



Our Vision is to end homelessness one person at a time...

Summer at the Mission

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While most of us see summer as a time of leisure, vacation, and fun, for the homeless, summer is often a time of transition and uncertainty. Families and friends who have provided shelter through colder winter months often use the change in climate as an opportunity to sever those ties. Men who are working have nowhere to rest after long shifts. Families with children who typically eat two meals a day at school are now struggling to put enough food on the table to keep their little ones from going hungry.

This summer, the working poor came to stretch their budgets by eating a hot meal in the evening and taking home food boxes twice a month. In June and July alone the Mission served 2,851 meals and distributed 326 non-perishable food boxes, produce, and perishables. *This summer*, 84 men and women were able to work or seek employment and housing because they found shelter and rest within Mission walls. *This summer*, ten children had warm beds and hot meals. *This summer*, the City Mission shared the passion of Jesus Christ with the needy and homeless by providing compassionate care through meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

With every meal served, night of lodging provided, and food box distributed, the Mission actively shows Christ's love. With each Day Center class, chapel service, and moment invested we sow seeds for God's glory.

Thank you for partnering with us through prayer, in kind donations, and financial support. Because of you, the Mission can continue to sow seeds of grace, forgiveness, and redemption.

Groundbreaking & Progress

The City Mission held a Groundbreaking Ceremony on June 12, 2015. Guest speakers were Carleton P. Palmer III, *Honorary Chair of the Eyes to See, Hearts to Give Capital Campaign and Chairman and CEO of National Lime and Stone* and Richard Kirk, *President, Alvada Construction Inc.* Larry Kreps, *Senior Pastor, St. Andrews UMC* gave the invocation and Phil Arnold, *Executive Director, City Mission* provided opening statements.



Since the groundbreaking, construction has made significant progress as can be seen by those travelling past on West Main Cross Street or Front Street. While changes can be seen daily on site, much work is yet to be done. To date, the foundation has been laid, first floor walls are up, and the elevator shaft which staff has affectionately dubbed 'the West tower' is complete. Alvada construction is working hard to keep progress on course and the Mission hopes to have Christmas in the new building. If you have any questions about the Eyes to See, Hearts to Give Capital Campaign or would like an update on any building news please contact Phil Arnold, Executive Director at 419-423-9151 or philarnold@findlaymission.org

The Mission is so thankful for the continued support this amazing community continues to shower on us!



***To protect their privacy, the pictures of people used in this monthly publication, unless specifically noted, are not of local homeless people.*

Dear Friends,

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23 NIV

I have heard the parable of the sower since I was a child growing up in the church. It was helpful then that Jesus actually explained the meaning as did our Sunday school teacher.

A recent sermon pointed out the perspective of the Sower. The Sower was constant and faithful in what he was called to do. The farmer consistently scattered good seed across the entire field. The Sower did not always get to see the harvest but was dedicated in the work of sowing the seed.

As a gospel rescue mission we are called to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of those who come to our door. This starts with meeting their physical needs; a safe, warm place to sleep and a hot meal. There are chance opportunities to teach or just provide a listening ear. The Day Center is a little more formal setting where we provide classes, encouragement, mentoring and guidance to those who need direction and practical skills to restart their lives.

As a gospel rescue mission we are also consistent in spreading seed through chapel services, Bible study and spiritual guidance that Christ cares for them. Again these can be chance encounters or through the Day Center which also provides Bible study and opportunities for Biblical counseling.

The variable in the parable, as well as life, is the condition of the soil. Not all are ready to listen or receive that message. There have been phases of my own life when my heart clearly represented the unproductive types of ground that the farmer's seed fell on.

It's "hard to become good ground and demands change" and not just in their spiritual life. The path they take is generally not a straight line; with multiple new beginnings, twists and turns. They may not always be prepared for "change" when they come to the Mission, but *we will be consistent in spreading seed.* We will be consistent in being available to provide the resources for change to those willing to make the effort.

With your help we will continue the work of a gospel rescue mission. We will continue to spread seed even as we know that we also rarely get to see the results.

In Christian Service,



Phil Arnold
Executive Director



In the 2nd Quarter issue of the Newsletter, the First Annual Golf Outing was featured as a fundraising event. We failed to properly recognize Millstream Area Credit Union as one of our Silver Sponsors and would like to take this opportunity to give proper recognition for their partnership in our Golf Outing. We are so grateful for our amazing sponsors!

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

This is a great way to honor and remember your friends and loved ones.

2015 2nd Quarter donations have been made in honor(H) or in memory(M) of:

Tom Johnson(M) Shirley Koehler(M) Robert Klueter(M) Phil Arnold(H) Marguerite Armstrong (M)
Margaret Floyd(M) Laura Elizabeth Simmons Clont(M) Judy Craig(M) Joan Faber(M) Jim Thomas(M)
Duane Ball(M) Dorothea Alexander(H) Donavon Arnold(M) Cindy Walker(M) Billy Murphy(M)

When you make a memorial/honoraria donation, please provide the name and address of the individual or family to whom the acknowledgement should be sent.

Community Appreciation Picnic

More than 250 guests attended the City Mission's Community Appreciation Picnic held at Riverside Park on July 31st! Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, snowcones, and lemonade were all donated for this event and enjoyed by the men, women, and children who came to enjoy a family friendly evening of festivities. Our volunteers and staff had a great time playing games with children and distributing prizes. We cannot say enough how grateful we are for all who volunteered and participated in this event and would like specifically to thank the following sponsors:



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