

Mission . . . POSSIBLE!

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A Quarterly Newsletter from the



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In this quarterly edition of Mission...Possible I decided to dedicate the first page to the remodeling projects around the Mission. I realize that the work of the Mission is investing in the lives of the people who come to us for assistance, we must never lose sight of the calling God has placed on this Mission. I also find it is important to have facilities that people are able to get into in order to receive the help we offer. As you can see from the pictures much is taking place even now but there is much to do.

God is faithful and I believe His people will be faithful as well. The work is expensive but we have already been told a number of people will come along side us to help with the work. Unfortunately much of the work requires City Building Committee approval and that means we must have licensed persons who can pull permits and schedule inspections. There is additional work for those who paint and can help with general mechanical assistance as well. Please keep watching for opportunities to help.

REMODELING UPDATE:

We are making progress as we look to remodel and prepare the building at 2722 Franklin for serving lunch. To date we have 52 donors who have contributed \$31,400.00 toward the \$100,000.00 we need to begin the work on this project. We also have a promise of another \$9,000.00 when we actually begin the project. By the time you receive this it is likely the building has been cleaned out on the inside thanks to volunteer work by West Flint, Fenton and Lapeer Community church. The front wall that replaces the large windows will have been completed to secure the building. As you know we will not begin the improvements inside the building until we meet the \$100,000.00 goal and we will need additional funds to complete this work. We can paint the outside (someone decided to give us a little help adding some graffiti) but there is no building permit needed to paint. If you have a group that is willing to paint the outside and improve the area please contact me as soon as possible.



2711 FRANKLIN



We are also working on the little building that was used as the baby house. Fenton Nazarene has done a lot to this building to get it ready for renovations with the help of some teens from Central Nazarene. This will be a great asset for the food pantry. We will have access from ground level in this building and it will be a real blessing when it is

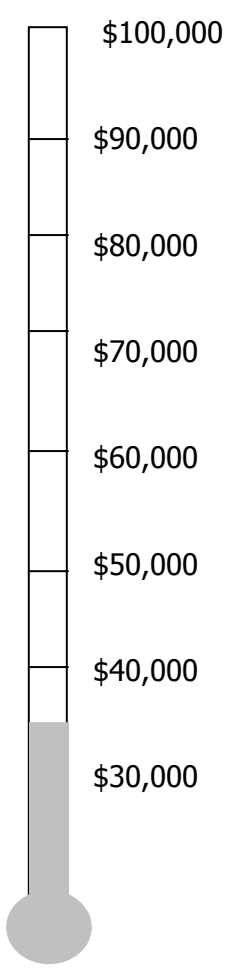
completed. We are working on getting the bids for work now and expect this to be much less expensive since it is a smaller building and will not need all the amenities that the Dining Hall requires.

MISSION BUILDING

Pastor Ron Sharpe celebrated his 50th birthday with 35 close friends working at the Mission. Painting, cleaning, cutting brush and weeds and making plans to replace the carpeted stairs to the basement with new rubber treads for a safer walk up and down. The new treads are installed and the



work is great and the feeling of safety is even better.



As you can see out thermometer has not risen much in the past few months. I believe the Scriptures are true when they say, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and he who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7,8 NIV

As I mentioned on page 1 we have of promised grants for \$9,000.00 that is not recorded on the thermometer since they will not be sent our way until we begin the actual rebuilding of the dining room to ready it for service.

God will provide for His work, our job is to be faithful, and to trust. Keep us in prayer as we strive to complete the work God has led us to do, IN HIS NAME!



Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Bob Cattane
Pastor's Corner

Matthew 19:26
 "... "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

All I can say at this point is wow! God is opening so many doors at once it can be difficult managing it all. The vision that He has given us continues to come to life on a regular basis. Our children's dept. is up to a staff of 15 and we continue to see more and more new kids coming to see what is going on here. Through the hard work and dedication of our team, we have made tremendous strides against the not so Christian mindsets of some of these kids. We continue to see these same kids come to know Jesus as their Savior. The adults have responded to the Lord in regards to service and 95% of them have committed to serving within the church. We have also created a team of prayer warriors to handle our evangelism operation. We have evangelized over 1000 homes since April and the people have been extremely receptive. We have seen 10 people saved, 9 rededications, and 7 people sanctified. We are doing exactly what God wants us to do and He is responding accordingly. He is blessing us beyond measure. I cannot think of anything better than to walk around with Jesus right beside us and talk about God and love on people. We at New Life and the East Side Mission are truly the hands and feet of Christ.

