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January 29, 2020

Madison County Board of Supervisors  
P. O. Box 608  
Canton, MS 39046

The Madison County Board of Supervisors,

This letter is being sent as a request for tax exemption for In His Steps Ministries on a recently property purchased at 3574 North Liberty Street (three tenth of a mile from our current campus at 3528 North Liberty Street). The new purchase will be used as an expansion campus for IHS, which primary purpose is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ through children, youth and adult services.

Thank you in advance for considering this important matter.

Sincerely,



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*Executive Director*

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# CANTON BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

## Canton City Hall

February 3, 2020

### **I. What is In His Steps Ministries (IHS)?**

In His Steps is a Christian nonprofit organization that seeks to use innovative and specialized ministries to impact the lives of people for the glory of Jesus Christ. Given this desire, IHS sees its present mission as providing Christ-centered ministries to at risk children, youth and their families. At the same time, IHS provides short-term mission opportunities for Christian individuals and churches. The primary purpose of IHSM is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **II. Has In His Steps Ministries received its 501c3?**

Yes, In His Steps received its 501c3 status in November 1995 and is in good standing.

### **III. How are the ministries of IHS guided?**

A board of thirteen (13) directors oversees In His Steps Ministries, with Rev. Jasper Bacon serving as its executive director.

### **IV. What is the proposed use of the property located at 3574 North Liberty Street off Highway 51 North?**

The proposed use will be to develop an extension of the IHS service which will include Christ-centered educational, recreational, camping, retreats for children, youth and their parents. At some point, IHS will offer a Christ honoring reception venue and family enrichment services.

### **V. What possible services will be offered by IHS?**

#### **A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. Afterschool – S.P.A.S.E. Program
2. Summer Enrichment - S.P.A.S.E. Program
3. GED Prep
4. Adult Continuing Education
5. Computer Literacy
6. Gardening

#### **B. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

1. Leadership Training
2. One-on-One Mentoring
3. Recreational Activities

#### **C. FAMILY ENRICHMENT**

1. Marital Workshops
2. Finance Classes
3. Parenting Classes
4. Home Improvement Assistance
5. Weekend & Summer Camps for Youth & Families
6. Training Site for Church/Community Development Workshops
7. Christ-Centered Reception Venue

#### **D. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

1. Christian Development Seminars & Retreats
2. Discipleship Bible Studies

### **VI. What are the benefits for providing such services?**

IHS believes that through providing the above mentioned services, the quality of life will be greatly enhanced for participants and other Canton residents. The services offered will also promote the enhancement of the family unit of Canton through improving educational, spiritual and moral development of Canton citizens.