CLEANSE
THE TEMPLE

Free laser tattoo removal is coming to Clarkston, Michigan, from a Christian ministry

A ministry in planning. It has not been formed yet. This page is for conversation and is not a request for funds.

The need

Some people carry marks they never chose or no longer want: a trafficker's brand, a gang tattoo on the neck, a hate symbol on a hand. Those marks follow them into job interviews and into the mirror every morning. Removal can take many sessions over a year or more, and the cost adds up.

What we believe

The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). We believe people should not be tattooed, and that removal can bring true freedom. We read our name through the Gospel story: when Jesus cleared the temple (John 2:13 to 17), the temple itself was not the problem. He removed what others had brought into it.

What we plan to do

- One office in Clarkston, open two days a week
- Laser removal under a supervising physician, free for everyone
- Face, neck and hand tattoos first, for trafficking survivors, former gang members and people with hate or offensive tattoos, then the general public
- A coordinator, a volunteer at first, who stays with each person until they finish, because finishing is the hard part
- Prayer offered, never required. Nobody will have to attend church, hear a message or share a story to be treated

What it takes

A laser, a supervising physician, trained nurses, a room and volunteers who keep showing up. We plan to open lean, with volunteers and donated space, and add paid staff as giving allows.

What we are asking for today

Not money. We would value:

1. **Your counsel.** Does this fit what God is doing here? What would you change?
2. **Your people.** Who in your church is a nurse or doctor and would give one day a week? Who has a heart for survivors or for people coming home from prison?
3. **Your prayer.**

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