



October 2022

Thank
You

Defend the
cause of
the weak
and
fatherless,
maintain
the rights
of the poor
and
oppressed.

Rescue the
weak &
needy,
deliver
them from
the hand of
the wicked.

Psalms
82: 3-4

Thank
You

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

It is the season for thanksgiving so let me start off this newsletter by giving thanks. I thank God first and foremost for his son Jesus Christ and the redemptive power of the Cross, without which I would still be bound in my sin. I thank God for the privilege it is to not just let me worship Him but also for giving my life purpose through the sharing of the gospel. I thank God for the Mission, a place where the broken and lost can come and rebuild their lives with Jesus Christ as their foundation. I thank God for *You*, my brothers' and sisters' reading this newsletter, fellow workers of the cross, who give so generously of their first fruits and make it possible to change lives through the power of the Cross.

I thank God for bringing us my sister Laurie. She is the very reason the Mission exists.

My first week at the Mission, some months ago, I got a call from Laurie. She was up river, near Allegany. She was crying and trying to walk back to town with everything she owned in two large backpacks.. With no where left to go she called the Mission. When I drove up there to pick her up she was picking flowers for the children she never thought she would see again. She still has the flowers but God had a different path for Laurie. One that includes hope not despair.

"Jesus is the first man in my life that has never abused me." Quote from Laurie.

The journey to Jesus and sobriety was not easy. Laurie started using drugs at the early age of 12. She would continue to use drugs until her arrest at 31 when she spent a year in prison. This would lead to fifteen years of sobriety while she raised her children. In 2002 Laurie had knee surgery and after the surgery the pain was too much and she would succumb to addiction once again. The next twenty years would see the loss of everything. Her vehicle, her apartment and her joy. She needed a savior.

Her first month at the Mission Laurie relapsed. In true warrior form she did not give up but checked herself into a rehab facility called Crossroads. She came back to us, this time required to give weekly UA's. Fighting anger and bitterness the missing piece of the puzzle was still Jesus. Until 3 weeks ago.

Laurie came into the office where I was talking with my wife one morning and with tears said, "I need Jesus! I can't do it anymore." So we all prayed and for the first time in her life Laurie confessed with her mouth that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead.

Laurie is now completely clean and sober for the first time in twenty years. She attends Celebrate Recovery, listens to gospel music all the time and is always eager to hear more about Jesus. It is still not always easy but she says she now has hope. "Sometimes all I can do to get through the day is just to repeat the name of Jesus over and over again."

September

Meals 1176
Overnight 463



Keep our sister in your prayers

*"Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we
reap if we do not lose heart" Galations 6:9*



Won't you help\$

As we give in this thankful season I pray Gods people will continue to remember the Mission. Because of your obedient hearts we were able to pay for the hot water heaters. Praise God! He is amazing just as His people are amazing. Now comes the next obstacle for the Mission. We have to update the fire alarm system and bring the building up to current fire code. These additions, smoke detectors, emergency lighting and magnetic controls for the doors are a requirement for the Mission to stay in operation. God is faithful just as I know His people are faithful and I know that we can pull together and get this project paid for. **Total price, \$19,400**



Mission Needs

Winter Coats, Razors
CCAT Bus Tickets,
Men/Womens' Tennis Shoes
Band-aids, Warm Jackets

Thanksgiving Needs

Turkeys!
Box Stuffing
Frozen Green Beans
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Cream Cheese
Pies and Deserts



*May the Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face to shine upon you*

Happy Thanksgiving
Dinner 12:00pm to 2:00 pm @ the Mission

Love your Neighbor Invite those in need.

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