



THE BEACON OF HOPE

BREAD OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION

“Giving a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out”

Spring 2005



Ralph & Connie Reagan, Directors

*I will instruct thee in the way
which thou shall go; I will
guide thee with mine eye.*

Psalm 32:8

*P*astor David Wilkerson says it best when he writes, "The fields are white ready to harvest," in his newsletter that I receive each month. God says in Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct thee in the way which thou shall go; I will guide thee with mine eye."

Do we really trust God and believe He will do what He says?

There are so many questions that are unanswered and will stay unanswered until we believe that God has set things in order and placed you in that order to do His will. Yes, He has a place for you to walk on the fields or serve on the fields. Or, maybe He has provided you with resources that others do not have. God does not give to see who will die with the most. God gives to those He trusts to help with the work of the kingdom—God's Kingdom. Satan has so many ways to deceive people and make us believe that we worked for what we have and will do with it as we see fit.

But God says, "This day, I will require your soul."

Only what we have accomplished for Jesus will stand in eternity. Satan has but a short time, and he knows how to use his time to deceive and kill and destroy people's lives. Has he blinded the world so bad that we really believe that what we have is ours?

Christian, how much do you trust Jesus to take care of you? We live by faith and trusting Jesus for all our needs and to help us know where to place what we have to honor Him, not ourselves. Do you trust Jesus this much? Then, pray what you are to do with what you have.

**With All God's Love,
Ralph**



JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

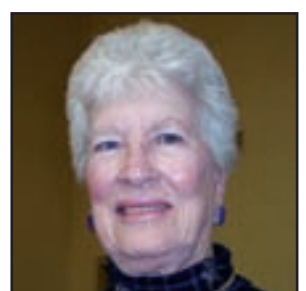
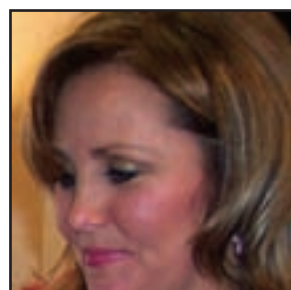
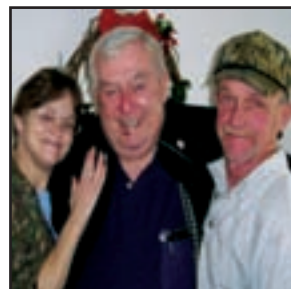
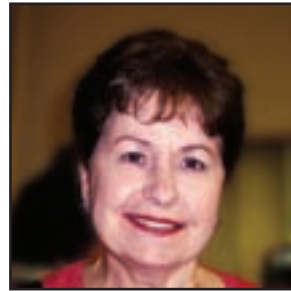
JOHN 6:35

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

Mission Statement: 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 attention, and food for the homeless and transient, conducting interdenominational services daily and educating and rehabilitating those seeking help out of life on the streets.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE MISSION

The Mission is blessed with over 100 volunteers. They prepare and serve meals, lead worship services, sing and lead singing, answer phones, prepare food boxes, do clerical work, stay overnight to provide relief for the Directors, perform plumbing and other maintenance and custodial tasks, help maintain the prayer garden, organize food drives, donate and wrap Christmas presents, use their crafts and sewing skills to make dolls and quilts for the children, share testimonies, mentor, teach Sunday School classes, and support the work of the mission in many other ways.



VOLUNTEERING AT THE MISSION

Serving the Lord with gladness

We praise God for every one of our volunteers!

We pray that many will be drawn to Christ because they see the joy of our salvation.



VOLUNTEERING AT THE MISSION



STEVE WILSON

Steve Wilson organizes the gospel singings for the Mission. On the 1st Saturday night of each month, anyone driving by the Mission Chapel is apt to hear the joyful noise of voices lifted up to praise the Lord. The Lord has been moving in every service. Some of the groups Steve has scheduled are Lewis Scott, Committed and the Grace Singers from Grace Community Church, which includes our own volunteer coordinator, Molly Wyatt. During the block party last year, there were several groups.

Steve says his walk with the Lord has been a goooood walk. The Lord spoke to him one morning, spoke his name. He said, "You may fall, but I still love you, no matter what."

Steve got married in 1984. His wife was a Christian. He was not. She hounded him about going to church. He kept putting it off. She was a real inspiration to him being where he is today with the Lord because she introduced him to Jesus Christ. The Lord gave him a dream and showed him where he was going. But he also showed him where he needed to go. He went to church one Sunday with his wife. That was June 1984, on a Sunday morning, that he gave his heart to Jesus Christ.

