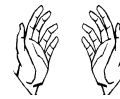




Summer 2010

Newsletter



*"There will always be poor people in the land.*

*Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers & sisters and toward the poor and needy in your Land."*

## MY NAME IS DAN

*When GLC Hope Rescue Mission opened up in Greenville, many in the community felt that all the men coming to the mission were all alcoholics and drug abusers. After coming here I found out that was not the case. Anyone who has any misunderstandings should spend sometime at the mission to find out what really goes on here.*

*My name is Dan. I have been at GLC since May 2009. When I came here my self-esteem and self worth were very low. With guidance from our Men's Program Manager, Mike Dekker, and opportunities GLC has provided me, I now have a positive attitude and outlook on life.*

*One of the opportunities is acquiring my GED. Getting my GED has given the hope of being able to gain employment and being able to provide for myself. For that I am thankful.*

*I would also like to mention how much the daily bible studies and chapel services have meant to me. I have learned so much about Christianity and the Love of Christ.*

*A thank you to Barb & Jim Vickery for starting up the mission. Also for Mike Dekker and our Houseman, Mike Wills for putting up with me.*

*I would like to give a special thanks to Linda Collins who volunteers at the mission helping us guys acquire an better education. And to Lois Brail from Michigan State Extension Program for holding Nutrition and cooking classes for us. Without these opportunities I don't know where I would be.*

*May God be in your heart and dwell in your mind.*

*Forever Thankful—Dan H.*

**Dan is working toward receiving his GED before the summer is over.**

**We are so proud of Dan and the accomplishments he has made since he came to GLC.**



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- John Lewis—Lewis Law
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## FROM BARB'S DESK

Seems like summer just got her and it's July already. . I look forward to summer through the winter months. I am not a cold weather person so when summer gets here I want it to last a long time.

We are very excited about our garden again this year. Our houseman , Mike W. has been busy planting, weeding and watering the garden . He is now just starting to see the results of his hard work.

It reminds me of our life as a Christian. It is not always an easy life. It takes a lot of work and sometimes we are not as lucky as Mike to be able to see the results. Sometimes we are only to plant the seed, then someone else waters , cultivates

and reaps the harvest. . It is our human nature to want to see the fruits of our labor . We want it right now . We forget that God has his own plan and it will all take place in his time not ours.

It is that way here at the mission. We always want to see results before a person leaves here but sometimes we don't . We can only pray that while they are with us the seeds were planted. Then let God take over from there.

We are only called to be obedient . I pray someday when we get to heaven we will be able to see what planting our seed really meant and how many lives God changed because of a hug, a loving word of encouragement or even just a smile.

Do not underestimate the part you may play in God's plan. It may seem so very small to you but God only asks that you show up and he will do the rest.

Have a blessed summer and bless someone where you can. Bring healing to who is in your reach. Be part of helping God's Kingdom come.



## A MAN AND HIS GARDEN

GLC HOUSEMAN—Mike W.

Come in sometime and let Mike show you his garden and he might just send you home with a handful of produce. Also ask him to show you his Viet Nam memorabilia . He has quite a showroom of memories past.



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**AREAS OF NEED**

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

- Furniture
- Dishes
- Small Appliances
- Bedding, towels



Pots & Pans

**CLEANING PRODUCTS**

- Soaps- laundry & cleaning
- Buckets, mops & brooms



**PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

- Soap, shampoo, deodorant
- Tooth brushes, paste
- Combs, brushes, razors

**MENS SHELTER ITEMS**

- New-sox, underwear, t-shirts



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 slip 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.* With the addition of the Rescue Mission comes added expenses. In preparation for the winter ahead we are starting now to request an increase in giving from our donors to get us through. All financial donation receipts are sent within two weeks.

**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**



**CHAPEL** 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.

**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.

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/used)**

Items donated to GLC qualify for tax credit. We will issue a receipt for items donated. However we are not allowed to list dollar amount so you must keep your receipt for new items or use the IRS formula on receipts for determining value.

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**Deuteronomy 15:11**