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I am Penny Dugan and I founded New Jerusalem Missions in 1992. New Jerusalem Missions began as a Christian Mission in Illinois.

I moved to Kansas after my husband died of AIDS in 1993. I opened our first group home, Someplace Else, a hospice for those with AIDS. This was a place to accept those people who were some of the most rejected by society at that time. Someplace Else was located in Wichita for 7 years. There, after some training in Youth With A Mission, I learned about dual diagnoses. Many of our residents had mental illness or addiction issues as well as health issues. Through this, God taught me to love, not judge, and show compassion.

Upon moving to Kansas in 1993, we obtained the old Axtel Christian Hospital in Newton. We did nothing in the building for the first 10 years, except to clean up the debris. In 2005, after closing the hospice due to new meds coming out, we started Harvey County Homeless Shelter. When we turned it over to the community and they relocated, we began transitional living for men in 2014. The building was so big, but we have always known we would feed, provide housing, clothes/furniture and food for the people who need assistance. Most importantly, we show them love and offer hope!

In February, 2024, we rented a home and are now doing transitional/transformational sober living for women. After 34 years of working WITH Him, we have done all aspects of the vision for the Dwelling Place. We are hoping to use the Axtel Hospital to house those marginalized by society.

We are honored to get to work WITH him in this endeavor and our hospice in South Africa. Now in 2024, we all agree it is time for a Capitol fundraiser, which we are calling "For Such a Time as This." We have been planning to kick it off for over a year now, but believe now is the time to get the building done! The amount we need to complete it is \$5.9 million.

I have witnessed people come to Christ before dying and reconciling with their family and friends. I have seen men transform their lives and become successful people in society. Men who are getting clean and sober, allowing God to heal their hurts and turn their lives around, restoring relationships, and moving on and we are now doing the same for women at Grace Place.

We feed and have housed those medically underserved and we have sheltered the homeless, but the need is back, so we will start again to provide a safe and secure place for weary travelers and people with no direction needing help or advice. All of these group homes we have done and we believe it is time to bring it under one roof.

Our campaign, "For Such a Time as This", is looking for partners for the finishing of The Dwelling Place, our 75,000 sq ft. historical Christian hospital that He gave us to serve those He loves! We plan to upgrade to 5 group homes, a dining hall and commercial kitchen, give away room, and grocery store. These are all in the plans and all things we have done or are currently doing. We will have a homeless shelter, which people can continue into transformational living, one for men and one for women, and a whole floor for the medically underserved and hospice care. We will continue to give away clothing, furniture, and food boxes in addition to operating our Loaves and Fish Cafe 5 days a week, providing lunch and dinner.

We received a bid from a commercial contractor and to complete and restore The Dwelling Place we will need to raise \$5.9 million. For Such a Time as This, we will be able to house close to 100 people. This might overwhelm me, but it does not overwhelm Him. Please prayerfully consider working with us on this endeavor.

Sincerely,


Penny Dugan, Director