was recently blessed by God through a deceased couple's generous \$50,000 estate gift. While this couple did not desire to be recognized for their giving, we wanted to share with our supporters our excitement about this wonderful blessing from the Lord made through them.

"One of the very special things about this couple was their engaging personalities," shared New Song's Director, Bob Schloss. "The wife had such a fun, joyful spirit, while the husband was friendly, warm, and very inquisitive. And together, they shared a deep trust in the Lord and a unique love for at-risk kids."

New Song appreciates so very much the love this couple demonstrated for children in need through their very significant estate planning gift!

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

New Song is now hiring for the positions below. If you or someone you know might be interested, information about these special roles can be received by emailing the ministry at: [Info@NewSongMission.org](mailto:Info@NewSongMission.org)

NOW HIRING: Teachers and Relief Houseparents

## Wish List

In preparation for children, we are hoping that New Song supporters will bless us with some of the following items on our Wish List. If you'd like to learn more about purchasing one of these items for the ministry, please email New Song's Campus Director, Kyle Augsburger, at [KAugsburger@NewSongMission.org](mailto:KAugsburger@NewSongMission.org).

### Wish List Items:

- 8 Chromebooks
- Two large gas grills
- An octagon picnic table
- Two large round game tables and chairs
- Folding camping chairs
- Deck furniture
- Weed eaters (several are needed)
- A riding lawn mower
- Hedge trimmers
- A four-wheeler
- 2-drawer wooden filing cabinets with locks
- Two tool cabinets (locking)

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