

## BUT GOD MINISTRIES MINISTERIOS SOLO DIOS, INC. www.butgodministries.weebly.com 2 Bond Street – Suite D

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## **Mission Statement**

But God Ministries is a Christian ministry of Hope for the homeless, poor and needy. We are called to keep the doors open for all those who have had so many doors closed to them. We are sanctuary to those who seek comfort and safety from times of life's distress and insecurity.

## **Vision Statement**

It is the goal of But God Ministries to serve God's children in the name of Jesus Christ; to share with those who look for spiritual council; to guide those who require public assistance; to give to those who need clothing, shoes, and household items; and to provide to those who are without a place to rest, to be nourished.

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## Message From Reverend Louis and Minister Martha Wilkes

As creators and founders of But God Ministries and Thrift Shop, We present to you an opportunity to help our community. This ministry is a bilingual 501c non-profit organization supported by donations, financial assistance, and volunteer workers. In keeping up with the support of a healthy community, we provide clothing, shoes, household items, and other miscellaneous items to those who need them. We lend a sympathetic listening ear reinforcing dignity and self-worth. We also offer Bible based sessions of encouragement, insight, and reassurance. We accept donations of any kind such as furniture, clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, Christian and other books, and non-perishable food. We would greatly appreciate if you could commit to a monthly financial donation for a one year period or even a one-time donation. We value any and all contributions.

As we have said and is stated in our Mission Statement, we stand by our belief to **keep the doors open for those who have had so many closed doors to them.** Can you help us? It would be our pleasure and honor to answer any questions you may have, face to face, by phone or email. Please feel free to visit us any time during our hours of operation; Monday-Saturday: 10AM-5PM.

With a humble and grateful heart, Louis and Martha Wilkes

## Ministry News-Coat and Blanket Drive

On Saturday November 12, 2016, But God Ministries handed out coats, blankets, and other winter gear to the homeless and needy on the streets of Westminster. The turnout was great and so was the impact. We would like to thank all those who donated the supplies, including Freedom Church and the Westminster Mission. We want to also thank Kristin Miller and son for volunteering their time.



#### **Thanksgiving Can Goods Collection**

But God Ministries Thrift Shop

October-November 22<sup>nd</sup>

But God Ministries will be collecting non-perishable can goods for needy families for Thanksgiving. Please drop your donations off at the shop.

#### **Bookshelf Sale**

But God Ministries Thrift Shop

November-December 16<sup>th</sup>

But God Ministries is taking orders for bookshelves. One bookshelf is \$15-\$20. Three bookshelves are \$50.

#### **Christmas Party**

But God Ministries Thrift Shop

#### 1pm-5pm

On December 17th, We are holding a Christmas Party at the thrift shop. Please join us as all ages are welcome. If children come they must be attended by an adult.

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# Braced For Impact- A Testimony

I first heard about But God Ministries a year ago and knew that I was meant to be there the minute I entered the thrift shop. My name is Stephanie Schaffer and I am a volunteer here at But God Ministries. I have always wanted to have an impact on others' lives since I was a child. I dreamt of being a missionary, little did I know I could be one in my own backyard. Having an impact on someone's life doesn't require you to be in some foreign country, it can happen anywhere and anytime that God calls you. I never thought I would have an impact on lives when I was diagnosed with mental illness at the age of fourteen. I never thought I could do anything like I do now in the ministry because of the constant battle with hospitalizations and medications I lived with. I was never braced for the help I could offer people because of my experiences and faith in Christ. Louis and Martha Wilkes have given me the chance to use my gifts of empathy and marketing to benefit the community. I now handle the social media and help the Wilkes manage the shop. I have learned to always accept the blessings you receive and that you should always be braced for the impact you can have on others in any situation or place. I see such a future in But God Ministries and am bracing for the further impact we will have on more lives. Please say hello to me anytime you see me in the shop! Stephanie Schaffer