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Greetings from your missionary team...

that just keeps on going and going and going by the grace of God to bring the Gospel to many dear people. This year we will celebrate 108 years of ministry. Praise God from Whom all blessing flow! Thank you so much for your interest in the Lord's work here. We look forward to 2020 with the Lord's perfect vision in the days ahead. We know He will lead and guide us according to His perfect plan and we look forward to serving Him.

We claim Psalm 90:17 for our verse to start the New Year. ***And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.***

Each day at the mission holds many unknowns but our Lord knows every second. Our greatest desire daily is to see people and families come to Christ. Reform programs have some merit but only Christ makes an eternal difference. Prayer is very important for daily operations (the oil that keeps the lamp burning) and we ask your prayers as the Lord puts it upon your heart.

As for our 2020 vision ahead we must simply say God must lead the way. He has given us so many "tools" to be utilized and we must be responsible to use these resources to His honor and glory. It will be an exciting year as we follow Him down paths we have not trod before but we will be holding His hand all of the way.

Thank you so very much for your missionary support; for sharing with us some of what God has provided for you. Psalm 41:1 ***Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.*** We praise the Lord for His goodness to us.

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

Combined Federal Campaign

For many years the Gospel Mission attended the CFC for a very positive experience to talk with people about the work here concerning their donations. Well, over time the CFC methods have changed and it just does not operate the same anymore and we have come to the conclusion that it is no longer worth our time and investment to attend. We have talked with many supporters whose heart is to serve the Lord and they will continue to support us directly. Thanks for your understanding.

Cedarville Clinic

We are thankful to hold some medical clinics at the Gospel Mission. Some of our guests had critical needs they did not know about and assistance was given. We had a clinic in September and October sponsored by Cedarville University seeing close to 100 guests and providing flu shots, Hepatitis A shots, tetanus, blood sugar checks and blood pressure; plus general information from the Rite Aid pharmacist on the team. We are very thankful for the volunteering work provided as the Lord touches their hearts.

Shown here is our September team...Sue Clarkston in center.



Disciples in Training

The word disciple is a very important word in the Bible. It means the pupil of someone. A disciple of Christ today could be described as someone who believes His doctrines, rests upon His sacrifice, imbibes His spirit, and imitates His example. Brother Rich is conducting the Discipleship Class with good forward progress. It is most important that we take our faith into daily life and practice... taking it to the streets...as we say here. We would desire to arm our many guests with the message of Christ. We pray for many good training sessions in 2020.

And whosoever doth
not bear his cross,
and come after me,
cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27

Snacks to Go

“The Lord touches the heart of so many people to care for others. We are thankful for Alpha Psi Lambda, a Co-ed Fraternity (University of Dayton) who organized and packed 100 bag lunches for our guests. They called us first to find out what would go best in the lunches and all worked out perfectly. **Thanks again for your part in meeting the needs of the mission.**



Bucket Lift

We are grateful to the Lord, for His continuing provision for the Gospel Mission. Last month, we received a very generous gift from the Fred M. Luther Charitable Trust, which enabled us to purchase a 60' extension lift which we will use to repair and maintain the buildings and the tree line on our Dayton campus located on Burns Avenue.



The Charitable Trust was established following the death of Mr. Luther in 2009. Mr. Luther, a long-time Dayton area tool and die maker was particularly interested in assisting local churches to maintain and improve their physical buildings. Through the generosity of Mr. Luther, many churches and other ministries have received valuable funding for building-related projects over the past ten years.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 136:1

Christmas and Thanksgiving Report

Simply put, we had a very wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas time. The food was great and the many gifts were of the greatest blessing. We had fine attendance to the services and a very fine time of fellowship and ministry with our guests. Our goal is not to let the spirit of Christmas go away with the decorations. What a blessing it is to develop the atmosphere of love and beneficence every day. It is a lifestyle that is at odds with most of the world's philosophies. A special thanks to all of those who made it possible. Many dropped off items and we don't get contact information...we very much thank you.

