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"THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT!"
THANK YOU!



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2008 has been an incredible year at the Mission! We have been able to meet the needs of those who need us most more than ever before thanks to friends like you!

Because of you we have been able to serve more hot meals to those that are in need as our community struggles with the current economic conditions. Each night the mission is filled with men, women and

children that have nowhere else to turn. Some are looking for a hot meal and a safe place to rest. Others need prayer and a closer relationship with the Lord. Still others need someone to talk to about the trials and problems in their lives. Because of you we have been able to meet all of their needs!

The biggest change this year has been the need to adapt the mission to provide shelter for homeless

women. We recently added a ladies bathroom and shower facility attached to the chapel. This allows our women guests to have their own private space each evening. I can tell you that many of our female guests have personally told me how thankful they are for such a clean and safe place to stay. I know that if they could, they would thank you personally for helping to keep them safe during a

very scary time in their lives.

Thank you for partnering with the mission. God has used you to offer real hope to those who need it the most!



Sean Carew is the Executive Director of the Mission.

From the cover: The Harvest

Each afternoon the mission parking lot fills up with those who need help waiting to get into the mission. Homeless men who are addicted and looking for a hot meal and hope. Homeless women who are scared because they have left an abusive relationship and are looking for somewhere safe to stay. A pregnant mother who lost her apartment and doesn't want to risk going into labor out on the streets.

Elderly women who have an apartment but have no one to talk to. Military veterans' who struggle with emotional issues from their past. While all of their needs are varied they come to the same place looking for answers.

Thanks to you that place is the Mission!



Since 1999 you have been part of a partnership that not only has provided for the physical needs of people but also their need to be touched by the Lord Jesus in a personal way. As we start our 10th year of ministry we look forward to an even more bountiful harvest of providing

essential services to those we serve. We are looking to build a second story addition to our current building that will be used to provide essential services to at risk women, children and homeless single mothers in our community. If you have never seen the mission first hand please contact Sean at (401)-451-4283 to arrange a tour so you can see what the Lord is doing daily with your support! Thank You!

I AM WHO I AM IN CHRIST!

My name is name is David and I am an heir to the kingdom of Christ. I never thought I would describe myself in this way. My life started out blessed but through my own destructive behavior I almost ended my life before Jesus rescued me.

As a child I had a normal life, sports, a nice home to live in, family vacations etc...However at the age of fourteen I smoked my first joint and I was hooked. My use of weed affected every aspect of my life. By age eighteen while playing for a semi-pro hockey team I also

started using cocaine and everything started to fall apart. I continued to use for the next

suicide. At that point I realized Jesus had a plan for me. I accepted the Lord into my life in

the Lord. The Mission program has shown me that I have to let go of my old thinking and let God take control of my life on a daily basis.

Today I am a new creation. I am able to pay bills, go and visit family and friends without the fear of not being accepted. I am currently the day supervisor at the Mission. But most importantly I am who I am in Christ! Thank you for giving me an opportunity at this new life!



twenty two years. I lost everything I had to drugs. By the fall of 2004 I was living in my car and tried to commit

October 2004. After relapsing two years later I came to the Mission. It was here that I surrendered my will to

Mission to Add Second Story to Shelter Women and Children!

The mission is growing again! Final plans are on the table to add a second story to our building. This new addition will add additional space to provide essential services to the needy and homeless women and children of our community.

This new addition will provide 6000 square feet of living space will provide a safe and private area for women and children. We will be able to offer daily after school programs for children. A safe place where they

can do their homework and receive a hot meal. We will also be able to offer homeless women a

long term discipleship program, like we currently do for men, to equip them with the skills they need to live a productive and independent life!

The estimated cost of the addition is \$500,000. If you would like to consider partnering with us in this project please contact Sean at (401)-451 4283 to discuss ways that you can give a special tax deductible gift!



Proposed second story addition to current mission building located at 627 Cranston St

VOLUNTEER SPOT LIGHT

Jan and her husband Bill had volunteered together serving the homeless for over five years at the Mission. All of that changed in the spring of 2007 when Bill was called home to be with the Lord. After some time Jan came back to the Mission looking to volunteer again. She felt that the Lord still wanted to use her to minister to the hurting of our community. Never in her wildest dreams did she realize the important job God had for her to do. It was about at the same time of her return that the mission was starting to see a number of homeless women who need a safe place to stay. Jan immediately felt the Lord



calling her to be there for them. Each night Jan and her team of volunteers meet the distinct needs of our

female overnight guests. They provide essential services from providing, clean undergarments and personnel hygiene products to clean clothing and a safe place to stay. More importantly Jan is there to help them through a very difficult time in their lives. She prays with them, and offers Christ centered solutions to problems such as domestic issues, finding an apartment to being reunited with their children.

Please pray for Jan as she seeks to bless those women in our community that are at the greatest risk!

MISSION QUICK FACTS

MISSION SATISFIED

2008 YEAR END TOTALS:

Chapel attendance: 31,025

Night of safe shelter: 30,000

Meals served: 80,650

Dental care: \$199,000

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 12th Easter dinner at the Mission 11am-4pm
- July 11th concert at Colt State park 11am-5pm
- Please contact the Mission at 401-274-8861 further information