

God works faster than we can plan.

This is a truth we at **THE28th.LIFE** have experienced time and time again. We trust in the Lord's leading through every step of this journey, and He has faithfully guided us in ways we never could have planned ourselves.

With our ministry operating from both Grand Marais and Shelby Township, Michigan, we began searching for a central location in the Upper Peninsula that could better serve our mission. After visiting multiple properties, spending countless hours in prayer, and seeking God's direction, we found ourselves standing in front of what will become our new home.

Located in the heart of the Upper Peninsula, in the town of McMillan, sits a building that seemed to be waiting for us—the former **Poor Boy Restaurant**, located at the corner of M-28 and County Road 415.

This building carries a rich history, not only for the local community but for travelers from across the region. Operated by the Morrison family, the Poor Boy Restaurant became a beloved Upper Peninsula landmark, remembered especially for its enormous homemade cinnamon rolls—often described as the size of a loaf of bread. For years it welcomed families, neighbors, and travelers before eventually closing its doors.

Like so many others, we had driven past this building countless times. We noticed the iconic sign on its side and often wondered about the stories held within its walls—the family meals, conversations over cups of coffee, laughter shared over a giant cinnamon roll, and the countless people whose journeys intersected there. Little did we know that one day we would literally find ourselves standing at those same crossroads, on the corner of M-28 and County Road 415, seeking God's direction.

As we prayed and discerned His will, we stood in the center of the building, taking it all in. Before long, we found ourselves envisioning what the space could become—not only for THE28th.LIFE but for the surrounding communities. We could already picture lives being impacted, ministries taking shape, and people gathering together.

It didn't take long before we looked at each other and said, **"This is the place."**

Once we had peace that this was God's plan, the next question naturally became, **"How do we make this happen?"**

So we returned to prayer.

After many phone calls, late-night conversations, early morning prayer walks, and countless moments of seeking God's wisdom, the answer came through what seemed like an ordinary conversation with a friend.

For several years, this friend has faithfully served alongside us, always giving more than expected, never asking for recognition, always offering a smile, encouraging words, and a unique

perspective on the world around them. During a conversation about what THE28th.LIFE hoped to accomplish, they simply said,

"I can help."

From there, discussions began. Agreements were drafted and finalized, and after signing on the dotted line, **THE28th.LIFE officially had a home.**

Out of respect for our friend's wishes, we are honoring their request to remain anonymous, and we ask that you do the same.

Now the real work begins.

There is much to be done to transform this building into a ministry center, and there will be many opportunities for others to become involved. Whether through financial support, volunteer workdays, skilled trades, prayer, or community partnerships, there will be countless ways to help make this vision a reality. We will continue to share updates and opportunities as they arise.

Our vision for this new ministry center includes housing THE28th.LIFE's main offices while creating flexible spaces for conferences, ministry events, and community gatherings. We also envision hosting fish fries and pasta fundraisers, operating a commercial kitchen for job training opportunities, providing disaster response training, and creating a welcoming place where people can connect, serve, and grow together.

We've even begun talking about hosting outdoor movies, concerts, and other community events.

To say we're excited would be an understatement.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us. We invite you to stay connected, pray with us, and look for opportunities to become involved as God continues to write this story.

May God richly bless you.