

Volunteers Wanted: Christians with teachable hearts



This mission exists because of the collaborative generosity of our community.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following new partners and organizations who have helped us this quarter:

Bob Braden Plumbing -
Plumbing in new building

Stan, Theresa & Justin Gist -
Electrical in new building

Veggies - Produce donations

Taste of Eden - Food donations

Dr. Richard Walker -
Toothbrushes and floss donation

Wilson & Wilson DDS -
Toothbrushes, paste & floss donation

Calvary Campus Church -
Donation of 350 cans of food

Apostolic Faith Church -
Food & money donation

Bryan's Corner -
Money & clothing donations

Frank, Christine, Bob, Dee & Eddie -
Preparing & serving Christmas dinner

We are grateful to the many people who regularly donate supplies, food, clothing, time and dollars to increase the effectiveness of our ministry. If you would like to discuss ways to be involved, call the Gospel Mission at 360.748.9444

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The search for a kitchen

The physical space for the new mission kitchen has been established. New walls are up, sheetrock and insulation installed, electrical service wired in, heating ducts rerouted but it remains an empty space. The search is on for a gas range, a commercial refrigerator, food prep sinks and tables, a three compartment sink or as one might say, "the kitchen in the space".

One success is the Hobart high temperature dishwasher. It looks new but has been used and will be a real asset for the mission with fast turnaround time for dishes and silverware. Deanna Hansen, our volunteer coordinator, is spearheading the acquisition effort. She has spent countless hours at the computer and telephone researching the equipment, availability, cost of new versus used, and what will best serve the mission's purposes.

All the volunteer cooks are excited about the new kitchen and have been giving Deanna helpful hints of what they would like to see in the kitchen. As each appliance is purchased and placed in its place, our empty space will become a real kitchen to serve food to real people in need.



From the Director

How can I share what an incredible few months this has been? God's answers to the Mission's needs have been amazing!

*The Mission needs to move -
God provides a place.*

*The building needs to be remodeled -
God provides workers, resources and funds.*

Cold weather threatens and we don't have enough warm gear - God provides a 9 year old with a desire to do a Coat Drive and she brings in over 200 coats. God nudges a local church. Blankets, quilts and sleeping bags arrive just as the need is greatest.

Commercial appliances needed and God brings in not just donations but connects our shoppers with some very good deals.

The Lewis County Gospel Mission has truly been blessed and I am humbled by the enormity of His provision. In December alone, 1,542 meals were served bringing the yearly total to 15,615. In addition, during December, 24 emergency daily bus passes were issued and 149 requests for clothing, 23 for groceries and 31 for bedding were met.

The Bible addresses the wonder of God's provision when Paul writes and acknowledges the help he received from the Philippians.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Phil.4:19

Each of those who donated food, clothing or funds and every hand turned to service in the current Mission or the new facility represent a similar fragrant offering to the Lord. May God continue to bless you in all ways.

We wait with excited expectation for the new facility to be finished and open for His ministry. Please pray with us and for us that His vision for the Mission is clear and that the workers needed for each step hear His call on their lives. Praise Him for the amazing thing He has done and continues to do.

In Christ,
Fay Ternan

Serving God's Love
to the homeless and needy of Lewis County

Our NEW! Vulcan Gas Range



God always provides!

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Malachi 3:10

Thank you, Bethel Church

Pastor Kyle Rasmussen has been one of the mission's biggest and most vocal supporters. Hardly a Sunday goes by that he does not mention the mission or the cold weather shelter at Destiny Christian Center. Recently, on behalf of Bethel Church, he presented the mission with a check for \$11,314 to be used for the purchase of kitchen equipment for the new mission. Shortly after New Years Day, Bethel contributed another \$2100.

We are so thankful to supporters like Bethel Church as we rely solely on non-governmental donations to continue the mission's goal.



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What Happens to your Donation?

Donations come in many forms. Some arrive in the form of checks or cash, some as clothes or food and some, and maybe the most important, arrive in the form of teachable Christian volunteers. So what happens to your donation once it arrives at the mission?

We receive many donations of clothing. There are two wonderful ladies, Michele Bell and Nel Baarspol, who sort, clean and arrange the clothing for distribution. Clothing is given away every day to whoever needs it.

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Food comes through our doors on a daily basis. We serve two meals a day, Monday through Friday,



and a brunch on Saturday and Sunday. We maintain a pantry for the cooking staff and one for our clients. Clients can receive a grocery bag of food they choose from the shelves when they need it. This pantry is open every day to distribute donated food and contains the easier items to prepare such as Mac and Cheese.



The more basic staples like pastas, beans, potatoes, sugar, flour and some canned items are kept in the cooks' pantry and used to prepare our meals.

Money arrives by check or cash, by mail or in person and is always welcome. The mission uses your monetary donations to pay the rent, electrical, water, phone, and garbage bills. The remainder is used to purchase needed items like toilet paper, milk, eggs and foodstuffs to round-out the cooks' menus.

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Delaney Spencer blessed the mission and her community with her efforts to raise coats for the homeless in Lewis County. She also raised \$102 in donations to the mission. We, at the mission, are grateful to Delaney for her wonderful efforts on behalf of the Lord and the Lewis County community. Thank you, Delaney!

Delaney Spencer's Coat Drive

One Sunday at church my Pastor Brad told us a story about a little girl who raised enough money to buy 12 special bikes for handicapped kids who couldn't ride regular bikes. I thought about it for a while and decided that I wanted to do something like that. I wondered what I could do ... a shoe drive, a sock drive, a shirt drive ... then it hit me. I could do a winter coat drive! So my mom created an event on Facebook to get the word out to all of her friends about my idea. Then she called The Chronicle and after hearing my idea they wanted to do an interview! I was a little bit nervous but once I got to talking I couldn't stop. At first I got 9 coats donated and I was really excited!

The donation of time by our volunteers is perhaps the most valuable. They prepare and serve the meals, clean the floors and restrooms, receive and sort the donations, staff our resource center and most importantly provide a listening heart for the clients. We always need volunteers with teachable hearts to serve at the mission. If that is you, come, give us a try and the Lord will bless you richly.

We had drop off locations at Book N' Brush, Adna Elementary, Adna Middle/High School and my church, Centralia Christian Church. We ended up with so many coats donated that we needed to make three trips to the Mission! My goal was to collect 100 coats but that number was more than doubled with a total of 251 coats! I feel glad that I listened to God that day and trusted Him that even though I am just one young girl that with God I can still do big things!

