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Mission Statement

“Grace Meadow offers professional counseling and psychotherapy from a Christian perspective to individuals, families and groups with a wide variety of relationship issues. We have special experience working with special needs families.”

Grace Meadow, as a counseling/therapy ministry, serves a wide variety of people. We work in a traditional office setting, and in a unique outdoors setting, depending on the needs of each client.

Our staff includes Jim Flowers, a Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, and certified Equine-assisted Psychotherapist.

And, part-time, Susan Flowers, MA, MA, with 25 years experience working with special education students and school counseling of adolescents. Susan is certified for Equine-assisted Psychotherapy work.

We are a 501-C-3 not-for-profit organization. Some income is derived from fees, but most income is from tax deductible contributions.

Focus for 2008: PRAISE

By Jim Flowers

Isaiah 43:15-21. **“I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”**

“Thus says the LORD, who makes a way through the sea and a path through the mighty waters, who brings forth the chariot and the horse.

“Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new. Now it will spring forth. Will you not be aware of it?

“I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

“The beasts of the field will glorify Me; the jackals and the ostriches; because I have given waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chose people.

“The people whom I formed for Myself will declare My praise.” (NAS)

Scripture is saying don't dwell on the negative. Instead give thanks for God's goodness, grace and loving-

kindness; and, eagerly look forward to what he is going to do next.

Folks, this gets more interesting and exciting every year.

PRAISE is our spiritual focus for 2008. Praise to our great God who allows us to know at least a little bit about Him, to serve and worship Him.

Nothing makes sense without God. I frequently wonder why a non-believer exerts any effort in such endeavors as

mental health, physical health or any people service activity. What's the point, other than feeling good about one's self.?

While we are praising our Mighty God and thanking Him for this work, we continue to request your prayer, financial and material support.

This newsletter contains our 2007 year end financial statements. If you have any questions or comments, please call. Thanks.

Therapy/Counseling Tally for 2007

- More than 491 therapy/counseling sessions, lasting from 50 minutes to two hours each.
- Farm visits from Special Education classes from Bryant School and J.A. Fair High School.
- 20 Community Service/Volunteer Days where we hosted teens from Saline County Juvenile.
- Home School students for Veterinarian and Farrier Days.
- Hall High School Vet Science class.
- An unknown amount of time on the phone with clients.

WHAT!! \$6,754.27 For Travel & Entertainment?!!

Quick. Let me explain. We had **ZERO** entertainment expense. None.

This is almost entirely fuel costs. And, once a year I attend the Equine Assisted Growth & Learning Association annual meeting in Ogden, Utah; and, that travel runs several hundred dollars. I will go again this March.

This is why we are still looking for a small, fuel stinging auto so we can use the truck less.

Next year, Fiscal Year 2008, we will further separate local fuel costs, out of town travel, and entertainment (in the hopes we will have some).

If any contributor to Grace Meadow wants to personally inspect our books, you are more than welcome.

Mark Pearson, CPA, does all our financial statements, and keeps us on our toes.

Item 1: Labor. Jim drew \$2,000 "salary", and the rest of the labor costs went to others paid for an assortment of jobs on the farm.

Grace Meadow, Inc. Statement of Revenues and Expenses-Cash Basis January through December 2007

	Jan - Dec 07
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions Income	38,384.00
Counseling Income	18,261.19
Total Income	56,645.19
Expense	
Bank Service Charge	23.00
Depreciation Expense	10,850.00
Licenses & Fees	823.75
1 · Labor	10,168.00
10 · Animal Maintenance	13,761.02
11 · Equipment Rental	2,855.48
12 · Equipment Maintenance	5,241.13
14 · Insurance	1,354.17
15 · Postage and Delivery	510.09
16 · Printing and Reproduction	858.05
17 · Travel & Ent	6,754.27
18 · Board Meeting Expense	73.53
19 · Facilities Construction & Develo	31.90
2 · Marketing	2,255.95
22 · Telephone	483.73
3 · Facilities Maintenance	1,257.43
4 · Utilities	1,771.44
5 · Rent	3,001.16
6 · Professional Fees	2,529.16
7 · Therapy Expenses	283.59
8 · General Supplies	2,281.38
Total Expense	67,168.23
Net Ordinary Income	-10,523.04
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Grace Meadow Prayers

- Continue praying for complete healing of Gold Dust's hoof.
- Pray for clients to come to *Grace Meadow* for our services.
- For wisdom and inspiration for our board of directors as we enter the new era.
- Please pray for the good health of our animals.
- For the safety of volunteers and clients who come to the farm.
- For more "church group" involvement.
- For new financial contributors.

