



# THE BEACON OF HOPE

## BREAD OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION

### *“Giving a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out”*

### Summer 2008



**Ralph & Connie Reagan, Directors**

*Ralph's testimony is now available in print.*



**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.

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# Director's Notes

BY RALPH REAGAN



Rev. Ralph Reagan & wife Connie Reagan

## Dear Friends,

February 2001 marked the opening of the Bread of Life Rescue Mission in Crossville, Tennessee. A meager beginning sprouted from a seed God planted in the hearts of Ralph and Connie Reagan. From that first homeless man who needed

a warm place to sleep and something to eat, God has used this new ministry to save, bless and redeem the lives of thousands. "Miracles on Fourth Street" are a daily occurrence at "The Mission".

The ministry is involved on the front line when it comes to saving souls and caring for our most needy brothers and sisters. Eight services per week minister to not only the homeless, but to what is now the Bread of Life family. Over 3000 have given their lives to Christ. The Mission serves over 3000 meals per month and houses up to 60 men, women and children daily. Fourteen doctors volunteer and operate a medical clinic that offers free care to those that have no other way to pay. Thousands of food boxes are given out to feed the hungry. Clothing and household items are freely give to those that have a need. Other agencies participate and several churches bring in food and conduct devotion services. God and His children make this wonderful ministry bless so many.

Over 100 volunteers and five paid staff members operate the Bread of Life 24/7, 365 days a year. The facilities at the Mission consist of two houses and the chapel. It's amazing how much is done from this modest, inadequate facility. God's love is evident when you walk on the property and you see hope in the eyes of those who were once hopeless.

We need your help to keep God's work going on at The Mission. We have a real need to build a facility to adequately minister, feed and house God's children. The current facility is not adequate and does not meet the need. Will you prayerfully consider giving to our building fund? Time is of the essence and we cannot afford to wait any longer.

We are going to build our new facility in 2009 and it will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.00. We must push forward even in hard economic times. These lifesaving services are badly needed. Please search your heart and ask God what He would have you give and, most importantly, will you please add The Mission to your prayer list?

Join us and help us give a drink of water to the least of God's children, and in going so, we all minister and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God's very best for you and your family.

**God bless you for all your help,  
Pastor Ralph Reagan**



Loving  
with the  
love of  
Jesus



**GOSPEL SINGING**

First Saturday – 7:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome to worship with us!

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.

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 Connie Reagan at 707-0503. "God has blessed you to be a blessing." James 1:22, 25.

*In the word of God, we acknowledge that it is true from the beginning to the end. And the word is for guidance.*

Some for purpose, some for directions. In searching for directions for the mission, there are several passages that give everyone directions for the help of the poor. This help is shown in the life of a man who went through many difficulties in his life.

We know this man as Job. As we know, Job was a very wealthy man and in only one day, his wealth, his family and all were taken away, and there he was, looking for answers. I could never in one letter tell of the devastation of this man's life, but we have the ending in the word of God.

As I was reading, there was one passage that stuck out like a light---it was Job 42:11: "then came there unto Him all his brethren and all his sisters and all they that had been of his acquaintance before and did eat bread with him in his house and they bemoaned him and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money and every one an earring of gold."

Job had lost everything and he didn't understand why. He thought that the Lord had brought all this on him for other reasons than he knew. We know the reason because we have the whole story now. Did you know that we have the full story so that we have no excuse not to help the poor and the people who have gone through severe difficulties in their lives and need a new start? Just like the assistance Job's friends and family gave him to help him get started again, we have the same obligation today. Out of our abundance, if we give a piece of what we have, all together we can and will be able to help the homeless and the



ones who need a hand up, who for some reason or another are in need.

Because of the great need in Crossville, we need a building that will meet the needs of Crossville. I know that one man alone cannot build this facility, but just like Job's friends and family, we can come together and meet the need if we all give a part, the part we will never miss out of our abundance. It may be small or it may be great... whatever, it will help a person who needs guidance in his or her life. As a community, the word of God says that we are the ones to take care of the impecunious of our community.

Please pray, "What do you want me to do?" And when God answers, just do what He says. God bless everyone.

