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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

As you know, in every church there are people who sit there drinking in the Word of God for years and still are not serving the Lord. My question to them and to me, who has been serving the Lord in full time Christian ministry for twenty three years now, is "are you available to God?" Some people never get up to serve and some people are never available for the Lord to use them for the first time or for something new. I was listening to Dr. Charles Stanley one Sunday when I was really restless in my Spirit and couldn't sleep. He was teaching on the very issue. We are just beginning to come into our renovation/building stage of both properties. This is a very big project along with the day to day operations of eleven programs, meetings, meeting with hundred of households, individual needs, staff/volunteer issues. But you will never guess what the Lord is doing in the bigger picture. For years, I have been telling you of the step type program for the men's shelter that the Lord has given my husband, myself and the governing board-that we would be able to purchase another housing unit (both sides) within eye shot of our current Shelter. One side of the property for a resident manager and the other side for a half way house. When the men graduate the six month program successfully, they would move to the half way house. They would be able to stay about one year. They would share all living expenses (mortgage, electricity, water, food, etc.) and have a part in managing: meeting attendance, sobriety, etc. Well, for years I have been standing on the front lawn of the shelter praying this vision and for all the properties I could see. Then one day as I was

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coming out of the Pemberton Post Office, I saw two units for sale behind the shelter. I called after our board meeting and both owners agreed to go under contract with no money down, contingent or grant or other money until August 15, 2007. Praise the Lord! This would allow us to do the men's half way house for 4, resident manager's unit and possibly a women's half way house -4 beds and the other side was a doctor's office. We thought we might use it for Good Shepherd Clinic use and job training, Bible study, AA meetings, etc. Another possibility is for a large county wide emergency shelter with the same type step program. This is at the very beginning stage with a lot of different agencies, churches, ministers, etc. WOW! Now I really couldn't sleep after I heard this message. I asked myself, "Am I really available for God to use me as He wants to? Or am I just caught up in all the day to day operations and doubt of where will we get the money or people for this?" Dr. Charles Stanley ended his sermon with the statement that it all boils down to "Will you obey the call of service on your life and see what God can do?" Or will you disobey and wonder for the rest of your life what He could have done if I only obeyed? If you find a minute after you pray about this I would really love to hear what the Lord puts on your heart. Could you just drop me a note and tell me what you think He is saying to you? Thank you for all your continued support and prayers.

Abiding in Him

Madelyn C. Mears-Sheldon
Executive Director

EMERGENCY FOOD AND CLOTHING PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center Emergency Food & Clothing Program helped 338 families or 1,077 individuals with 10,327 meals and \$3,925 in clothing vouchers and two people gave their life to Jesus in the month April, 2007.

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center and the Community Lunch/Rural Homeless Program served 1,080 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of April, 2007. We also go out every Wednesday and Friday to the woods to serve a hot lunch to homeless, alcoholic, addicted men, women and sometimes teens.



MINISTRY OUTREACH

On June 9th we will be participating in "Take it to the Streets" Ministry Outreach with Tabernacle of Praise Church at the Dominic Johnson Recreation Center, 100 Scrapetown Road, Pemberton. There will be Good Shepherd Clinic, the Salvation Army Camp Sign Ups, job applications for Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, Great Adventure, etc., Christian Drug Rehab information, jump rope contest, basket ball contest, preaching, food, etc. Come out and be blessed!

SALVATION ARMY

The Lord through the Salvation Army and the Christian Caring Center were able to help with nine prescriptions, thirteen nights of lodging, and five utility totaling \$1,238.34 in the month of April, 2007. We will be holding Camp sign ups for the Christian Caring Center from 10 AM to 2 PM on May 19th at the Browns Mills Library, June 7 from 12 to 3:30 PM at the Christian Caring Center.



NEW JERSEY SHARES UTILITY

This program helps working employed households pay utility bills that are endangered of being shut off or are shut off. We were able to help nine households with \$4,905 in the month of April 2007.



