

## Ministry of the Month

*Ministry of the Month spotlights a local para-church organization each month – this month we look at Titus 2 Homes.*

Titus 2 Homes may be a relatively new ministry in the Alexandria area, but the dream has long been on founder Mary Yaw's heart. In 1997, God woke Mary up in the middle of the night, pressing a specific verse into her mind: Titus 2:4 – "...so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children." The desire to mentor women grew from this seed into the ministry that Titus 2 Homes is now becoming.

As a 501(c) (3) non-profit, non-denominational organization, Titus 2 Homes' vision is to come alongside displaced and at-risk women and their children - providing a place to go, an understanding listener, an encouraging mentor. To a mother whose most urgent and often overwhelming concern is providing for the physical needs of her children, Titus 2 seeks to be a place where she can slow down, take a breath, and think about the larger issues in her life that may be crowded out by the urgent in her normal routine.

Titus 2 Homes is furnishing a retreat home for women and children in need. This home could be used for short or extended stays, dependent on the woman's situation. A woman would contribute to the cost of her stay with sweat equity – cleaning in the home, tending to animals, caring for the grounds. A home has recently been secured, and renovation has started, although there is a long way to go. In a project they have named "Extreme Home Makeover: Alexandria Style", Titus 2 is seeking volunteers and supplies. Any amount of help will bring the project closer to completion – from an hour to a day, from \$5.00 to a donation of trim or plumbing. Titus 2 Homes is looking to the people of Alexandria to help complete this project – because they know we can do it!

*For more information about Titus 2 Homes or to volunteer for "Extreme Home Makeover: Alexandria Style" check their website: [www.titus2homes.com](http://www.titus2homes.com) or call 320-491-1851.*