May 2020

“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...” - Isaiah 40:31

Rebuilding the Lives of Homeless Men
One Precious Soul at a Time

A Message from our director:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."  
II Chronicles 7:14

What a huge difference a few weeks can make. Since our last newsletter went out a month ago, the Covid-19 pandemic has certainly proliferated! Unfortunately, most of us know someone who has been affected, sick, or even passed on as a result of this horrible virus. By the grace of God, we continue to minister here at Calvary Rescue Mission, however, with great care. Masks are being worn, social distancing is being practiced and everything is being disinfected several times a day! Most importantly, we are doing exactly what God says to do in the verse above. What a joy it is to see and hear men pray to God in our staff meetings and in chapel. Our Lord continues to bless us with food, finances, and friends, even though we are not allowing anyone except staff and clients to enter the mission. By His grace, we will get through this together. Thank you all so much for your prayers, help, and support.

Burdens are truly lifted at Calvary!

Bob Freudiger, Executive Director  
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Opportunities for You to Serve ...

With the Stay At Home requirement the men are really missing out on the home cooked meals that volunteers bring each week for their supper meal. This not only gives them a better variety of food, but cuts the cost of food for us. If you would like to prepare food and bring it to the kitchen door in the back of our building, we can have someone bring it into the building. Please email us at calvaryrescue@att.net to set up a night for you to bring food.
Each month we include an article about one of our clients, but this month we want to tell you about a visitor that we are working to keep out of Calvary Rescue Mission. That unwanted visitor would be COVID-19. The coronavirus has turned our world upside down and we are doing everything that we can to keep it out of our building and away from our clients.

Our efforts to keep this visitor out starts even before the men arrive each day. Every surface that the men could contact is cleaned and disinfected before daily check-in begins. This includes counters, tables, doors, door handles, lockers, bed rails and restroom fixtures. When nonperishable donations are received they are disinfected or stored in a secure area for a week to make sure any virus on them is dead. Our staff members who leave at night to go home are required to wear a face mask while they are around others at the mission. We also do not allow any visitors inside the building.

Our efforts continue as the men arrive. We have tape on the floor designating proper social spacing where men tend to congregate or line up. As soon as anyone enters the building, including staff, they are required to wash their hands. Our clients then follow that with a shower and change of clothes. The men sit at tables assigned by dorm and sit in every other chair, providing some distance. This is during meals and during chapel. After each meal all tables and even salt and pepper shakers are disinfected. Even when the men go to bed we maximize distance as much as we can. Since there is only 3 feet between each facing bed, one man will sleep with his head toward the wall and the man across from him sleeps with his feet toward the wall. We also have face masks available and we check the temperature of any client that seem to be getting sick.

The coronavirus is NOT welcome at Calvary Rescue Mission!

**Needs:** Breakfast Sausage, Ground Beef, Snacks for the men (cookies, ice cream sandwiches basically anything you enjoy eating), HE laundry detergent, Bleach, Face Masks (we prefer cloth masks so the men can wash them), Rubber Gloves for the staff and men to use, Personal Sanitizers, Clorox Wipes, Paper Products (toilet paper, Bounty paper towels, etc.), Creamy (White) or Regular Oil in 35 lb. jugs, 50 Gallon Trash Bags, Men’s Shoes, and Especially Men’s Size 32 and 34 Jeans.

**Prayers:** Please keep our Staff in your daily prayers as they are daily, tirelessly sanitizing our facility to warrant the spread of Covid 19 coronavirus. Please pray for all the men that are coming in daily. Please pray for our Operations Fund to continue to cover our monthly expenses as so many people are suddenly thrust into financial difficulties from the “Stay at Home” order.
WE HAVE A MIGHTY GOD!

