

2011

4th Quarter Newsletter

MEET ROBERT

Hello,

My name is Robert and I am one of the residents at HOPE Rescue Mission. I have been at the Mission for the past five months. The night before I came to the Mission I had slept along the bike trail because I was asked to leave after getting into arguments with the person I was living with.

When I arrived I was nervous and at the same time angry with my life but the people at HOPE Rescue Mission helped me out so much . I have received a certificate from MSU Extension for a nutrition / cooking class, also received education in Money Management and I was helped in gaining a better relationship with God. Through that relationship with God I know that I 'm going to have a better relationship with the people around me.

While at the Mission I have been able to gain the proper motivation and confidence to do what I had dreamed of doing in my life.... Joining the US Army!

My time at the Mission has been amazing; without this place I really don't think I could have made it. I've seen people come in here with nothing and leave with jobs, opportunities and confidence to overcome any wall that stands in their way. I want to thank the Mission for all it has done for me and the community of Greenville.

Psalm 82:3-4 says:

"Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; Rid them out of the hand of the wicked."

Hope Rescue Mission is where you will find the people to defend you !

In closing I want to thank Mike Wills, Mike Dekker, Jim & Barb Vickery for everything they have done for me and the community. Robert Arroyo

GLC Board Members

- Jim & Barb Vickery—Directors
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- Darryl Bartlett—Holland Rescue Mission
- John Lewis—Lewis Law



WORDS FROM MIKE'S CORNER



Mike Dekker, Men's Program Manager

"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." – Proverbs 22:1

Over the past six weeks we have been studying the book of Proverbs; I have strongly encouraged the men to make reading a chapter in Proverbs (there are 31 chapters...one for each day of the month) a part of their daily devotions.

Solomon has mentioned the value of having a good name numerous times in this book and when we read about it we discussed what makes a name good. Some things that are associated with a good name include: good character, honesty, integrity, being industrious, righteous living, and being trustworthy.

How does this relate to the men who come to us for shelter and our life-skills classes? Many (not all) have destroyed their name by the behaviors and life choices they engaged in prior to coming to us. They have destroyed trust and damaged relationships with their spouse, family and children. Money or valuable assets will not heal the damage they have done in the past. But there is hope. By establishing a real relationship with Jesus is the beginning of the restoration process. That is where Hope Rescue Mission plays a role. Our main goal and desire is to introduce the men to Christ and to help them grow deeper in their relationship with Him. In the end, the name we desire to have, a name that is of more value than any riches, is being called a son of God.

In this Christmas Season, we are so grateful for the gift of His Son who became like us in order to save us from our past so that we can be adopted into God's family.

SERVICES OF GLC HOPE MINISTRIES

GOD'S LOVE CLOSET

Food Assistance

GLC HOPE Ministries is a member of the Montcalm Emergency Food & Shelter Board

Through the mission anyone who has a need for food can receive approx. 1 week's supply of groceries from our food pantry. We also direct them to other food pantries in their specific area.

Clothing

While GLC HOPE Ministries does not have clothing available at our facility, we work with an organization that gives away free clothing, called Berry's House. When a client comes in and is in need of clothing we will help them make contact with Berry's House to ensure their clothing needs are met.

Household Items

When clients have lost everything they have, just may be starting out or financially cannot afford things, we help supply needed items free of charge. Because of the generously donated items we can match up clients with their needs.

HOPE RESCUE MISSION

Shelter / Program

At HOPE Rescue Mission our clients can find a warm place to sleep. We work with each person that comes in to the mission to help them find shelter & begin to address life skills issues.

GLC recognized the need for a men's shelter in our community and wants to fill this need. However, while we are not set up to sleep women & children, we do make every effort to connect them with a local agency in our community that can provide a safe place to stay

Our men's shelter offers up to a 30-day stay in the dorm. Each man will meet with a case manager, within 24 hours of arrival that will evaluate the individual needs. A background check will be conducted on all men that choose to stay at the mission. The local police department will be supplied with a list of all men staying at the mission to ensure there are no outstanding warrants for their arrest. During the 30-day stay, our caseworker will be spending time with each person to assist them in what ever physical, emotional, or financial concerns they may have. Each person will be required to be actively seeking work during their stay with us. Because we do not want to enable them to continue in a life of homelessness, we will use the time they are with us to help them acquire whatever life skills are needed to get them back on their feet.

In the event we find that many of their problems are caused by drug or alcohol addictions, we will work with state licensed drug & alcohol counseling centers to ensure they receive the help they need.

HOPE RESCUE Mission has a life development program that will be offered to clients at the end of their 30-day stay. This option can be a 6-month to

1-year program for those who are interested in learning skills that will assist them in becoming stable & independent, while addressing many of the factors leading to homelessness. During this time residents can complete their GED, participate in vocational training in an effort toward acquiring job readiness skills, receive health & fitness training and so much more.