Christmas Chiors

The mission has been blessed with two wonderful choral presentations during the holiday season. The Ark Church Choir and members of local congregations of German Baptists sang at our afternoon services. The Gospel Mission



utilizes the services of hundreds of people each year to perform the many tasks that further the ministry to needy souls.

Eternal impacts are being made daily that nourish each soul that visits the mission.

*Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of His,
and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.*

Psalms 39:4

Sherwin-Williams Coats



“The Gospel Mission is very thankful for the generous donation of 60+ winter coats, along with hats, scarves and gloves, compliments of the Dayton district of Sherwin-Williams Paints, and to Barb and Jennifer who delivered these wonderful gifts. They know how to “apply a good coat.”

The Gospel Mission makes individual, hand-packed per person Christmas gift packages annually, 400 this year, to our many guests and to the boys and girls who participate in our youth programs. Participating guests typically receive winter weather wear along with underwear, socks, shoes, and other clothing items, personal toiletries and household cleaning supplies. The average value is close to \$100 or more. **We are very thankful for the many churches, businesses, and individuals who support us at Christmas time.**

*Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me:
I was in prison, and ye came unto me.*

Matthew 26:36

Wheelchair Elevator

A quick report on the wheelchair elevator: It was an extremely expensive project but it has been well worth the investment. So many have been able to get to services and meals that otherwise could not. Many are very thankful that they can attend without complications. **Thanks again to all who made this possible.**



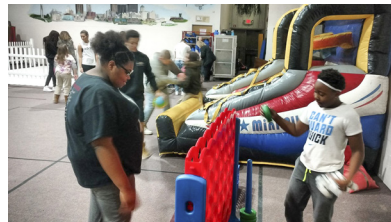
Youth Christmas Celebration

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”--Isaiah 9:6



The Gospel Mission conducted the annual Christmas party for our youth program. A variety of games were provided by A & S Play Zone. At the end of the program, the youth received large bags containing clothing,

toys and other gifts. We are very thankful for the many donors who provided for our children this year. Also thankful for the folks at A & S Play Zone who set up the Frozen bouncy house, pop-a-shot, ice-skating skating rink, whack-a-mole and other cool activities for our youth (and the young at heart).



Most thankful for the incredible gift of salvation that God the Father has given us through His Son, Christ Jesus our Savior and our Lord!

Jesus is, Immanuel, God With Us! Merry Christmas!!

Fall Fun Fieldtrip

We enjoyed a visit from some of the Junior Class of East Dayton Christian High School, and their teacher and mentor, Miss Gibson. They worked for quite a while in Hope Garden, cutting down the ornamental grasses and other growth, as we prepare for the winter season. Several of the students helped with our meal service



We are so blessed by our relationship with East Dayton Christian School, which is located on Spinning Road in Riverside. Looking forward to more of the Junior Class joining us as we serve our community. Jesus Saves!!



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Camp Jabez 2020



Another exciting year is approaching for Camp Jabez 2020. The camp is a wonderful blessing from God to proclaim His Name. The web site will give some good insite and information about the camp options. We are currently registering for the camp online. Lots of youth received summer camp for Christmas! Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. Please consider sending someone to camp.

A tremendous place surrounded by the Love of Christ.

Finishing the Course



The Gospel Mission celebrated the conclusion of our fall tutoring sessions with a pizza party at LaRosa's and a Christmas shopping trip to Meijer's for seven students who regularly attended Monday night tutoring at Nehemiah University. We are very thankful for our tutors who work closely with our young men and women and we are looking forward to starting up our winter tutoring session in early January. These are eternal investments with big dividends. **May the Lord continue to bless this program.**

Youthful Energy



It is always an exciting time when the God's Girls take a field trip. The trip to the Brumbaugh Fruit Farm in Arcanum, Ohio is a fall favorite. There is the hayride and numerous activities that are fascinating fun for the children along with the cookout. There are no better times together than around the fellowship of Christ's presence. These are great times they will remember and cherish....**we pray they will all come to Christ.**