

SOUP *for your* SOUL

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TRUE LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH YOU!



**The Truth—and
your compassion—
SETS THEM FREE!**

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
are possible because you care!

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

The Truths that Set Us Free



Patrick H. Vanderburgh
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“We hold these truths to be self-evident,” says our Declaration of Independence, “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

You and I know that’s true, but we also know that hundreds of people in our own community right now don’t have the means to pursue happiness. When it comes to life, many of our neighbors are just scraping by.

The recession has hit many men and women hard. Need for our services continues, especially for food and shelter. With the help of faithful friends like you, we’re able to provide these vital daily necessities...and go even further to offer freedom from all kinds of chains.

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free,” Jesus said in John 8:32. Rosalind and Michael, whose stories we share in this issue of *Soup for Your Soul*, know how true that is. Both of them were living as slaves to the terrible things they’d seen in the past, until the Bible-based programs you support here at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission helped them find the truth about God and the people he wants them to be.

For those trapped in addiction, your support means freedom through counseling and accountability. To those trapped in poverty, you give freedom through education that leads to better jobs and a more stable future (especially for the children at our City Camp, which you can read more about on pp. 4 & 5).

Best of all, you help offer freedom from loneliness and despair through the message of God’s unfailing love.

Thank you for giving our guests and residents the gift of truths that set them free this summer. Please continue your support to help more men, women and children claim their “unalienable Rights” to “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” even in hard times!

I thank God for you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'P. Vanderburgh'.

ON OUR COVER:

We’re thankful for the volunteers who help boys and girls at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission excel in their schoolwork!

Rosalind's New-found Freedom

A Bad Example

When nine-year-old Rosalind went to live with her grandmother, she thought she'd escaped from the turmoil of her mother's home—the drugs, alcohol and abusive boyfriends. “Every time she got mad at my grandmother,” Rosalind remembers sadly, “my mother would take me back.”

Soon, Rosalind felt out of control and afraid to put down roots anywhere, for fear of being snatched away suddenly. Over the years she saw her mother's life dominated by violent men, and her two brothers following their abusive example. She knew she didn't want that for her life, especially after she had her first child...but could she find a better way on her own?

Rosalind tried. But because she was still afraid to let anyone into her life and deal with the scars of her childhood, she and her three girls ended up moving around a lot. They were living day to day when Rosalind decided there might be something worth learning at Joy House.

First Steps

As soon as she felt she could earn a good enough living to support her family, she left. But, “I wasn't really ready to do the work on my life that I needed to.”

Everything seemed fine until Rosalind came face-to-face with one of the

hardest situations for a single mother. One of her daughters got sick, and Rosalind had to miss so much work to care for her that she lost her job...and their home.

Once again the family began bouncing from place to place, staying with friends and relatives.

Finally Rosalind decided it was time to get serious about change. “I realized I had to get up and do something for myself and my daughters,” she says. “I had a 16-year-old that had been

through a lot, seen a lot and really needed stability. I sat down with my girls to talk about the situation we were in and my plans to try to go back to MRM and begin the process of learning how to live an independent life through the programs at Joy House.”

Finally Free

Thanks to your ongoing support we were able to make a place for Rosalind and her girls at Joy House. “I was different this time. I was more mature. I was open to what God had for me. I knew I needed to learn how to weigh my options and allow God to lead me wherever I needed to be.”



Rosalind will graduate from our Fresh Start program this month, and she's worked hard at renewing her CNA license. But the biggest change in her life is that she's finally put down

“In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and He answered by setting me free.” –Psalm 118:5, NIV

roots—right into God's Word! “I can't get enough of personal devotions and Bible studies. By looking at God's Word, I now feel that I have guidelines to follow. He is a wonderful God to me, He is an awesome God to me and I am glad I got to know Him!”

In addition to God and the workers at Joy House, Rosalind knows she has two other people to thank for her new-found freedom from the chaos and turmoil of her old life—her “praying granny,” and you! “Thank you for giving the workers at Joy House the resources to help us,” she says sincerely. “You do make a difference.”

You Give Children the Keys to



This summer, nearly 100 boys and girls will gather for Joy House's *City Camp*. Thanks to your financial support, the children will spend six weeks gaining two of the most important keys to freedom for the future—education and a relationship with God.

SUMMER WISH LIST

Some of our most urgent needs are listed here. If you can help, please drop off your donation Monday–Saturday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., (closed Sundays and holidays) at our Kilbourn Ave. entrance. Thank you!

- Socks (men, women, & children)
- Underwear (all sizes, but especially children's sizes 2-6, men's and women's large sizes)
- Deodorant
- Cold & flu medicines (non-alcoholic)
- Pain relievers
- Laundry and dish detergent
- Fabric softener
- Lunch bags and sandwich bags
- Paper towels, toilet paper and napkins
- Paper plates, cups and plasticware



Freedom through *City Camp!*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22



City Camp is a fun environment where kids are safe during summer days while their parents are at work. What makes *City Camp* special? Tutoring in reading and math combined with Bible studies, field trips and great outdoor activities to enrich their young lives. Your generosity gives them a head start on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!

URGENT School Supply Needs

We need you to help provide new school supplies (calculators, rulers, compasses, protractors, Prang and Crayola paints, backpacks, glue, etc.) and gift cards to Target, WalMart or Pick'n Save to make sure our *City Camp* kids are fully equipped for a summer of fun and learning!

