

Mission . . . POSSIBLE!

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A Quarterly Newsletter from the
Celebrating 15 years! 1994-2009



Directors Notes

By: Rev. Roger Lutze,

It is always amazing to see God work in His wonderful way. The Mission has been working at capacity for several years and we began looking for a place to move into that would fit our needs. We thought Brown Funeral Home might be that place. Well – God did not allow that to happen! But, even when that avenue has closed we are in the process of purchasing property around the present location to allow us to expand and increase our outreach to the community.

The mission has purchased the property at 1818 Maryland and we are in need of help, financially to dismantle the house that is on the property. The house is in such poor condition that the only recourse is to take it apart and clear the lot for our use. We would like to have this completed as soon as possible so we can put this property to use.

FUTURE FOR EASTSIDE MISSION:

Also in Mission . . . Possible one year ago I talked about the need for a Walk-In-Freezer to assist our operation here. I am happy to announce that due to two grants received this past year, one from the Loeb Foundation under the direction of Citizen's Bank and one from the Davison Free Methodist Church, we now have an eight by eight walk-in-freezer to help keep our operational costs down, since we were previously using 11 home style freezers.

The freezer required a new 220 electrical line that was installed by one of our quality volunteers and we are thankful to have this addition to the mission. We are looking forward to additional opportunities to serve the community in ways that will have a more lasting impact on their lives. We give them food and clothing and eventually they are back for additional help. If we can help them find jobs or arrange for training for jobs we can help them improve their life significantly. This happened to a young woman who came to the mission and I kept a watch for help wanted signs and kept telling her to check them out. Now she is working and paying her rent and taking care of her own needs. We also have friends that come to us with addiction problems and we refer them to places where they can find the help they need. One of the most important referrals we can make is to a life given over to our Lord Jesus Christ.



Installing New Walk-in-Freezer

COSTLESS DONATIONS:



Help the Eastside Mission earn Kroger Community Rewards. If you shop Kroger and use the Kroger Savings Card we receive a % donation from Kroger for each purchase. To be a part of this program everyone must sign up online at:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Click on "Michigan" and click on "enroll."

All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. I realize this is much more difficult than the barcode we formerly signed up with, but Kroger has changed the program and this is the new procedure. We received a check for \$687.00 from Kroger the last quarter so this is an important donation for the Eastside Mission.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS:

April - June: memorial donations
Dorothy Andrus Virginia Stimer
Dr. John Streff



WORD OF APPRECIATION:

WoJo's Garden Splendors again donated 4 flats of vegetables and flowers to spruce up the garden areas around the Mission and the Clothing House and for our community vegetable Garden. Because of Wojo's donation of vegetable plants we have been able to plant an Urban Garden on the lot next to the Clothing House. Our garden consists of Tomatoes, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Cabbage, and some herbs. The neighbors have told me they will help with the garden and one has spent time watering the plants already. We also have received a donation from Wojo's in the amount of 10% of sales from May 25 & 26 from our friends that mentioned they were shopping to benefit the Eastside Mission. We just received a check for nearly \$49.00 from this sale. Please watch for the sale again next year.

MISSION BENEFIT:

Has your church held a benefit for the Eastside Mission? At times we may wonder what we can do that will raise funds for the Mission. Let me pass on some ideas, some have been suggested or used by others – and they worked.

- *A dessert auction after Sunday services
 - *A birdie fund with the golf league
 - *A ladies Tea with proceeds going to the Mission
 - *A wild game dinner with proceeds going to the Mission
 - *A Teen job day
 - *Collections from Sunday School or Bible School (often this is used to purchase the supplies and back packs for our Back-to-School-Bash in August)
- The opportunities are only limited by your imagination and willingness to do something new.

 2010 Golf Outing September 11 @ 9:00 a.m.
 Registration Form (due by August 30):
 Name: _____

Number registering _____ \$ _____

MISSION GOLF ADVENTURE

- Saturday, September 11th @ 9:00 a.m.
- Genesee Valley Meadows, 5499 Miller Rd. Swartz Creek
- 18 Holes with Cart, Lunch, Prizes, Fun, Fun, Fun!
- \$75.00 per person/ \$300.00 per team
- Gather your teammates and contact the mission to register. The sooner the better!! Men and women welcome for this fun golf outing. Please register and pay for your golf by August 31st.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL-BASH ...

We're trying something a bit different this year by having the **BACK-TO-SCHOOL-BASH** at the front of the VBS instead of being tacked onto the end of VBS. This year the **BACK-TO-SCHOOL-BASH** will be held on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd**. So, even though school just got out for the summer, it's never too early to start thinking about the carnival!!



