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Monthly Newsletter

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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Ephesians 4:23-25 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE of you, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

These verses sound so great to us believers until we need to go through the changes it takes to become formed "into the likeness of God". I know how hard it was for me at first and to tell you the truth it is still hard. Never have I been so amazed at the transformation of a man that is a sinner and wearing his sins on his outer man, than in our Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter (JSMES). These men are all individuals and have their own individual stories and sins. The mentoring team is eager and direct to tell each man that it is sin not problems or just circumstances, because the only thing good about sin is—that it can be forgiven and you can and will be transformed by a living, loving, powerful God! We talk very generally about the men in the shelter to protect their confidentiality. But let me be very truthful--there is nothing general about their transformation. It is very challenging for them. Most are 45 plus and have a lot of sins to be forgiven, a whole lot of things that need to be repented and then the change has to come. It is a whole new way of living. Imagine living half your life and coming to the revelation that it was all a lie of the devil and you have to start all over again. You're tired, worn out, depressed, don't feel like doing anything and you have to go to the Christian Caring Center where it is mostly women—six days per week, work physically hard, put up

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with hundreds of sinners a month, go to church, and two other meetings and/or Bible studies a week, save whatever little money you have, pay all your fines, write and read up on principals and goals and have a meeting every week were they hold you accountable for them, do all your own cooking and take part in cleaning the house and yard and start to repair other family relationships and start looking for a job, get one and keep it and then look for an apartment—all in six months! It can look and feel overwhelming. But I can't tell you with Jesus—all things are possible! I want to testify to all of you because you are all part of the miracles I am speaking of. You all have sown seed into these lives by your giving, volunteering, financial gifts and prayers! We had three of our men graduate and get apartments in the month of September, 2008. Ricky has his own supportive housing (with a mental health counselor and financial help) and Karl and Mike secured their own apartment together to save costs. One of the men living on our parking lot came into the shelter to begin his new life with Christ. Another man, who slept on and off in our parking lot, set us as his SSI payee and we were able to find an apartment for him. One of the men we had to terminate from the JSMES for substance abuse went to rehab, completed it and is applying for a half way house. Six miracles in one month in one program! Praise the Lord! None of them would have been possible without God and God using YOU! Thank you for all you give!

Abiding in Him,

Madelyn C. Mears-Sheldon

EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center helped 420 Families or 1,500 individuals with 15,709 meals and \$5,270 clothing in the month of September, 2008.

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center served 1,341 hot cooked lunch and continental breakfast in the month of September, 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. (youth run away shelter). On the second Wednesday of every month we have Good Shepherd mobile 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!

NJ SHARES PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center helped 6 Households with \$2,600 for utility help in the month of September, 2008. Twenty applications were submitted.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Lord through the Salvation Army helped 1 household with prescriptions totaling \$100.

CODE BLUE

Believe it or not, we are almost to December 1st and the start of Code Blue Sheltering. We are beginning to collect needed supplies like good used blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, socks, paper plates, paper cups, condiments, coffee, sugar, creamers, casseroles, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, bars, gloves and hats, sweat shirts and pants. If you have a desire to collect these items or maybe your church, Sunday School class, Bible study, group or office would like to hold a collection drive or need more information, please give us a call at 609-893-0700. Thanks!

HOLIDAY BASKETS

We are preparing for our Holiday—Thanksgiving and Christmas—Baskets. We are also preparing for the

Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Each Basket will contain a holiday dinner with all the fixings. Christmas will also include two gifts for each child. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. There is no line item budget anywhere for this program. Whatever is donated and collected is what we can give. If you would like a presentation to your group, Church, or Sunday school class, please give us a call. We would love to come and share what the Lord is doing.

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October, 2008

Dear Friend of the Christian Caring Center,

We have some good news and we have some bad news.

The demand of need, supplied by our Thrift Store, has caused it to become cramped and overcrowded. We have been fortunate to acquire a retail style property just up the street from us, at 383 Lakehurst Rd., for our expansion, thru the assistance of the Danellie Foundation, for property acquisition.

The bad news is, it needs some updating and enhancements, to become a first class Thrift Store Outlet, serving the community. We are proceeding with an improvement program to meet this need.

You can help with this expansion and upgrading. Our Goal is to raise \$75,000. for this expansion and improvements of our new Thrift Store.

To assist us, mark your donation as 'TSEP', (Thrift Store Expansion Project). Any amount you are able to contribute towards this ambitious project is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Doug Radley
Funding Committee Chairman