The Lord led Steve to the mission. He asked Ralph, "Is there something I can do?" and that is how he became responsible for helping with the Saturday singings. Steve has sung with many groups, benefits, and churches in Kentucky, Ohio, & North Carolina.



MOLLY WYATT

One of my favorite hymns is "Count Your Blessings". My heart swells with joy as I count the many blessings that God has given me. The burdens I may have are always less important when I am busy bringing hope and help to those in need. Each time I go to the Bread of Life Mission and let God use me to be a blessing to someone; I usually always come away blessed.

My prayer to God: I pray that my walk will speak louder than my talk. I pray that my actions will reflect and reinforce the words I say, not proclaim them to be meaningless. I never know who might be watching me, looking for a glimpse of YOU.

Molly Wyatt,

Board Member & Volunteer Coordinator



JIM SETTLES

For several years it has been a privilege to be associated with the Bread of Life Rescue Mission and to be allowed to be one of the volunteers. I have seen much growth and many changes, from meager beginnings to a highly respected and well-known organization throughout Tennessee, all under the capable direction of Connie and Ralph Reagan. I have made many friends with those coming through the Mission, as they were 'temporary residents'. Seeing them at jobs or just passing on the street there is always a big smile and a cheery hello. It is quite rewarding to, in some small way, have been a part of their lives and I hope I have been an encouragement.

My prayer for all is Isaiah 41:10. *Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

May God bless you always and in all ways.

Jim Settles

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 Molly Wyatt at 788-2499 or call the mission at 707-0503.
God has blessed you to be a blessing. James 1:22, 25.

THE MISSION MEDICAL CLINIC

"...I was sick and you looked after me..."
(Matt 25:35-36)

On June 24, 2001, the Mission Medical Clinic opened its doors to help the needy people of the Cumberland Plateau. This facet of the Bread of Life Rescue Mission was the vision of Dr. Keith Brown, who after hearing Ralph Reagan at the Fairfield Glade Baptist Church, responded to God's call. "The Lord has shown me that you don't have to go overseas to do mission work. The mission field is right in our own backyard!" Dr. Brown served as the Director of the Clinic until August 2004. Dr. Stacey Carlton succeeded him as Director.

Space was provided in the basement of the Mission Church. Equipment and supplies were donated; and Cumberland Medical Center agreed to help provide laboratory and x-ray services.

Physicians who volunteer at the Clinic are Dr. Stacey Carlton, Dr. Ernest Buchanan IV, Dr. James Johnson, Dr. Mark Lee, Dr. Howard Lewis, Dr. David Litchford, Dr. Kimberly Peaslee, Dr. Siva Segar, and Dr. A. Wilson. Dr. Cranston Moses gives of his time and skill to help with dental care. Rebecca Foster coordinates a nursing staff of 14 nurses who volunteer their time and services. They are Bertha England, Bev Schwind, Debbie Lee, Deb Sapp, Harriet Engstrom, Jeanie Duff, Joan Roberts, Karlene Sullivan, Keith Robbins, Lynn Blaylock, Michelle Scanlon, Regina Randolph, and Al Perin. Lois Ragsdale is the Clinic's Receptionist Coordinator.

Joe Norris, a retired pharmacist, and his wife Peggy take care of the medicine room, organizing and putting up all samples.

The Mission Medical Clinic is open Mondays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They will see anyone with an urgent medical need who has no form of insurance, including Medicare or TennCare.

THE LORD PROVIDES



By Lois Ragsdale

Dr. Brown was a member of our church. I heard him request prayer for this project on a number of occasions. I told him that I would be willing to "help" in the clinic. In June of 2001 the Mission Medical

Clinic opened, and I am still "helping".

I organized the office and was the receptionist for the first six months. In the beginning, we had 8 doctors and several nurses.

In January '02, Karen Brown, Linda Connelly, and Helen O'Dell came to work with me in the office. In September 03, I started experiencing some heart problems, which ultimately ended in open-heart surgery. Karen, Linda, and Helen did a wonderful job running the clinic but were having to do double duty.

Sometime in early '04, I asked our pastor for permission to put a note in the bulletin about the need for another receptionist. Before the notice was printed, I received a call from Bernice Enerson, responding to God's leading to help at the clinic. Bernice became the next member of our team.

In the fall of '04, Betty Lunn and Francis Ann Gwinn came on board. When Dr. Brown and Karen decided to move to Reno, Dr. Stacey Carlton became the new Director of the clinic. Bernice felt that she could no longer help. With Bernice and Karen leaving, I decided to get re-involved. But, we still needed at least one more receptionist. We also needed a desk for the office. My pastor announced that we needed a desk and a receptionist. That very morning, not one, but two desks were donated and 3 new volunteers came forward.