We received an email with information regarding how to apply for financial assistance due to the coronavirus from the government about three weeks ago. We have never requested any financial assistance from the government as we do not ever want them to be able to tell us what we can teach or preach here at Calvary. We disregarded the email as we know God has always provided our needs these 53 years since we opened our doors to the homeless men in the area. We have had more expenses during this time sanitizing everything throughout the day, preparing all the meals without the volunteers preparing it, etc. There are donors who are now unemployed and unable to help us financially. God is so Faithful! He knows our needs and that we are trusting Him. He laid it on the hearts - and we received, last week, three unsolicited grants which will cover a little over a month's expenses. If God takes care of the little sparrows, I know He cares for us at Calvary Rescue Mission and will meet our needs! Praise His Name Forever!

Kat and I have been involved with Calvary for a little over 15 years. We've had the pleasure of serving evening meals, helping with Christmas Gifts & being a Chicken Champion. We've had the opportunity to help support the building program and maintenance requests. Most recently we were part of a group that acquired the Jesus picture, (shown below), that is in the dining room now. We attend church with Betty Hatcher and consider her a good friend. We truly appreciate the investment into the lives of so many who have come through the doors and privileged to follow closely a couple of the regulars. Calvary is just another part of our family.

Calvary and the opportunity to be involved with them has been and is a true blessing in our lives. God Bless Calvary Rescue Mission.

Lou and Kat Marshall

These homemade masks were made by Friends from Second Presbyterian Church for our men and staff! Thank you all so much for giving these needed masks to Calvary!

On the front page there are 2 pictures from Cornerstone Church. They donated 100 cloth masks for our men and staff!

MEMORIAL or HONORARIUM

Would you like to make a donation to either our Operating Fund or Building Fund in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone. You can fill out the information and send with your donation in the enclosed envelope.

Please contact: hatcherbetty@outlook.com

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF __________________________________________
Send acknowledgement to: _______________________________________________
(relationship to person)
Address to send acknowledgement: _______________________________________

These masks were made by Friends from Second Presbyterian Church for our men and staff! Thank you all so much for giving these needed masks to Calvary!
We are looking for people who are willing to donate $250.00 which covers the cost of the chicken for our monthly business luncheons.

Upcoming Luncheon Speakers
To be announced due to Stay at home restrictions.

For a total of $_________________. Enclosed is my first payment of $____________

I would like to make a one time gift of $_________________.

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“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41: 10

With the coronavirus spreading so quickly throughout the area I know that the homeless population is bound to be fearful not knowing if they might be the next victim and where could they go. We have prayed asking God to put a tent around our building and to keep our men safe. We had sixty men who were staying at the mission when the CDC guidelines came out allowing us to keep those who were staying here, but stated not to take any new men in. We check the men as they come in to see if any of them have fever or are sick. We are so thankful that these men are staying well and that we can share the Good News - Do Not Fear - because God promises to uphold them with His righteous right hand. We are so thankful we serve a Risen Savior who cares for us.

We haven’t forgotten the Chapel, but everything has been on hold during this Covid 19 outbreak. Once things get back to “normal” we will begin making plans for our Chapel. Personalized stained glass windows are still available for $2,400.00.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouraging notes, and faithful donations. We love you and are so thankful for each of you!

Chicken Luncheon CANCELLED for May 2020

Chicken Luncheon News:
We have really missed seeing many of you, our faithful friends. We know that we will not be meeting in May; hopefully, things will be so that we can meet on September 8th, 2020. It will be a glorious time when we are able to fellowship around Robert’s delicious fried chicken with all of you!

ANNUAL BANQUET
September 25, 2020

Videos of Business Luncheons: At our November luncheon we began videoing entire luncheon so that those who cannot attend, but want to hear the music and testimonies can watch at their convenience. These videos are also available to those who attend and want to have a copy of the program. These can be ordered at the luncheon, by mail or through our website. For $15 you can get everything from the luncheon except the wonderful meal. Please specify month and year, but November 2019 is the first one available.

I want to be a part of the miracle & provide a better place for homeless men!

Name_______________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________
City____________________State___Zip__________Phone No.____________________

I pledge to give $_________________-monthly, yearly for ___________years (Circle One)

For a total of $__________. Enclosed is my first payment of $__________. I want to make a one time donation of $_______.

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