



Gospel Mission Ministry Update January, 2012

Love divine, so great and wondrous, deep and mighty, pure, sublime!
Coming from the heart of Jesus: Just the same through tests of time.
He the pearly gates will open, so that I may enter in; For He purchased
my redemption, and forgave me all my sin.

F.A. Blom 1917

Well, it has come to pass...2012 is now upon us and it was 100 years ago this year that the Gospel Mission was founded! We thank the Lord for the privileges that have been ours to serve Him in this capacity. Sue and I have been here second longest to the founder Rev. Peter Quartell and his wife (1912 – about 1952). I have been with the mission in some capacity since 1979. By the grace of God we hope to serve the Lord here until He comes again! So, we look forward to the wonderful year ahead. Through the challenges of it all, the Lord will be with us. **Your prayerful support is so much needed and appreciated.**

- Christmas went very well with all of the extra requests for assistance that came our way. The Lord provided fabulous meals and gifts for the needy of our congregation. **Thanks to all of you** who responded with gifts, volunteering and funds. One day we will be in the very presence of God's magnificent Gift!
- **Our look ahead is in the hands of the Lord.** Anything that we plan, we trust is by His will and wisdom. We are always looking for ways to improve and add to what we do.
- We have the **inexhaustible hope of victory in Christ.** This is our daily message to the city. We think of the tragic loss of life constantly throughout our city. Young people being killed over drugs. People are clamoring for an answer. The answer has always been there. The family and the church must have missed the boat a few generations back. Our daily work is to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.
- **The Gospel Mission's youth programs are growing.** This is a challenge for us to keep up. We need more volunteers that we can train and get seasoned in....make a real commitment to stick with it. On many occasion, especially in the winter, we need more transportation. If you know of a reliable 12-15 passenger van that could be donated for youth it would be appreciated. **We don't want this generation to slip away.**
- Right now we can only dream of summer camp.....but it will be here before we know it. We are already registering youth for camps. Camp Jabez is a beautiful place that the Lord has provided for the spiritual growth and quality maturity of all youth. **Please pray for all of our endeavors at Camp Jabez and the coming summer camps.** The history of camps shows that they can be a great tool impacting youth for life. Check our web site for all of the details.
- **We certainly need prayer for our daily chapel services.** They are the most important thing we do. We believe the Lord will use His Word to lead souls to Christ. We have great joy in seeing lives changed and impacted for eternity. We are thankful to be able to do many temporal things to assist the needy of our community but there is nothing like becoming a new creation in Christ. **We pray for great fruit in this ministry.**
- As we enter the New Year we ask your prayer for our staff. Each with the challenges of living in this world and desiring to serve the Lord in the best possible way. **Pray for spiritual strength and confidence as the daily battles come our way.**
- We too pray for our missionary friends throughout the world. Our reports seem to find growing dislike if not hate, for the Christian faith. Our own country seems to be setting a path in the same direction. The scriptures tell us of such days. Be diligent in prayer. **Pray for those who are on the front lines of danger as they hold forth in the Word.**
- **Memo:** Check by email for volunteer openings each month director@gmission.org. Gallon size fruits and vegetables needed. Computers less than five years old and flat screens needed.

By His grace,

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Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. Revelation 22:7

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