Please deliver to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission Monday–Saturday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., (closed Sundays and holidays) at our Kilbourn Ave. entrance. Thank you!



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A Gift of LOVE FOR Valentine's Day

Noel, Sierra, Morgan and Melissa are shining examples of how generous hearts can change the world. These sixth grade girls from the Milwaukee Montessori School decided to raise money for the homeless women and children here in Joy House at MRM. They spent hours using their skills to make beautiful tissue paper flowers, then sold them on Valentine's Day. On March 2, they proudly donated more than \$1,000 that they raised as a result of their hard work.

Thank you, girls, for your creativity and compassion!

18 Holes for the Homeless

September 28, 2009



Spend a great day golfing for a great cause at "18 Holes for the Homeless" this September. Last year's event raised thousands of dollars for food, shelter and other vital services to the poor and needy in our community!

Individual golfers pay \$125 to participate, or sign up your four-person team for \$460! The registration fee includes green fees and a golf cart, lunch, on-course beverages and a light reception following the game. The Highland Course at Grand Geneva Resort will challenge everyone from experts to beginners, and there are also plenty of contests and prizes!

Same-day registration is at 10:00 a.m., with lunch at 11:00 a.m. and tee time at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited, so preregister today!

For more information or to preregister, call Kim at (414) 935-0236. Or, check out our events page at www.milmission.org! Sponsorship opportunities are available. For information on becoming a sponsor, please call Tom Griffey at (414) 935-0219.

We hope to see you there!

A Creative Way to Donate to MRM!

In an ongoing partnership with The Recycling Factory, we will be collecting used toner cartridges and old cell phones. We will then turn them in to The Recycling Factory, who will pay us for our contribution. Collection bins will be located in our visitor lobby. If you have questions, call Kim at (414) 935-0236.



memorial & in honor of gifts

In memory of:

(gifts received from March 2 through April 15)

Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost loved ones. A memorial gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member.

Anthony Albergo

Salvatore & Wendy Randazzo

George Bark

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Edward Svetz

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W. Dirk Hausmann
Kathy Blaszczyk

Wendy Trottier

William Kummer

Paul Walker

Vivian Glad

In honor of:

(gifts received from February 27 through April 15)

A gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a great way both to provide hope and to remember a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion!

Bill Bensheimer

Ryan Huisheere

Marsha Bolan

Stanley & Lavon Olander

Heidi Connolly

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Steve Eisenman & Naomi Heckmann

Lisa Reinecke

Gloria Fallon

Christine Schendzielos

Anne Gombus

Joanne Bloomstein

Richard Herrick

Tiffany Hewitt

Jimmie Jackson

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64th Wedding Anniversary

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Naomi Fujimoto

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128th Air Refueling Wing
Communications Flight

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Brad Countryman

Norah, Zackary & Joyce's Birthdays

Joyce Johnstone

Kathy Prom

Melinda Mazurczak

Mark Schaefer's 38th Birthday

George & Peny Schaefer

Earlene Steck's 70th Birthday

Gertrude Zauner

Janet Whittow

Barbara Finley
Patrick Finley

Agatha Wolf's 90th Birthday

Walter & Marianne Dickmann
Shirley Ziino

Logan Zortman, Achieving

Eagle Scout Rank

Donald & Kay Schmidt

If you would like to give a gift in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or in honor of a special occasion, please mail your gift and the name of the person(s) being remembered or honored to:

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

830 N. 19th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53233

Or donate online at www.milmission.org

We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special card. Please be sure to include their address.

With Your Help, Michael Sets a Good Example



“Daddy.”

Michael didn’t want to turn around when the car pulled up beside him. He’d always feared his son would see him on the street. Was that fear about to come true?

“Daddy?” Slowly, Michael turned around, and there was his son.

“Let me out here.”

Michael had to confess that he’d relapsed and was homeless again. He’d tried a number of drug programs, but they all left a void deep inside that only drugs could fill...or so he thought. “Just because I don’t contact you all the time, doesn’t mean I don’t love you,” he told his son that day.

His son looked him right in the eye. “I love you, too,” he said, and it was the first time he’d ever said it.

So a week later, when Michael was so tired of the direction his life was headed, he called his son to pick him up. On their way to his son’s home, they passed the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Michael had heard of us, but this time something stirred in his heart. “Let me out here,” he said.

“I just want to help.”

Michael was in bondage when he came to MRM—to drugs, and to bad memories and bad habits. He’d been in prison and out on the streets so many times and seen so many terrible things, that he was afraid

to trust anyone. Then one day, after a disagreement with his caseworker, Michael thought of Jesus’ instructions to put ourselves in subjection to authority. He turned around and apologized...and started on the path to freedom in Christ.

Because the programs you support help our residents build a strong relationship with Christ, Michael has at last found something to truly fill the void inside him. And he can’t wait to share it with as many people as possible.

As he explains, “I try to talk to [the guys here] and tell them what God is doing in my life, how God has delivered me from drug addiction. I have this desire to reach out.”

One of his greatest ambitions is to protect his grandchildren from the pain he’s suffered. “I want to be an example to them, in hopes that they won’t pick up any of the things I did. I can help them make positive choices. I can give them a glimpse of what I’ve been through. If I can share that, I can help them escape the lure of drugs.”

Thanks to you, Michael has escaped decades of pain for a life filled with purpose and the love of Jesus. “Today I have freedom from the life that held me bound!” May God bless you for helping Michael and men like him find true life transformation.

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