

Learning to Love

by Nathan

I've never been able to communicate well with other people.

Unable to establish close relationships with girls, I learned early on to substitute sex for intimacy. Then I quickly became addicted to sex and pornography.

I've had girlfriends. I've even been married twice. But lacking the ability to communicate, my relationships never lasted more than a few months.

Yet I longed for love and intimacy. And after my second marriage ended — I truly thought she was the “one” — I emotionally broke down. I tried moving in with a couple more women, but those were disasters. I finally realized I needed help.

Letting God Work

I came to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission in October 2009 and it was the best decision I ever made. When I came, I told God: “I want to focus only on You.” And I committed myself to let God do His work in me.

I threw myself into the Bible studies, teaching, and counseling. The more I learned about God, the more I learned about myself. I started to learn about living in a community and how to relate to people, even when it's hard and painful. Even when

I'm afraid to let people get close to me, because I might get hurt.

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women I admire and respect at church. Maybe one day God will even bless me with marriage to a woman like that. When I'm ready.

For now I'm content experiencing God in ways I never thought possible. He's so alive and working in me. He recently inspired me to write a poem, which really communicates my heart and how I want to live my life:

*I see God on high smiling, but not for what I've done
It is Jesus Christ God smiles at, Jesus Christ his son
It is Jesus Christ that lives in me that helps me do what I do
To want to love one and all and to help even you.*



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In response to the command of Jesus, we compassionately serve to help make whole the hungry, homeless and poor in body, mind and spirit for the glory of God.

“... to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter . . .”

— Isaiah 58:7

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“I didn't want to be out on the streets with my babies.”



How Janetta Found Hope —
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“Let the Little Children Come to Me”



Rev. Patrick H. Vanderburgh
Executive Director

“Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”

Luke 18:16 NIV

Jesus was clear: Ministry must include reaching our children.

This truth is never more clear to me than it is every spring and summer, when the number of women and children seeking help from the Milwaukee Rescue Mission goes up at least 20%. Many, unable to afford their winter utility bills, are newly evicted and have nowhere else to go. Others, facing the end of the school year and more family instability, also seek our help.

Our Mission has ministered to children for almost 80 years. Today, through Joy House, our tutoring program, CrossTrainers Academy, and City Camp (which you can read about on pages 4-5), we reach about 150-200 kids a day — all in Jesus’ name.

Some people might be surprised that a rescue mission would be so focused on children, as well as hurting adults. But it makes perfect sense. If we can reach these kids while they’re young, maybe they won’t need our help when they grow up.

And as a partner of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, you are helping transform kids’ lives for eternity. Your support provides *all* our men, women, and children with more than food, beds, and warm shelter — you lead them into the arms of a loving Savior who welcomes everyone. So thank you!

This month, I also encourage you to take advantage of a special Matching Grant offer. If you send a gift before May 31, your donation will go TWICE as far to help even more men, women, and children at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission! (See page 6 for details.)

Because of your commitment to beautiful souls like these, I can say confidently that you’re being obedient to God’s call to minister to those in need.

So *thank you* for all you do!

Partnering with you,

Patrick H. Vanderburgh, Executive Director

memorial & in honor of gifts

In memory of:

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 hurting in the name of a friend or family member.
(Gifts received through December 31, 2010)

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In honor of:

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!

(Gifts received through December 31, 2010)

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Paul & Marianne Scobey

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A family member in Milwaukee area
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John & Kathy Nelson

*An asterisk denotes a correction from the March issue of *Soup for Your Soul*.

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:

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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. The names published above represent gifts to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission greater than or equal to \$25.

Attention Golfers: MRM's Annual Tournament at Blue Mound Golf & Country Club

August 8, 2011

If you or someone you know enjoys golfing, please consider signing up for our tournament by July 25th. Space is limited.

Find more information at milmission.org/events

To become a sponsor for this outing or to donate an item to our raffle, please contact Melissa at (414) 935-0204 or melissa.horne@milmission.org.

Thank you!

Great News! Still Time for the \$171,500 Matching Challenge to Double Your Gift

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission has been blessed with a tremendous opportunity to care for more homeless neighbors, and we need your help.

A generous group of friends recently contributed a \$171,500 Matching Challenge Gift. Every dollar we receive will be combined with one from the gift, giving us a total of \$343,000 to feed, clothe, shelter, and help transform our homeless neighbors.

Please send your contribution right away, and it will go twice as far to help care for Milwaukee's homeless.

No Weapons Will Prevail

By Janetta

God recently made me a promise:

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you."

Isaiah 54:17

I need that promise because throughout my life, the devil has forged a lot of weapons against me, to block me from doing God's will. My daddy was a drug dealer and Mom was a drug addict who abandoned my siblings and me for weeks at a time.

When I was 16, I gave birth to my first son. Born premature, he weighed less than two pounds and was so sick I had to give him up for adoption because I wasn't able to care for him. After that, my mother kicked me out of the house. I was on my own, so I had to drop out of high school so I could take care of myself.

