



## Renovations Underway at Paxton Street Home

Clockwise from upper left: Maintenance Asst. Kirk Patterson strips wallpaper from the 1st floor stairway. VS Worker Dennis Trapnell & Volunteer Bruce Apgar strip wallpaper in the main lobby area. Construction on our main office involved removal of all the old countertops, windows, and trim and the final photo (above left) shows off our newly painted and freshly wallpapered dining room.

## DOOR OF HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are opening doors of hope; it's not a slogan but a literal statement of progress. In July of 2008, we launched the Door of Hope campaign to help us expand our ministry. In keeping with our mission to serve adults who may be challenged with social, mental, or emotional needs and our vision to empower people to live as independently as possible, we are seeking to expand our housing choices. Door of Hope is helping us do that. Our objective is to raise \$1,500,000 over three years from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. Some of this money has already opened new doors with the start of the **Boas Street Community Lodge** in November of 2009. Because lodge members are required to hold a job as part of their housing arrangement, we also launched **Paxton Cleaning Solutions, Inc.** in January of 2010. The new business, with training already underway, will employ lodge members and, with enough cleaning contracts, people from Paxton Street Home and possibly from the local community. We are actively seeking a second property to open another lodge in 2011.

A portion of the campaign money is being devoted to building the endowment, which produces interest income to help fund our ongoing benevolent care needs; operational costs during the campaign have also been included. At present, we have raised just under two-thirds of our goal. This is great news in hard economic times, and we have felt blessed by God. Yet, that still leaves us with more than \$500,000 to raise in the next year. Would you prayerfully consider helping us open more doors of opportunity by completing your pledge as soon as you are able, giving a special gift, or helping with our operational expenses? You can send a check to Paxton Ministries marked "Door of Hope" or make a donation through our website at [www.paxtonmin.org](http://www.paxtonmin.org). As always, we are grateful for your support. Your gifts and volunteer hours are really showing God's love and changing lives. ■

In Christ Jesus,  
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