**The Eastside Mission
 will be closed for
 Independence Day
 from July 1-July 11
 The clothing House
 will be closed
 for summer break
 from July 1 - July 18**

Please do not bring donations for the clothing house during these dates.

Matthew 28:19,20 NIV
 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And Surely I

will be with you always to the very end of the age.”

THE BLESSING CORNER:

By: Shirley Herner

The Eastside Clothing House presents many opportunities to speak to clients while fulfilling their material needs.

We stop and pray with them for specific needs and the acceptance of God in their life.

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Over 200 individuals have utilized the services of the Clothing House the past 5 weeks with an average of 80 coming per week.

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What a pleasure to see two brand new expectant mothers excited to receive cribs brought in by our churches. Previously, they had no furniture for their babies who will be arriving in a few short weeks.

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One company donated cases of socks. When you're homeless and living in an abandoned home or garage, think of the feeling of putting clean socks on your weary feet. A small gift that creates a big smile and a sincere "Thank you".

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One of our clients came in a week ago and was depressed because she couldn't pay her water bill and thought it would be turned off. She was looking through a basket of donated purses. The basket had been setting there for a week with other ladies picking out purses. She found a wallet at the bottom of the basket. When she opened it to examine it, she found an envelop with cash in it. It was enough for her water bill that was due the next day and she was able to fix her tires on her car. God is good and we were all blessed to witness His love and her thankfulness.

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Thank you to all those who donate, and thank you God for your unfailing love and the wonderful things you are accomplishing at the Blessing Corner.

Psalm 41:1, 13 "Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. Praise be to the Lord the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen."

UPDATES:

Several of the people you have read about in these pages are seeing changes in their lives because God is at work. One of our homeless men, Tim, will be moved into an apartment by the time you get this. If you remember he has been homeless for at least 4 years. This is a vast improvement and change in his life,

Jamie has not been around the Mission much lately since she is in a shelter where she is getting counseling and the kind of help she is in need of receiving.

We have a grandmother who has had care of her grandchildren since their birth and she recently moved into a larger home where there is room for the entire family to live more comfortably.

CONGRATULATION AND THANK YOU:

With the shut down for Independence Day we will be saying good by to two of our VERY faithful volunteers. Ed and Nancy, they have been Monday volunteers for the past 11 years. Helping to prepare the lunch and serving lunch regularly and faithfully. They will be missed. They will continue to serve at the Wednesday food distribution we sponsor with St. Mary's Catholic Church. Thank you Ed and Nancy

At the same time our Monday cook of 11 years, board member, Wednesday food truck supervisor, and active worker here at Eastside is giving up the position as Monday cook by August 1st. We are grateful for all the work the Jim Clark does here at Eastside and his faithfulness to the service to the community. Thank you Jim, and we are pleased he is not leaving totally since we rely on his expertise whenever we have questions concerning many situations here at Eastside.

With these changes we are going to be in need of a volunteer or two to round out the Monday food service. If you want to volunteer on a regular basis in a service position putting you in contact with those in need, reaping the blessings of service to Jesus in a positive manner please contact us. Our cook, Ed Matlewski, who has

worked Tuesday – Thursday is going to begin cooking Monday – Thursday, beginning July 1st. Please contact the Mission (810) 767-5312 (leave a voice Message) to sign-up for any Monday-Thursday volunteer activity or with a work crew a Saturday activity.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Meet a Mission Friend

I would like to introduce you to our friend B.J. He has been a part of the Mission since I have been at Eastside. I knew B.J. when he was working in the factory and he is now retired (same as me). B.J. has worked in several positions, including with the Flint Police Department for one year, and served as a GM volunteer to the community for 8 years. He comes to the Mission to visit with his friends and help wherever he is needed, often running errands or helping to do some of the regular chores. Around the Mission he is well known and a lot of people look up to him like a grandfather. As a member of the New Life Church of the Nazarene, B.J. also helps on Sundays as a driver of one of the vans to pick up children and adults for church. Recently B.J. moved a little farther away from the Mission but I understand he will be looking for a new place since the home he is now renting is going to be sold. Pray for B.J. that God will keep him healthy, he is diabetic and to stick to a good diet is difficult for him (as any diabetic will tell you). His friends here at the Mission do our best to help him avoid unhealthy things like desserts and donuts. We are regular reminders that those things are a no-no!

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