

Mission . . . POSSIBLE!

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A Quarterly Newsletter from the



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Our God is a great God and worthy of all our praise. He fills our hearts to overflowing and our lives with good things. I am convinced we do not even see all the good things God does for us every day. Here at the Mission we have people with multiple needs. So often, we find God is working behind the scenes to do great things for them and through them.

This was demonstrated when a client was able to have an abscessed tooth taken care of within a week of the time we discovered the need. Or there was the client that has lived without heat and now has heat in his home. These are the kinds of things that change attitudes and turn people to God. It is amazing to see God work.

We know we are in a spiritual warfare but we also know that God is the ultimate victor.

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

CHURCH VISITS:

Has your church made a Sunday available for a representative from the Eastside Mission to come and share the excitement of the mission with your congregation? A time and length of presentation can be worked out according to your desire. Every church should have a time to learn about what is happening in our own back yard and to learn how God is working in one of the most depressed areas of our state. Call (810) 767-5312 and leave a message or email me at relutze@bwmil.net to let me know if your church is interested. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

LINKING MINISTRY WITH RESOURCES:

The Church of the Nazarene has Foundation that will work with you to help you plan your estate and has numerous options available.

- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Donor-Advised Fund
- Wills or Revocable Trust Bequests and
- Charitable Lead Trusts

All these helps to plan your estate are available if you call toll free 866-273-2549 and talk to an advisor or for additional information go online at www.NazareneFoundation.org.

The Eastside Mission has pamphlets available and if you contact us we will send you one. Through this kind of bequest you can direct your bequest to the ministry of your choice. Will you

consider becoming a Nazarene Legacy partner through including the Eastside Mission in your estate?

SPRING HELPERS:

One of the local Nazarene Churches has offered to help with spring clean-up and additional work around the mission. (Thank you!!) If your youth group or other workers would like to help, we can certainly use the workers to clean-up after this long winter.

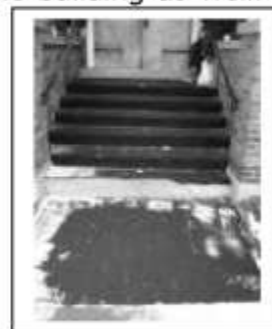
The Mission has some painting that needs to be done as well. We would appreciate it if volunteers were available to help with these projects. With the summer months coming there will be numerous opportunities for you to become an active part of the Flint Eastside Mission. We will have work to do on the property, parking lots and areas around the Mission to help improve the appearance. The Mission needs to be like a flower in a garden that stand out with its glowing color and pleasant aroma.



The picture is of helpers who spent the day painting the garage a couple of summers ago.

It is time to replace the carpet at the front entrance to the building as well.

It is badly torn and is a tripping hazard. We are also looking at the same problem inside the stairs to the lower level. As with your own home – the work goes on.



BENEFIT CONCERT:

The New Year started with a benefit concert featuring several local singers and the Southern Gospel Quartet, the RoyalHeirs, (Though they are a trio right now since their bass is no longer singing with them.) Our performers this year was: Amy Witham, humorist Keith Boring, Bel Canto a Davison High School Group, and Dan Hayes. The music was excellent and the desserts after the concert were delicious. I am thankful for all the people who made the desserts for us and for the singers and humorist that donated their time to help raise funds for the Eastside Mission. If you did not attend the February Talent Showcase please watch for this event next February and join us for a fantastic evening of music and dessert.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS:

The following were honored with a memorial donation to the Mission:

Alexandria 'Fay' Conner

Grandma Julia

BULDING UPDATES:

\$100,000
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\$90,000
\$80,000
\$70,000
\$60,000
\$50,000
\$40,000
\$30,000

The Mission Board decided not to move ahead with any construction until we have \$100,000.00 on hand for the remodeling. We believe this is a wise move and one in keeping with the scriptural admonition in Luke 14:28 *"For which one of you when he wants to build a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?"* And Deuteronomy 15:6 *"For the Lord your God shall bless you as He has promised you, ... you will not borrow..."*

As I write this we are at \$30,120.00 as and we are on our way to the \$100,000.00 goal. As we receive the bids it appears the cost for the remodel will come in well over the original estimate but we are trusting God to bless the Mission with the funds we need.

If your church or organization can help but the amount is small that is fine. We have some small items we will have

to purchase for the kitchen and would appreciate any donations. Contact Rev. Lutze if you want to make a defined purchase such as a commercial refrigerator or double freezer. I can give you the prices for items from \$23.00 each to over \$4,000.00.