***Pastor Ralph Reagan***

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21 NIV*

# HELP THE HOMELESS

## *Bread of Life Building Fund*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a deductible donation made payable to the Bread of Life Rescue Mission.

# LIVING WATER JAIL MINISTRY



The Teen Challenge Program is going strong again this year. The Bread of Life has sent 27 people to this faith-based drug and alcohol rehab so far this year. Jerry Clark and Wennel Dunn, both from Crossville, are currently enrolled in the program. Both men, including

myself, were addicted to alcohol and had been alcoholics for 15 to 20 years. But the grace of God has given them complete deliverance from the power of alcohol addiction. Jerry and Wennel have both given their lives to Christ and are excited about the "New Life" God has given them.

- Jim Young



Reverend Ralph Reagan, director of the Bread of Life Rescue Mission, recently completed his Master's Degree in Theology. Pastor Reagan will be starting on his Doctorate this fall.



## MISSION REPORT FOR JUNE 2008

|                                  | Monthly | YTD Totals |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|
| <b>Assistance 61300 - 6138</b>   |         |            |
| Approx. Number Given Assistance  | 64      | 482        |
| <b>Food Boxes</b>                |         |            |
| Number Families Receiving Boxes  | 182     | 1,325      |
| Number of People Served          | 596     | 4,317      |
| <b>Meals Served</b>              |         |            |
| Resident Meals Served            | 1,562   | 9,627      |
| Non-Resident Meals Served        | 1,338   | 5,546      |
| Sack Lunches Served              | 144     | 908        |
| <b>Residents</b>                 |         |            |
| Men - New Sign-Ins               | 36      | 202        |
| Women - New Sign-Ins             | 15      | 80         |
| Children - New Sign-Ins          | 7       | 40         |
| All Totals                       | 58      | 322        |
| <b>Medical Clinic</b>            |         |            |
| Medical Patients Seen            | 30      | 231        |
| <b>Teen Challenge</b>            |         |            |
| Number of Drug and Alcohol Rehab | 3       | 21         |
| <b>Baptisms</b>                  |         |            |
| Number of Baptisms               | 2       | 13         |
| <b>Received Christ</b>           |         |            |
| Number That Received Christ      | 12      | 73         |
| <b>Clothing and Furniture</b>    |         |            |
| Number That Received Items       | 80      | 421        |
| <b>Devotions</b>                 |         |            |
| Number in Devotions              | 1,323   | 7,331      |

# Bread of Life block party

*Our annual block party in June was fun for Mission residents and staff, along with family, friends, and the community-at-large.*



Thank you, Jesus!



70 SALVATIONS AND 13 BAPTISMS SO FAR THIS YEAR!



**EXPECT A MIRACLE**  
**LIVING WATER JAIL MINISTRY**

***Praise God!***

21 people sent to faith-based rehabs so far this year!

# 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 - December 2007 - April 2008)*

Dennis Doherty  
given by  
Carl & Mary Anna Nordeen  
and Christopher & Carolyn Lambros

Ernie L. Reagan  
given by  
Mary Ellen Oakes

Bill Selecman  
given by  
Bob & Marilyn Johnson

Estelia Bradford  
given by  
Central Baptist Choir

William Selecman  
given by  
Dr. Howard & Harriet Pope

John Klingberg  
given by  
Robert & John Fritts

John Klingberg  
given by  
Howard & Arlene Brunvall

John Klingberg  
given by  
Jean Painter

Matt Reagan  
given by  
Bible & Book Centre

## In Honor of:

*(gifts received - April 2008 - July 2008)*

Mike Hicks  
given by  
Central Baptist Choir

Eddie Snow  
given by  
Central Baptist Choir

Martha Sieckendick  
given by  
James & Wendy Alvarez

Sammye Selecman  
given by  
Stephen & Susan Selecman

Sammye Selecman  
given by  
Bob & Marilyn Johnson

Hawk Tidwell  
given by  
Central Baptist Choir

Ellena Daniel  
given by  
Central Baptist Choir

John Klingberg  
given by  
Donald & Carol Dietrich

### ***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. 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:*  
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## *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

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### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

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

### **GOSPEL SINGING:**

1st Saturday of every month - 7:00 pm