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July 2008

A Quarterly Newsletter from the



Notes from the Director...

By: Rev. Roger Lutze, Executive Director

Directors Thank You:

A huge thank you is due to the Loeb Charitable Trust managed by Citizen's Bank for a grant of \$3,000.00 towards the cost of the new roof on the clothing house. This is a major undertaking and this grant will cover a large portion the cost.

The Christian Motorcycle Association came and tore off the deteriorating porch on the clothing house on Friday May 16th and after a new cement approach pad was poured on Saturday, Pastor David Bowser and his son Brandon came to rebuild the porch. The new porch was completed by Tuesday afternoon and is in use every day.

We had a group of 10 youth come on Saturday, May 31st from the Fenton Church of the Nazarene to do some clean-up spruce-up work here at the Mission. They planted the 4 flats of flowers donated by WoJo's to help improve our curb appeal. A job well done!!

New Life In Jesus Christ:

Let me tell you about a man who is coming to the mission that has experienced a complete change in his life. Rob has been coming to the mission for several months but within the last month there has been a complete change in his outlook and aim in life. You see, Rob has begun a brand new walk with the Lord. God has made some changes in Rob and he is experiencing the new life that is possible through Jesus Christ. Please pray for him that he will be able to find a job to really support him and get back on his feet. Most of

all, please pray that God will continue to help him grow in grace and in the Word of God.

Many good things do happen here at Eastside Mission. God is still on His throne and He is still in the soul saving business.



Recycling Update:

A quick report for those of you who are taking papers, cardboard and magazines to CBC Recycling for the Eastside Mission. We have received three checks to date from CBC that totaled over \$150.00. Thank you for taking your recyclables to CBC and donating them for Eastside Mission.

2008 VBS ...

June 19-16, **East Flint Church of the Nazarene** again took their VBS on the road to Eastside Mission. The attendance for each night was: 75, 95, 123, 141 for an average of 108!! Fundraising that took place prior to and during VBS with pop-can drives, etc, raised enough money to send **20 kids** to camp, several of which that have never been to camp. A very special thanks to Gary and Linda Loudermilk, Jenny Swayne and all of the many, many volunteers from East Flint Church of the Nazarene that made this week possible!



Fundraiser Ideas ...

Recently **Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene** held a bake goods auction to raise money for Eastside Mission and for a project within the church. Around \$3,000 was raised, half of which was donated

to Eastside. On a regular basis, the Flushing congregation brings in loads of baby clothing, formula and diapers for the baby ministry. A big thank you for your hard work for Flushing Community!

Other groups have come up with very creative ideas for fundraising and other ways to help the Mission. Just a few of the ideas have included:

- change drives
- diaper drives
- clothing drives
- food poundings
- tournaments
- bake sales

Mission Stats ...

You may wonder just how many lives are touched by the Eastside Mission on a monthly basis. As the economy in Michigan changes, so do the amount of needs that we see. The following is a snapshot of the amount of services provided during two recent months.

Meals served:

March: 1423

April: 1728

Pounds of food distributed from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan:

March: 2919

April: 5458

People fed through our food pantry:

March: 552

April: 610

Clothing house distribution:

March: 230

April: 265

Baby formula/diapers:

March: 194

April: 194

Welcome to Ed Matlewski ...

As all of you know, Barb Burdine retired back in April. Along with Rev. Roger Lutze

assuming the roll of Executive Director, we had to find a new cook! Well, God was working long before we even knew we had a problem. Back in August of last year, there was a street revival held in the parking lot of the Mission. Our neighbors across the street, Ed and Angie, listened from their porch. Afterwards, the pastor that preached that night (Mike Hefner from Highland Church of the Nazarene) and a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association went to pray with Ed and Angie. Soon after, they started attending New Life Church of the Nazarene that meets at the Mission on Sunday afternoons. After all of this, Ed became active at the Mission, helping out in anyway that he could.

As the time for Barb's retirement came close, Ed was asked if he would assume the position of chief-cook-and-bottle washer. Between Barb teaching him the "tricks of the trade" and Ed's experience as being a cook in the Army years ago, he's doing a FANTASTIC job! His great cooking, easy smile and genuine love for people make him a great addition to the Mission kitchen. Welcome Ed!!

Back-to-School Carnival ...

We're trying something a bit different this year by having the Carnival as a stand-alone deal, instead of being tacked onto the end of VBS. This year it will be held on **SUNDAY, August 17th**. 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 13th at 9:00am. We are having a GOLF ADVENTURE at Genesee Valley Meadows Golf Club. Please

fill out the registration form and send it in with your payment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

1 Person \$75.00 _____ Enclosed

1 team \$300.00 _____ Enclosed
(Each team is 4 people)

A light lunch will be provided and there will be prizes for many special holes. Join us for this MISSION GOLF ADVENTURE.

If you can help us with a hole sponsor we will make a place card and put it at one of the golf holes and put the business information in our Golfer booklet. Last year we had a few individuals that sponsored a hole with a special message to the Flint Eastside Mission on the place card. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$75.00

Prayer Requests by e-mail ...

Eastside Mission is in the process of building an e-mail list of people that would like to receive monthly prayer request lists. This is a great tool to help you know how to pray for the Mission! Maybe you've been wishing that you could help Eastside, but don't currently have the funds to help monetarily. What better way to help, than to lift us up in prayer? You can sign up for the list at our web site: www.flinteastsidecommission.org.

BUSINESS DONATIONS WITH CLOUT!

Recently the Flint Journal carried an article about a Livingston County business that began making donations to local charities for each work project they completed. While guaranteeing competitive prices they began by donating 3% of the project cost to the charities and after reaching the first million donated they are now donating 1%. I am wondering if there are business owners in the Genesee/Lapeer County area willing to begin a similar marketing tool. With a percentage donation to the Flint Eastside Mission we would be willing to send a thank you to the family or

individual you are doing the work for and the credit for the donation would go to the business for their tax deduction.

This would be one way to demonstrate your support of the local community and promote your business at the same time. Even though many times businesses are called upon to make donations for various causes this would be a ready answer when groups come calling requesting additional donations. "We already give a percentage to local charity through our business on a regular basis." This is a proposal for you to think about and consider for the remainder of this year and the years to come.

Summer Schedule Change ...

Please mark your calendars that the Eastside Mission will be closing from Friday, July 4 and reopen on Monday, July 28. If you have any donations of clothing, food, baby, or household items, please hold them until we re-open. Leaving items on the porch will result in them not making it to the Mission.



Pastor's Corner ...

By: Pastor Bob Cattane

God continues to amaze us all. The mission floor is now filled with regular church attendees. Statements of God's greatness are voiced daily. I have begun reading scripture before blessing the meal each day. I have only received positive feedback regarding this. It is obvious that the presence of the Lord is in this place. All aspects of ministry here are growing and getting stronger. Each and every day brings new blessings and God reveals Himself in a new and glorious ways.

His servant and yours,
Pastor Bob