Stuff We Could Use:

- A cheap to operate little auto.
- A horse hay ring.
- Horse quality Bermuda square bales.
- A rigid frame harrow.
- Select 10 equine feed from Farmers.
- Riding helmets of various sizes.

Got Your Back: By Susan Flowers

Last Sunday in church we talked about change and changing, and willingness to change if God calls you to do so. Change is scary for me. I kind of like things to move along like they always have — no rocking boats, etc. The Lord has used Jim to let me know that change is a good thing if it is of the Lord. And the changes God makes may be painful for a season, but they are always the best. Change comes with growth. Growth is what I want in my walk with Christ. I have a precious little Hispanic girl in my group of students at Hall named Mara. Mara is about 5 feet nothing if that much. She came in to her monitor job and asked for a pass to the Media Center to work on a paper. The Media Specialist is also short, but even so, tough. I'm scared of her. She told me the other day that only teachers could give kids passes to the Media Center and I was a counselor, therefore she would tear up my passes, she said, and not let the kid come in. I believed her,

knowing that even though she is short, she could take me out in a minute. I told Mara I couldn't give her a pass because Ms. H. would not accept one from me. Mara reasoned that I was really her "teacher" this particular period and could give her a pass. Long story short, I did give her the pass, but I told her about my misgivings and about not wanting the Media Center person mad at me. Then little bitty Mara, in her broken English said, "Don't worry, Mrs. Flowers, I got your back." As I thought about the changes that may come, whatever they are, I realized something profound from the mouth of a little Hispanic girl. I don't have to be afraid. God has my back! Not only does He have my back, but He goes before me, He is beside me and over me and under me. *"Even to your old age, I shall be the same, and even to your graying years, I shall bear you! I have done it and I shall carry you; and I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you."* Is. 46:4. He surrounds

us with His mercy and grace and protection. We have nothing to fear—not change, not even Media Specialists with attitudes. **God is with me.** Nothing else matters. If He is with me, then He will hold my hand, no matter what is happening around me. In the midst of the chaos of an urban high school, God is with me. In the midst of uncertainty about the future, or elections, or finances, or anything, He is covering me. In the midst of considering changes that might be coming, He leads and guides me. Nothing can separate me from Him. Nothing can take Him away from me. I am inscribed on the palms of His hands. He knows my name. His plans for me are for my welfare and not my destruction, to give me a future and a hope. I am safe in His arms. I don't have to worry. The God of the universe, the Savior, my Creator, Redeemer, my Friend....."has my back."

Grace Meadow, Inc.	
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance-Cash Basis	
As of December 31, 2007	
	<u>Dec 31, 07</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Pulaski Bank Checking	9,401.84
Total Checking/Savings	<u>9,401.84</u>
Total Current Assets	9,401.84
Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets	61,161.84
Accumulated Depreciation	-22,300.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>38,861.84</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>48,263.68</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	58,786.72
Net Income	-10,523.04
Total Equity	<u>48,263.68</u>
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*Serving Christ
by serving His people.*

"He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord." Proverb 17:15 NAS

Job Opportunities At Grace Meadow

- Juvenile Service Days (first & third Saturdays, 9 till noon.
- Fund raising and "membership" inviting.
- Helpers for "Special Needs" Groups who visit from local schools and day centers.

Web Link: Check It Out:

<http://www.the-solution.org/content/index.php>

If anyone wants a tour of *Grace Meadow Farm*, and its therapy facilities, just call and we'll set a time. We can't invite you to "just drop by", because, by law, therapy sessions are confidential. Thanks.

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For Equine-assisted Psychotherapy Information:

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