The Lord provides... Not only does he supply our needs, he supplies them abundantly! The clinic's newest receptionists are: Bob Edwards, Linda Hassler, and Milda Pierce.

I anticipate that our clinic will be overwhelmed if TennCare goes thru with the cuts that they're predicting. But God is preparing us ahead of time. We have enough volunteers in training to give us two receptionists for each night. Remember -- God also supplied the extra desk!

Memorial & In Honor of Gifts

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of those remembered below. These gifts are a special legacy offering hope to those in need.

In Memory of:

(gifts received Jan 25, 2005–March 31, 2005)

William Kemmer
Molly Wyatt

Bill Kemmer
Margaret Ironside
Franks

Pat Lauricella
Currie Associates, Inc.
Scott, Currie, President

Pat Lauricella
Donna Kelley

Bob Lay
Edward & Sue
Donnelly

Don Cunningham
Robert & Edith Petty

Gertrude "Ona"
Dishneau
Jerry & Marlene
Badgerow

Hubert Price
Leonard &
Doris Waldo

Russell "Rusty"
Wilson
Mary Ellen Oakes

Diane Dunaway
Molly Wyatt

Do you have a relative or friend you would like to honor? 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.

In Honor of:

(gifts received Jan 25, 2005–March 31, 2005)

Betty Wagoner
Flowers Bakery,
Crossville Spirit Award

Ralph & Connie Reagan
John & Karen Chase

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 memorial or in honor of gifts to:
Bread of Life Rescue Mission
P.O. Box 1414 - Crossville, TN 38557*

THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE



By Connie Reagan

As we come to the table of God, there's always a place and more than enough to eat. There is always love, joy, and kindness there to welcome us just as we are.

No matter where we've been or what we're going

through, He doesn't look at the outward body. He looks at the heart and soul of a person. He tells us, Come to me, just as you are – empty and broken, tattered and torn. He will supply our every need. But, we have to give it all to Him and trust that He will make a better way because He is the potter and we are the clay, made in His image.

God has called us to minister to the distressed – those who need to be reminded that God loves them and God offers peace to all of us, wealthy or poor.

We can count on God regardless of what happens in life. There is always room at His table. His loving arms are always there to embrace us when we hurt if we go to Him. At the Bread of Life Rescue Mission, we are servants of God, doing the best we can to help those in true need. God knows who they are and He knows their heart. Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you." Because He is a God of more than enough, He will supply our every need.

Dear God, help us to be generous and to give in times of hardship as well as in times of abundance as we give from our hearts. Because of all the many blessings you have given to us, big or small, to you, O Lord, we thank you for all you have done so far and for all that you are going to do. Amen.

Everyone at the Bread of Life Rescue Mission wants you to come hear Michael Combs at Central Baptist Church, June 2, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. You will be blessed. You will enjoy the singing and great fellowship.

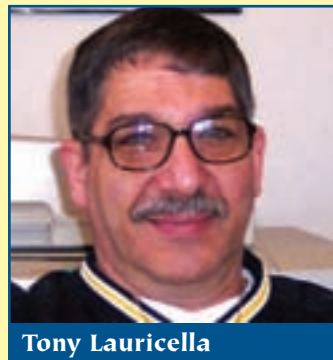
We also want to let everyone know that on June 25, 2005, 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., the Bread of Life Rescue Mission will hold its Annual Block Party. Come and see all God has done so far and see what He has in store for

the growth of the Mission. There will be tours, food, singing, fellowship, and door prizes. You will meet the Directors, Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers who come and give of their time to help wherever they can because they have a servant's heart. God gives to us, that we may give to help others in some way.

Heavenly Father, as you have opened your heart to us, help us open our heart to those in need.

God Bless!

NEW FACES! HELPING HANDS



Tony Lauricella

In February 2005, the Board of Directors elected to include the Helping Hands Prison Ministry, under the leadership of **Tony Lauricella**, as another facet of the Mission's ministries to those seeking help out of life on the streets.

The goal of Helping Hands is the rehabilitation of those individuals who genuinely desire to turn their lives around by helping them get into a Christian rehabilitation program of 8 months to one year in length, while also offering encouragement and counseling to their families.

In the last 3 years, Helping Hands has experienced a 90-95% success rate with the men and women sent to these programs. Helping Hands has helped 32 individuals to date. Its program not only helps the incarcerated, but also the family members who are left in society to deal with the problem.

If you would like to have Tony speak to your church or civic organization about the Helping Hands Prison Ministry, you may contact Tony at 707-1888.

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

Daily 7:00 pm
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship on Sunday 10:30 am
Evening Services Sunday 5:00 pm

GOSPEL SINGING:

1st Saturday of every month