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We enter this year knowing the Lord is in charge; God's people should be the eternal optimists! We are very thankful for the new opportunities that will be before us. Those opportunities will always focus on salvation of the soul. We will do many other things to help the person along in life but only God is able to change the person's heart. God is the way to a man's heart not food. The track record will record over and over the difference in a person when Jesus comes into their heart. We pray that many will experience a new life in Christ this year. This is the highest order of business.

As we move along one day at a time we do it with an eye to the end...the end of lives that may visit us. One departed on the 2nd of January. We also believe what the Lord said, Surely, I come quickly. Such truths concerning the brevity of life spurs us on to be about the Lord's business now. Time is the most precious commodity as we get a new allotment daily to use for Him representing the Gospel to our community.

The Gospel Mission is now entering the 107th year of operation by the grace of God. We give Him the honor and glory for all of the accomplishments He has afforded us. Daily the Gospel is preached, souls are nurtured, the lost saved by the power of God. Our tools are the Word of God and dedicated people to serve Him as He has called them to labor here. May God always give us a clear mind on His work un-muddled by contemporary short-term movements or religious trends...may we always see Jesus and have His concern for the people today...tomorrow they may be gone.

Sue and I are very thankful for the opportunity to continue on in the work of the mission. We seek the Lord's divine blessing on the staff and volunteers as we work in the fields, planting, weeding and harvesting the Lord's crop. Please be part of our team and partner with us that we all will hear,

*Well done thou good and faithful servant.*

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director



## Christmas Buffet



The Gospel Mission hosted its annual Christmas buffet and we thank all of our volunteers who came out on a cold, rainy day to serve. Our guests very much enjoyed the wonderful dinner that was prepared. It is our desire to provide a comfortable, homey place for our guests to have a great meal. A place that is safe for all ages; a place that is clean and inviting and most importantly, a place where the Lord Jesus Christ is honored. Our meals are good for an entire day but the soul food served daily is good for eternity.

*And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life:  
he that cometh to me shall never hunger;  
and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

John 6:35

## Caring Companies

The Gospel Mission staff was very thankful for the work team from Naked Lime, a local marketing company, who took time out of their busy schedule to serve our guests. We are so blessed by the support of many churches, schools and local businesses who send volunteer teams to support the work of the Gospel Mission, in addition to the many individuals who give of their time, talent and treasure to our ministry. Thanks, Naked Lime, for your enthusiastic support.



## Our Mission



We have a sign that has been with us for at least 35 years and we have located it in an unavoidable spot. It is the shortest sermon you will ever hear... JESUS SAVES. We pray that the Lord will open people's heart as their eyes are open to see the unmistakable message. They cannot leave the mission without seeing the great message. Now that they have seen it, may they not leave life without Jesus.



## Nehemiah University Winter Courses

Students from all around are welcome to attend the Nehemiah University Bible Institute.

This quarter the classes are:

- 101-Basics of the Christian Faith
- 203-Old Testament Poetical Books
- 512-Historical Geography of the Holy Land

Email if you are interested in attending. Director Gerry is teaching all three classes this quarter so we extend the invitation to even consider next quarter starting in March. May the Lord bless this portion of our "making disciples."

## Community Coming on Board

The Gospel Mission was very blessed with a generous donation of 500 box lunches from LexisNexis. These lunches, which do not require refrigeration, were distributed to our many guests. We are thankful also for the encouraging, personal messages written on each box.

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17*



## 2019...What Are the Plans?

Our plans are what they have always been...telling the Gospel story. This cannot change from year to year. Hebrews 13:8, *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.* There is a wonderful hymn by A. B. Simpson we sing that expresses the truth:

*Yesterday, Today, Forever*



*Oh how sweet the glorious message simple faith may claim; yesterday, today, forever Jesus is the same. Still He loves to save the sinful, heal the sick and lame, cheer the mourner, still the tempest, glory to His name...*

*All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His Name!*

It is a blessing to have a simple service where the Word of God is the central focus in all of its love and soul-healing power. Thank you Lord for the New Year of the old Gospel story...by grace we will proclaim it until Christ comes again!

## Korean Church on Our Mission Field



*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'*  
Acts 20:35.

The Gospel Mission is very grateful for the faithful service of Dayton Korean Grace Church which serves the first Saturday of each month. In addition to the normal housekeeping jobs and serving of our mid-day meal, they washed our chapel windows and reinvigorated our video game system at Nehemiah University. We praise our Heavenly Father as He continues to work in and through the team from DKGC.

## God Provides According to Scripture

Our support system for daily missionary operations comes by faith that He will provide. God would not call us into the battle and expect us to provide the weapons. Hebrews 11:8 says, By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. We are very thankful for God's provision along the way on this journey. The Lord has blessed us with so many wonderful donations of materials and property and equipment and volunteers that our administrative cost of operations is less than 8% of income! We praise the Lord for His wonderful design for our ministry.

*To God be the glory, great things He has done!*

## Camp Jabez...Registration Now Open



Camp registration opened in December and campers are getting on board. Another exciting year is planned with some new adventures. If you were not with us last year you missed our brand new Zip Line and the brand

new and much larger High Ropes course. It is a fantastic adventure for all ages. Camps are open to ages 5 through 17...something for all ages. Of course, Jesus will always be in focus. We will study the wonderful nature that He has created for us and get to know a little more about its wonders.



Check the website for more information or give us a call... the phone is always answered.



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## Christmas Youth Servants



Shown here are four of our very faithful youth who have been with the mission for many years. Timmy, Faith, Marcus and Caleb have come through the ranks of the mission working in various departments. It is a blessing to see them mature and serve the

Lord. They are very good workers and future leaders... Mission boot-camp trains them well! May the Lord greatly bless.

## Youth on the Mission Field

When we think of the students and faculty advisors from Greeneview High School, "faithfulness" is a word that quickly comes to mind. For several years, the National Honor Society students from Greeneview have faithfully



served one day a month at the Gospel Mission (and Camp Jabez). The students took a day to minister to our needs; leaf-raking, preparing food for our mid-day service and the annual Christmas buffet. All performed well, while bringing much joy to our regular staff and volunteers.

## Scholars Shopping Trip

*Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 1 Corinthians 9:24*



The staff enjoyed a really great evening with seven of our Gospel Mission youth and their tutors as we celebrated the successful completion of the fall semester's Monday night tutoring sessions. The

students and their tutors, along with other Mission staff, enjoyed great pizzas at LaRosa's in Kettering, followed by a Christmas shopping spree at Meijer's. Each of the students earned \$75 to spend. They were very generous as they purchased nice gifts for family members and their school teachers.



Thanks to Sue, Nancy, Scarlett, Faye, Jordan and Lisa for tutoring our youth.