

BEACON OF HOPE

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I AM
THE
BREAD OF
LIFE

whoever comes to Me
will never go hungry &
whoever believes in Me
will never go thirsty.

~ JOHN 6:35



FALL 2016

Giving a Hand Up,
Not a Hand Out

BOL MISSION



We Would Like
To Recognize
The Following
Organizations
For Their Donations
& Support

Community Foundation
Of Middle Tennessee
V.E.C. (Volunteer
Energy Cooperative)
United Fund
Middle Tennessee
Natural Gas Company

The Bread of Life Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization. The Mission's purpose is glorifying God through the salvation of souls and rehabilitation of individuals, providing temporary shelter, medical/dental attention, food for the homeless and transient, conducting interdenominational services daily and educating and rehabilitating those seeking help out of life on the streets.

Visit our website

www.breadofliferescue.org

The Bread of Life has a website and Facebook page that provides updated information and covers many events and announcements that are not included in the quarterly newsletter. Everyone is invited to visit and explore our website, www.breadofliferescue.org.

We depend upon volunteers to help us accomplish various duties at and around the Mission. So, if you would like to share your time and talents, please give us a call at the office during business hours (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

We hope that you will consider the upcoming Holidays as a reminder that those less fortunate are counting on your support. Whatever your donation is, it will go a long way to giving those in need a hand up.



281 Fourth Street
Crossville, TN 38555

931.707.0503
www.breadofliferescue.org

Worship Services
Daily 7:00 P.M.

Sunday School
9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship
11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday:
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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BOL BLOCK PARTY SUCCESS

The 2016 Annual Bread of Life Rescue Mission's 16th annual Block Party was a huge success. The weather finally cooperated blessing the Mission with a beautiful, sunny and warm day for everyone to enjoy this year's festivities, which included gospel singing, guided tours of the Mission, plenty of food, and fun at the playground, inflatable's and a dunking booth for the kids.

A special thank you goes out to Joyful Praise for setting up and use of the sound equipment for all singers including Joyful Praise, Steve Wilson Jim Ricketts, True Believers and Tim Turner. The cooks included Bobby Trowbridge, Ben Sanders, Jason VanHorn, and John Teeple, who provided plenty of chicken, pork, bologna, and his specialty of Lo Country Boil (for those who aren't sure what that is, you can call John at 931-510-6164 for more information).

We also want to thank the City of Crossville for closing the section of 4th St in front of the Mission that provided a safe place for the kids and adults to cross the street for activities held on both sides of 4th Street. Without the help of volunteers and staff, it would have been impossible to attend to the needs of the more than 400 people that attended and enjoyed a wonderful day of praise, games, food, and guided tours of the Mission. Volunteers prepared covered dishes including homemade ice cream! ■



The Mission Medical Clinic
Open Mondays & Thursdays
5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

They will see anyone with medical needs who have no form of insurance, including Medicare or TennCare.



BOL THRIFT STORE



BOL OPENS THRIFT STORE

Thrift Store staff from left, Jeff, back; Sandra, front; Carolyn, back; Tasha, Assistant Store Manager, front; JoMary, front & Randall Reagan, Store Manager.

The Bread of Life Rescue Mission has opened up a Thrift Store to better serve the public with reasonably priced lightly used clothing, household items, furniture, appliances, and many other items including sporting goods, electronics, outdoor equipment, etc.

The Bread of Life Thrift Store is located at 356 West Ave., Crossville, Tn. (The old Marlow Motors building) and are accepting donations of the above items at a designated, sign directed, drop off location at the store. The hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Saturday's hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and closed Sunday. To schedule a donation pick up or other Thrift Store questions, please call their phone number during business hours 931-337-0555.

Many volunteers are still needed to help at the new Thrift Store, from sorting and displaying clothing, testing appliances, rearranging furniture, pricing items, cleaning items and store areas, help with pick-ups, helping and directing customers, accepting donations, etc. So, if you

are looking to help at this important Christian mission, please call during business hours.

"Donations of food items will continue to be accepted at The Bread of Life Rescue Mission located at 281 4th Street. Food boxes, meals, assistance, and other services will also continue at the Mission building."

The programs and services at the Mission have increased dramatically at the Mission since the new building was built a few years ago. Since the Mission does not accept government funds for any of their programs, the new Thrift Store is expected to contribute greatly to those much needed programs and services through the donations of various items that will be sold. ■

APPRECIATION DINNER

From left is Arturo Bustos Abonza, gives his testimony, with children Sacha, Estrella, Perla, and wife Maria (with baby A.J. on the way), about his life story and his stay as a former resident at the Bread of Life Rescue Mission.



Ralph Reagan, Co-Executive Director, of the Bread of Life Rescue Mission, addressed the more than 300 guests attending the Annual Appreciation Dinner held at the Cumberland County Community Complex with a complete dinner served by Forte's Restaurant. Mr. Reagan began the program by informing the guests that in the almost 16 years of the Mission's existence, he baptized more than 11,000 people. Other important statistics included the Mission serving more than 82,000 people during 2015. Numbers of significance included the Medical Clinic served 478, Bed nights 13,807, Assistance with utilities, 840, Food boxes, 2,220, Meals served, 60,631 and sack lunches for resident workers, 3,526. Greg Williams, Chaplain at the Bledsoe Prison explained the Take 1 program that rehabilitates prisoners to return to society when their sentence is served.

Moderator of the evening's program, Frank Massaro, Community Resource Manager for the Mission recognized all the Veterans, Board members and volunteers for their service and thanked Forte's Restaurant for serving a delicious dinner and Donnie Moody, Complex Director, for setting up the stage, tables & chairs for the event. Hilltopper's Inc. special needs members are also volunteering at the Mission and the new Thrift Store, a great partnership.