NOTES FROM BARB'S DESK

So very thankful

As Thanksgiving approached GLC HOPE Ministries looked at all the things we are thankful for this year. Last year about this time we posted somewhat of a bleak article in the paper entitled "Mission faces challenge". We stated that if things did not change financially by January we may have to discontinue our services in the community. This year we are pleased to report that, while we still struggle, as so many other non-profits do, we are able to stay afloat. Our challenges have been many with an increase in need for food, shelter, household items and furniture by many struggling in our community.

We are so blessed to be able to minister to everyone who walks thru our front door because many of you have made it possible this past year. Below is a list of what we are thankful for:

First and foremost are the major life changes we have seen in the residents.

Thousands of donated household items and furniture allowing us to give them to those in need. We do not sell them. We give them to those that truly have a need and are unable to supply for themselves.

Many churches, businesses and individuals that have made generous donations of food, keeping our food pantry stocked to help the hungry.

Snyder Roofing for donating their time and finances to ensure there are no more leaks in our roof.

Eye doctors for our residents giving eye examinations and glasses when needed.. Dr. Mark Canfield (Greenville Family Eye Care), Dr. Rocky Hansen (Hansen Vision Center) & Grand Rapids Ophthalmology.

Dr John O Donald (Family Cosmetic Dentistry) & Dr. Tara Meachum, (Greenville Family Dental) for totally reconstructing a couple of residents smile by giving them a new look and healthier life.

Dr. Gerald Tovatt and Dr. Matthew DeWys for giving medical evaluations and assistance to our residents.

Greenville Foundation for donations allowing us to make aesthetic changes to the outside of our building and educational materials for our residents.



Area businesses/organizations that have given generously with items, time, talents or financial support this year. .

Aggressive Tooling

Jerry's Paint Store

Fair Salvage Company

Patten Plumbing

Stafford Communications

American Legion

Mersen USA

Dairy Queen

Michigan Tub & Spas

Pizza Hut

Greenville Area Corvette Club

Beth's Precision Cuts

Visual Impact

Lions Club

Churches and the many individuals that give financially to support the mission by sending in their donations or placing money in the coin banks located at various area merchants throughout the community.

So as you may see by our enormous list we have so much to be thankful for.

We look forward to 2012 with great anticipation. We truly thank you for believing in us and the mission God has given us in this community.

GOD'S LOVE CLOSET & HOPE RESCUE MISSION

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AREAS OF NEED

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Furniture

Dishes

Small Appliances

Pots & Pans



Bedding, towels

CLEANING PRODUCTS

Soaps- laundry & cleaning



Buckets, mops & brooms

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Soap, shampoo, deodorant

Tooth brushes, paste

Combs, brushes, razors

PAPER PRODUCTS

Toilet Paper, paper towels

Styrofoam Plates, bowls, cups

MENS SHELTER ITEMS

New-sox, underwear, t-shirts

VOLUNTEERS

GLC Item cleaning & organizers

Office-Receptionist

Kitchen workers

Men's Bible Study / Disciple Leader



FINANCIAL

Since GLC chooses not to charge those who can not afford even the smallest amount for the essentials of living.

We must appeal to those sensitive to our goals and vision for our operating expenses. Please find attached a donation envelope and help us to help others. With out these quarterly newsletters requesting financial support we would be unable to continue assisting those in need in our community . All financial donation receipts are sent within two weeks of donation date.

URGENT MISSION NEEDS

*Sign up once a month, twice a month, whatever you can do to help.
We promise you will truly be blessed.*

CURRENT VOLUNTEER POSITIONS NEEDED

C HAPEL is from 7:00 – 8:00

Come early, and interact with Mission residents before and after the chapel service.

Start right at 7:00. Respect your captive audience by ending the service no later than 8:00pm.

Prepare to speak, give a testimony, provide music and/or share words of encouragement & Hope.

Some that do chapel like to do the Security 6:00pm – 10:00pm

This allows them to spend time before and after service with the men.

SECURITY 6:00pm-10:00pm, 10:00pm-2:00am

After chapel the security guys start the residents taking showers. Security will open up the back room where their clothes are stored and give them their sleeping scrubs.

Then after all residents have had their showers security makes sure they are in the dorm by 10:00.

If you don't want to do chapel but feel you want to do a security position that is ok too.

Also available are

Saturday and Sunday afternoons 2:00 – 6:00pm

This includes making a meal for the guys and share some time with them.

It could even include making pizzas' together.

Shoot hoops, play ping-pong, or just enjoy each others company.

COOKING POSITIONS

Lunch or Evening Meal Preparation	Lunch (Mon-Fri)	11:30
	Sat & Sun.	1:00
	Dinner (Mon-Fri)	5:00
	Sat & Sun	6:00

Once a month, once a week, whatever your schedule allows.

You can come prepare the meals and leave OR stay and share some special meal time with the residents. Make it a family affair. We always have more than enough food.

Tax Deductible Item Donations (new or used)

Items donated to GLC qualify for tax credit.

We will issue a receipt for items donated.