READY SET GOLF! ... The annual golf outing to raise operation funds for the Eastside Mission is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th at 9:00am. We are sponsoring the GOLF ADVENTURE at Genesee Valley Meadows Golf Club and we need teams. Send registrations by August 30 to:

Flint Eastside Mission
 P.O. Box 90238
 Burton, MI 48509

 Address: _____

Cost: \$75.00 per person/\$300 per team



Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Bob Cattane

The world says that the inner city is very dangerous. Flint, Michigan is one of the most dangerous cities in our country. There have been 28 deaths by gunshot so far this year. There have been 198 homes burned down in the past three months. Gang violence, drugs, and prostitution is running rampant. You definitely should not go door-to-door for anything in an area such as this. One thing God does not give us is a spirit of fear. Our God is a mighty God and Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. We at New Life Church here at the mission have evangelized a total of seven streets that equal 28 blocks. We have not ran into any trouble. Even when we went down Jane Street, one of the worst streets in our state, everyone was receptive. The word is out throughout the city that we love them and are here to do what we can to bring change. We have also been doing the same thing at the bus tops.

We have also been doing prayer walks throughout the city. We have been passing out sack lunches and meeting the needs of our community. We have begun renting the Catholic School on the corner to house our new and improved children's church. We have also begun holding revival services at the local park where we have already seen dozens in attendance as well as saved and healed. A revival is happening in Flint. God is using a small group of people who are in desperate need themselves, but are willing to sacrifice all to honor and glorify God. We have stopped just going to church by becoming the church at the level God wants us.

FEINSTEIN FUNDING FOR FLINT EASTSIDE MISSION

A word of thanks to those who extended themselves to make additional donations to the Eastside Mission in order to help us receive a donation from the Feinstein Foundation. Your help in giving us higher donations during March and April is greatly appreciated. We will receive our portion of the \$1M distribution about the end of July.

THANK YOU

For several years now our friend Sammi Justice has edited this newsletter, mailed our Thank you letters out and a lot of other extra helper jobs along the way and we are grateful for all the work she has done. Sometimes God changes our focus and though we may wonder why, it is always a blessing when we follow His lead. After saying that we now must say good-bye to Sammi as she is moving on to an expanded ministry in clowning. We know that wherever God places Sammi she will be a great example and witness to the grace of God. Sammi tells me she already has bookings for her to share the gospel with her clowning ministry and is looking forward to this new stage in her service to Jesus. Sammi did tell me she would come back to be our Mrs. Santa Clause (pictured) and our Easter Bunny for those special days. We pray God's blessing on Sammi and give her a great big thank you for the hours spent in service to the Eastside Mission.

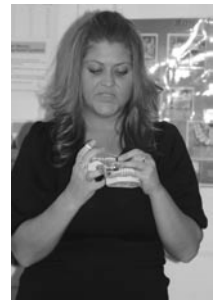


PICTURES TO SHARE:



Dessert Anyone

Mott College dental students came and explained the importance of proper dental care including techniques for flossing as demonstrated here.





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Meet a Mission Friend

The Mission has a number of people who come in for lunch on a regular basis. Some are retired and don't receive enough income to meet all their needs and so we are the ones who form their safety net, others are working their way out of difficult situations and we are a stop-gap source that will be called on for a short time. One of those working his way out of a difficult situation is my friend Craig. Craig comes nearly every day for lunch and so I sat at his table and ask him what was going on in his life that he is at the Mission so often. The following is what he told me.

Craig is a student at Mott Community College in the nursing program and now has 2 years behind him. He hopes to begin his clinical's soon. A student must be accepted in this part of the nursing program to complete his degree and the competition is rather intense.

Craig was a carpenter who traveled a lot and worked out of the Carpenter's Union Hall but the worked seemed to dry up. With the funding available for "No Worker Left Behind" from the Bush administration he is able to attend Mott Community College. His schooling is paid for but not his housing or other necessities. Since his unemployment has run out the mission has become a place for companionship, friendship, and lunch to help him keep attending school. The food pantry at the mission helps to take care of his food needs at home but he struggles to keep enough gas in his vehicle to get to school. He sometimes picks up scrap metal for gas money.

Craig is one of those who, when at the Mission is always ready to lend a helping hand around the Mission and often carries out the garbage at the end of the day and helps with clean-up. Please pray for Craig, he has just started working with a math tutor to help with his medical math classes and pray that he will be accepted into the clinical portion of the nursing program and complete his studies. A helping hand up!