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Monthly Newsletter

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

1 Corinthians 13:12-13: "For now we see through a mirror dimly; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then shall I know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

THANK YOU LORD, THANK YOU FOR CODE BLUE!!! We only had five men last night (2/12/08). After dinner 3 of them and I were watching a movie. One of the men (H.B.) fell out of the chair. He was having a seizure. The other two men and I got him comfortable, but then he stopped shaking and breathing and had no pulse. I called 911. One man knew CPR and I had been trained last year. We had a bag to do mouth to mouth, which I ran for and could not find. We all started praying. It was about 7:30 PM in the middle of the ice storm. The 911 operator was telling me it could take a while for the EMT's to arrive due to the icy conditions. Peter and I were deciding who would do the mouth to mouth and who would do the chest compressions, praying unceasingly. Peter uttered the last, "God please don't make me have to do this". All of a sudden H.B. started breathing as we were discussing who would do the bag and who would do the compressions-(Maybe he heard us?!). It felt like forever until the EMT'S got there. H.B. is in Virtua. I talked to him this morning. He sounded pretty good and they are conducting tests today, but they think he had a stroke. H.B. is 60 years old. H.B. has no history of substance abuse, but he has had two mini strokes before. He was living alone, got foreclosed on and came in on Saturday. I shutter to think what would have happened to him if he was alone. He wanted me to

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thank you all for being there for him. Yesterday Code Blue was only called until 6 PM. I am so glad we kept our shelter open. We all probably saved a life last night. We could have never have done it without your help, support and prayers! We are under contract with the County, but because it wasn't an officially Code Blue, they will not be paying us for that night. Your donations allowed us to remain open. We had one volunteer cook us a donated casserole from a church, a volunteer driver, donated blankets from individuals, donated funds to purchase the paper plates and other set up items, the church allowing us to stay and set up the shelter, Salvation Army providing hygiene kits and socks, American Red Cross donated cots, etc. It takes the whole body to minister and to bring one person to Jesus. Thank you for being part of this body and participating in the part that you did for this cold, icy night to save a man's life and to have the others witness the power of the living God!

If you are looking for an opportunity for God to use you, we have many down at the Christian Caring Center and many gaps that are waiting for someone to step into. If that is you, please call us, we would be happy to meet with you. In this season of thankfulness, let me tell you that you are on my list. Let me tell you one more time--**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, PRAYERS, DONATIONS, AND TIME. Without you this would not be possible. God Bless you!**

Abiding in Him,

Madelyn C. Mears-Sheldon

EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center helped 344 families or 1,135 individuals with 11,240 meals and \$4,660 in clothing vouchers in the month of January, 2008.

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center served 967 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of January, 2008. We also go out to the woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver lunch and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted men, women and sometimes teens. We also take out other professionals from mental health organizations like Drenk, Family Service and other outreach people from organizations like Crossroads, Inc. (a youth run away shelter). On the second Wednesday of every month we have a mobile clinic, Good Sheppard Clinic come down to the Christian Caring Center parking lot. All medical and dental services are absolutely free along with the prayers of the missionary Drs Charles and Grace Cho and their volunteers. We all try and outreach to these homeless individuals to get them the help they need to come out of this hopeless circumstance. There is always hope with JESUS!

JACK STELLE MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM (JESMS)

Our men, Girard, Bill, Elijah, JR, Ricky all are working at the Christian Caring Center and attending Bible study, church, some go to the 449 Club for AA and NA meetings also. JR is now working at McDonald's full time-PTL! Elijah has moved into his own apartment-PTL!! Please continue to pray for them as God is restoring them.

RESURRECTION BASKETS

Our Easter "Resurrection" Baskets will be distributed on Tuesday March 18th, Wednesday March 19th, and Thursday March 20th, 2008 from 10 AM to 3 PM, at the Browns Mills Methodist Church. We will be distributing a Ham or Turkey dinner with all the fixings and a RESURRECTION Basket to each child as donated. We distributed to 369 households with approximately three children each. We have two

Church Sunday school classes sign up to donate this year so far but it's still not too late for yours to get involved in blessing the children. We believe, "God to supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory"-- pray for Resurrection Baskets and the ministry that will go forth! If you would like to help us or your church needs more information, please contact us at the above address or call between 10 AM to 3 PM, Monday thru Saturday, 609-893-0700.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

We have booked the date for our Twenty Fifth Anniversary. It will be on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 6 PM at the Marriott Hotel, on Rt. 73 in Mt. Laurel, NJ. We are so excited! We will be offering this dinner free and an offering/pledge will be taken at the dinner. This will be a celebration to bring Glory to God for twenty five years of ministry. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, please let us know. If you would like information about being a table captain please let us know. Our goal is to have a full table from every supporting church and all our individual donors who share in our ministry.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Lord through the Salvation Army helped 25 households with 43 nights of lodging, 4 prescriptions, 4 utilities and 3 rent with \$2,621.21 in the month of January, 2008. The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the army. All funds donated go directly to the clients needs.

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 eight households with \$5,441 in the month of January, 2008. This is an answer to prayer. PTL!