Falling to Rock Bottom

Two years later, I met a Christian man I thought would love me. But over the next seven and a half years, he verbally, emotionally, and physically abused me ... even in front of our kids.

"The devil has thrown a lot of weapons at me in my life, but I know now he won't prevail."

By 2007, I couldn't take it anymore and I left him. But by February 2010, the house I was renting went into foreclosure and the electricity was turned off. I was already struggling to make ends meet and I hit rock bottom. I didn't want to be out on the streets with my babies, so I came to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

The Parenting I Never Had

From the day I arrived, I knew these people loved me and my kids. For me, they became the mother and father I never really had — not only because of their love, but through the "parenting," discipline, and counsel they offered me.

Because of them, I've given my life to God and I'm determined to be the best mom I can be. I'm working as a housekeeper at a local hotel and saving my money. I'm also earning my G.E.D. and I hope to go to college. I'm so grateful to everyone who supports this place.

For 28 years, I went through a lot of struggles and abuse. The devil has thrown a lot of weapons at me in my life, but I know now he won't prevail. God won't let me down. I'm focused on Jesus and He's the only man I need in my life.



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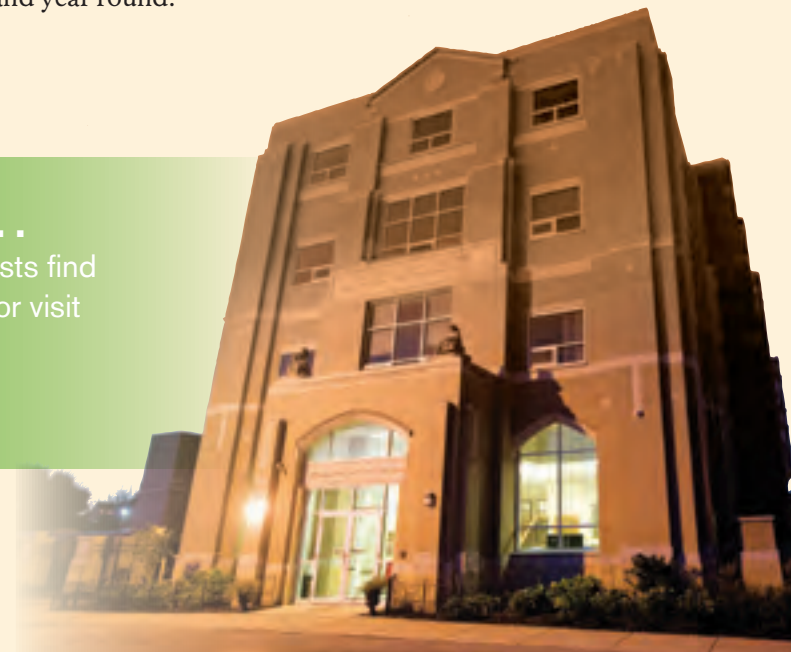
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You're Invited to Tour the Mission . . .

If you'd like to see how your support helps our guests find healing and purpose, please call (414) 935-0241 or visit www.milmission.org to schedule a tour.

You'll be inspired by what you see — we promise.



Reaching Kids in Need at MRM's City Camp

Summertime fun and learning for Milwaukee's most at-risk children ...

Summer may be most children's favorite season, but it's extraordinarily difficult for parents struggling with homelessness or poverty. If you can't afford to take time off from work and school's out, how do you keep your children engaged in positive, educational activities?

That's why the Milwaukee Rescue Mission's City Camp is so important. Every year, more than 100 local children — most from single parent homes in unsafe neighborhoods — attend for wholesome learning that keeps them off the mean streets.

- For six weeks, boys and girls study reading, math, history, and science in a creative environment that increases their academic potential.
- The theme of City Camp this year is *God so loved the world*. Bible classes teach children about the love of Jesus Christ and Christian principles that build faith and character.
- Children enjoy fun, often-educational field trips to the Milwaukee County Zoo, ice-skating, bowling, the Jefferson County Fair, and other great destinations.



Milwaukee Rescue Mission's SUMMER WISH LIST

You can help by donating any of the following items at our Kilbourn Street entrance Monday through Saturday from 8am to 8pm. Thank you!

- ✓ Socks (men, women, and children)
- ✓ Underwear (all sizes; especially children's sizes 2-6 and men and women's size large)
- ✓ Baby wipes
- ✓ Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Lotion & Vaseline
- ✓ Kleenex (box and pocket-sized)
- ✓ Toilet paper
- ✓ Cold & flu medicines (non-alcoholic)
- ✓ Pain relievers
- ✓ Thermometers (digital preferred)
- ✓ Thermometer covers
- ✓ Laundry and dish detergent
- ✓ Fabric softener
- ✓ Working wrist watches
- ✓ Small clock radios
- ✓ Lunch bags and sandwich bags
- ✓ Paper plates, cups and paper towels
- ✓ Plastic-ware
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Juice
- ✓ Fresh fruit



Thank You for Making City Camp Possible! Your faithful partnership makes the Milwaukee Rescue Mission's City Camp **a refuge for local children**. Thank you for blessing so many struggling families.