The heart of the program was listening to the testimonies of former residents that stayed at the Mission and have become successful with the aid of the Mission. Terry Fine and Arturo Bustos Abonza were such residents that have succeeded.

Arturo's life story was very inspiring as he was originally from Mexico, but raised in Georgia, got married to Maria, got in trouble through addiction and served time in prison. Four years ago, he was saved by God's grace and came to the Mission about 2 years ago with nothing. His family was still in Georgia. The Mission encouraged Arturo to keep his eyes on Jesus and helped him with transportation, shelter, food and encouraged him to find a job. After 2 weeks, he found a full time job. After 2 months, he found a home and was able to bring his family to Crossville.

Arturo said, "I would like to thank all the churches that are supporting the Mission and those who have a part in the Mission as they are the vessels of blessings from the Lord."

Frank then introduced Randall Reagan, Thrift Store Manager, who described the newly opened Thrift Store at 356 West Avenue. With hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday to 3 p.m. and closed on Sunday. The store phone number is 931-337-0555. Frank had some concluding remarks and reminded everyone to view the Bread of Life Rescue Mission website at www.breadofliferescue.org or call the Mission at 931-707-0503.

Danny Smith, Pastor, Crab Orchard Christian Church closed the program out with prayer, but also reminded Ralph that when he was a Deputy Sheriff, he was the last person to arrest Ralph and sent him back to prison. And now they are both brothers in Christ! ■

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a few hours each month you could give for Jesus and His work?

If you are interested in volunteering at the mission, contact Director, Connie Reagan at 931.707.0503

"God has blessed you to be a blessing."

James 1:22, 25

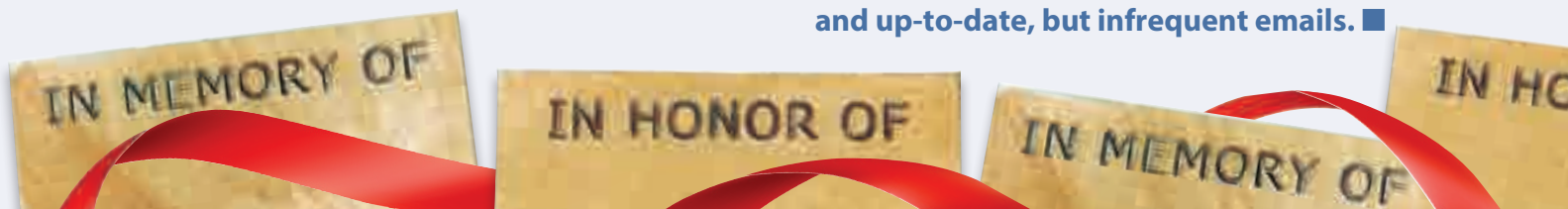
Progress Report at the **BOL MISSION**

Several projects were completed during the year of 2015, and more are planned for this year. We thank everyone who had a part in completing these projects from the donors all over the country and within the community, to the volunteers and staff that provide the necessary programs that help those less fortunate.

During 2015, the Mission served 60,631 meals; gave out 1,738 qualified family food boxes that helped 5,272 people; 4,200 bag lunches for residents to take with them to work; there were 10,045 nights stayed at the Mission, and monetary assistance to 313 families with 1,340 family members that received help with utilities, and housing. **With such a large increase in the number of people served, we have a very large need for continued and increased monetary donations. Even the smallest donation can make such a difference in a homeless person's life. Your donation can help provide all the services necessary to operate the Mission, and we thank you for your continued support.**

We are always in need of volunteers to help our limited staff with receptionist duties, food pantry work (from unloading deliveries, stocking shelves and preparing food boxes), cleaning the facilities, and just general upkeep duties. Our private, separate room for our dental clinic is supplied with an operating dental chair, x-ray machine, developer, autoclave and sink. **All we need now is a volunteer dentist** to begin a very basic dental program just for our needy residents.

Another important service we would like to provide to the many supporters of the Bread of Life Rescue Mission, is information about the various upcoming events, important projects to be undertaken, and accomplishments achieved. **In order to provide you with the latest information we would like to build an email list so that we can provide you with information that occurs in between newsletters. You can email Randal Reagan, Office Manager, at bolr2000@gmail.com your email address for only important, necessary, and up-to-date, but infrequent emails. ■**



IN MEMORY or IN HONOR of your loved one, purchase a stone for the memorial sidewalk at the entrance to the Bread of Life Rescue Mission. The cost of each stone is \$100. The memorial stones are made from carefully selected Crab Orchard stone, cut and engraved by hand with the words of your choice.

A gift to the Bread of Life Rescue Mission is an ideal way to remember a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, or to acknowledge a loved one, while at the same time helping those in need. ■

Please include return address to receive a tax deductible receipt.

When you send your Memorial or In Honor Of Gift to the Bread of Life Rescue Mission, you will receive a tax-deductible receipt and a card will be mailed promptly to the bereaved family or the friend being honored, telling them of your gift.

Please mail your donations to:

**Bread of Life Rescue Mission
P.O. Box 1414
Crossville, TN 38557**

I would like to donate the following amount or included gift:

Please commission a Memorial or Honor Stone. Enclosed is my donation of \$100.

In Memory Of In Honor Of

Name(s) on the stone:

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

Daily 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship on Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services Sunday 5:00 p.m.

GOSPEL SINGING:

First Saturday of Every Month - 7:00 p.m.



Please pray about Mission Needs

- Increased storage for all donations, including food pantry
- More volunteers, food and paper products for the pantry
- Financial assistance to help meet ongoing operating expenses and long-range planning goals
- The Mission accepts furniture, appliances, household goods, vehicles, and property. Any property or vehicles donated are sold and the funds go directly into our Benevolence fund. We are a 501(c) organization, and all donations are tax deductible.