GOD CONTINUES TO BLESS:



2711 Franklin

The goal with the purchase of the building at 2722 Franklin is to eventually move all of our services to a position where our

clients are able to walk in off the street and not have to go up or down stairs to be served. The former 'Baby House' at 2711 Franklin, has come available and the Fenton Church has purchased this building for the Mission. This is AMAZING! There is some work that needs to be done but when finished we will be able to use it for our Food Pantry. Many days people who come to get food at the food pantry must have help to get the food up the stairs and out to a car or cart if they are walking. This building is going to be another step in reaching our long-range goals. Thank you Fenton Church of the Nazarene.

EASTER IS COMING:

We will be having our annual Easter party and dinner on Saturday, April 22. Are you able to help? We need:

- Servers for dinner
- Easter Baskets to give to children
- Candy and small toys to put in the baskets
- Hams and other dinner items

This is a great day for the kids and I know if you are a part of it you will go home blessed for your effort. If you want to volunteer please call and leave a message at (810) 767-5312 so I have a count of volunteers. We also can use about 4 people to come in at the end to help with final clean up and set-up for Sunday Services.



The Cake Ladies supply special Easter Cakes for the dinner.

THE BLESSING CORNER:

By: Shirley Herner

Boxes of shoes and boots from Savage Elementary School, Bellville, MI. Boxes and boxes of diapers and Enfamil from Clio, flushing, and Lapeer Nazarene Churches. Handmade blankets from Richfield Nazarene. Handmade hats, scarves and gloves from St. Andrews in Davison. There are so many ways our churches and individuals are providing on a weekly basis such as West Flint and Central Nazarene. The people of Eastside are grateful and are blessed by God's obedient people.



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Ed, our Mission Cook, was experiencing pain in his back and had other needs. He requested prayer and reports that he feels healed and also is experiencing positive changes in his life.

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Terry, a veteran living in a house with no heat and having medical problems, has gone through many trials this winter. God is working in his life. Recently, Terry received news his benefits were authorized and he is currently in a treatment program. He is so grateful and has shown a strong desire to follow Jesus.

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Tim is homeless and living on the streets with all his identity documents stolen. He hasn't had a picture ID in four years and that is a necessity to get into a shelter. With the help of Mission Director, Pastor Roger, and Pastor Bob and Shirley, God opened the doors to the Social Security Office, Tim's high school, the courthouse and MI Secretary of State and in two short days, Tim had his birth certificate, Michigan ID and work records. This process usually takes weeks. Tim knew who opened those doors, and he was very thankful. How rewarding it was to see him with a huge smile while saying, "It feels good to have me back!"

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Our clients are showing positive improvement. God is supplying not only material and physical needs but also most importantly spiritual needs. They have strong mentors at the Mission. Make a friend, plant a seed and wait upon the Lord for the harvest at the Blessing Corner.



Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Bob Cattane

Matthew 19:26

"...With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

What an awesome God we serve. The floodgates of Heaven remain open here and He is blessing us beyond measure. I never imagined a relationship with Jesus would be like this. Many here, me included, have grown so much. There are so many now who are coming up to me with the desire to know what it means to be a Christ-like disciple. Both adults as well as kids are maturing in the Lord. In just a short time, we will be adding a gymnasium to our kid's church. This is something we could never afford on our own. I am reminded constantly that all things are possible with God. More and more people desire to be part of this ministry that is an answer to our prayers. There is a revival happening in Flint in which this mission is playing a major role.

REMEMBER THE FALL GOLF OUTING:

Again this year we will be putting together a Co-Ed golf outing at Genesee Valley Meadows. There will be one more newsletter with the registration information but we are asking that you keep September 10th open and bring our golf team to take part in this event.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK:

The Bridal Show at the Holiday Inn is a fundraiser for the Eastside Mission. Garry Davis, and Rick and Vicki Hosler (Pictured below) were our volunteers to work the show.



Are you receiving our monthly prayer request email? If not and you are interested contact me at relutze@bwmil.net or go to www.constantcontact.com and sign up. Today!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Meet a Mission Friend

You will notice that we have a new column in our Mission ... Possible newsletter this quarter. There are so many good things that happen at the Eastside Mission it is hard to remember all of them when it comes time to write this newsletter. One of our faithful volunteers has taken over the responsibility to write up some of the blessings of the quarter to keep you informed. Shirley Herner comes to the Mission (usually) twice a week and helps in the kitchen and the clothing house. We are pleased to add Shirley to the long list of faithful volunteers. As you already know we would be quickly out of business were it not for those faithful volunteers God sends our way.

I would like to highlight another volunteer that has spent a number of years serving at the mission. Delores Patterson has been coming to the mission for over 5 years and working in the clothing house. Another one of our faithful volunteers, Delores is one who can be counted on to be here on a regular basis. Delores always treats the clients with dignity and brings a cheerful smile to the mission every time she is there. Thank you, Delores, you are appreciated!

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