

SOUP *for your* **SOUL**

MAY/JUNE 2010

TRUE LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH YOU!

This is the
**SUMMER
FOR HOPE!**

You Help Make Wonderful Things Happen at MRM!



Milwaukee Rescue Mission

A Summer of Service



Rev. Patrick H. Vanderburgh
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

—1 PETER 4:10, NIV

What have you got planned for this summer — a long-awaited family getaway, an evening camping under the stars, a visit to a theme park? Wherever your plans take you, stay safe and have fun!

Thanks to friends like you, many boys and girls from inner-city neighborhoods will do just that. Last summer, about 100 children joined MRM's City Camp, a six-week educational enrichment program covering subject areas like reading, math and Bible. Children also enjoyed a number of field trips and outdoor activities. This summer, boys and girls are counting down the days until City Camp starts again!

But that's not all we've got on our calendar!

Big plans are also underway for our Safe Harbor men's dorm renovation. Your recent gifts helped make it possible to kick off this long-awaited project and create a more welcoming place for weary, burdened men like Brian, whose story is on page eight.

All summer long, we'll also continue to minister to women and families in need — families like Monique's. You can read her story on the following page.

And be sure to check out page six to find some innovative and easy ways to help support the people we serve at MRM. Of course, we always need and appreciate your gifts, especially during the summer months when giving tends to taper off.

Your gifts and prayers really make a difference, by helping to serve men, women and children in every season of need!

I thank God for you,

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



“Everything is possible for him who believes.”

—Mark 9:23, NIV

A Better Woman, A Better Mother

Few people leave Georgia for Wisconsin in January, but when Monique separated from her husband, staying with family in Milwaukee was her only option. At least that’s what she thought until she arrived with her daughter and two sons. “Things didn’t go as I’d planned,” she remembers wryly.

Suddenly, Monique was far from home, with nowhere to turn, in the middle of a bitter Milwaukee winter. “I never felt so alone in my life. It was scary. I didn’t want to think about sleeping in the car with my kids.”

Monique dialed “211” for a list of shelters, that included the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. When she spoke to a staff member at Joy House, our family shelter, she remembers feeling immediately at ease. “That’s what made me choose to come here,” says Monique.

“God never left me.”

Although thankful for the warm welcome she and her family received, Monique says, “I was ashamed. I felt like I had failed as a mother. I know now that’s not true: coming here has made me a better woman and a better mother!”

After graduating from our two-week *New Life* program, Monique and her children moved into the *Fresh Start* program. She finds one-on-one time with her case manager and Bible studies especially helpful in her personal and spiritual growth.

“I was at the point where I was losing faith in God,” Monique admits. “But after going through the classes, and the people I’ve met here, my faith has been renewed. God never left me, but I went away from Him. I don’t think I would have found my way back to Him without Joy House.”

“I know it will happen!”

Monique is also learning practical skills for building a stable, independent life for herself and her family. “I know my kids will be okay. I know that they’ll learn from me, and I want them to grow up and be great adults.”

When asked what her future holds, Monique says, “I have faith that the Lord will lead me in the right direction.” She plans to go back to school and has dreams of starting her own business someday. “If it’s the will of God, I know it will happen!”

Monique expresses her gratitude to you for everything she and her children have received at MRM. To everyone who gives, she says, “Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Joy House has been a great help. Without you, there’s no way my kids and I would have made it through this tough time!”

Make This a **SUMMER**

Thankfully, the long Wisconsin winter is behind us now! But even after the mercury rises, it's still tough to be without food, shelter or decent clothing.

At MRM, we're grateful for the year-round support our friends provide for Milwaukee's men, women and children in need.

Through your gifts and prayers, the summer of 2010 promises to be a season of hope and renewal!



Quite often, a changed life starts with a plate of food. This summer, we'll serve as many as 700 meals every day...think of how many lives your gift could impact!



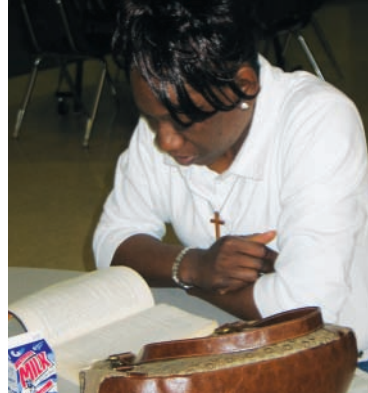
Where would we be without volunteers? From preparing and serving meals, to sorting donations, to helping children with their homework, every hour of time is a real gift of love!



Some neighborhoods aren't the safest summer playgrounds for boys and girls. Thank you for helping to provide City Camp, a six-week program at MRM for at-risk children to enjoy the summer days ahead and stay school-ready in a caring, supportive environment! Not only do the children learn reading, writing and math, they are able to enjoy field trips and other outdoor activities.

OF HOPE!

SUMMER Wish List



Your gifts help men and women in our programs begin building secure, productive futures for themselves — the first step towards breaking the cycle of poverty!

Real renewal starts deep within. At MRM, Bible study, chapel services and one-on-one counseling are key to helping men and women address the root causes of their problems and begin new lives in Jesus Christ.



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., at our Kilbourn Ave. entrance. Thank you!

- Socks (men, women and children)
- Underwear (all sizes, but especially children's sizes 2-6, and men's and women's large sizes)
- 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
- Plasticware
- Snacks
- Juice
- Fresh fruit



Shop and Give!

Every time you shop for groceries, you can benefit the men, women and children at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission! Here are some fast, easy ways to support MRM while you stock your pantry:



Collect Box Tops: Visit www.boxtops4education.com for participating products.



Clip the Box Tops from products your family uses and send them to MRM or drop them off in the visitor's lobby. Each Box Top you donate is worth 10¢ to MRM!



Buy Campbell's products:



Check out www.labelsforeducation.com for participating products you normally buy. Clip UPCs and beverage caps from the products and send them to MRM or bring them to our lobby. We'll redeem the "Labels for Education"



points for merchandise for MRM educational programs.

Shop at Pick 'n Save: Pick 'n Save's We Care Program is a simple way to help the disadvantaged in our community. Each time you shop at Pick 'n Save, Copps, Rainbow Foods or Metro Market, use your Advantage Plus Savers Card and MRM receives a cash rebate! The more you use your card, the larger the percentage we receive. Just stop at the Customer Service counter and let the representative know that you would like to designate the Milwaukee Rescue Mission as your chosen charity. Our account number is #512400. Thank you!



Come By and See Your Compassion in Action!

Give us a call at (414) 344-2211 and schedule a tour of MRM! We'll walk you through our historic building near the Marquette University campus and you'll see first-hand how your gifts bring comprehensive Christian care to needy men, women and children in our community.



memorial & in honor of gifts

In memory of:

(gifts received from January 4 through February 15, 2010)

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.

Thomas W. Blakeley
Rose-Marie Costello

Richard Buellesbach
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Marie Clauser
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Ron & Linda Kolz
Debra Lucas

In honor of:

(gifts received from January 5 through February 15, 2010)

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!

Lori Angst
Krishna Smith

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Paul & Marianne Scobey

Frank Balas, Brother
Paul & Marianne Scobey

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Anne Kopatich
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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.

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



The Best Move Brian Ever Made

After 47 years, Brian knew it was time to leave Indiana — and his alcoholic past — behind. Just released from his second jail term in two years, Brian counted the cost of his 30-year drinking addiction and it was high: jobs, relationships, marriage, home — everything he had worked for.

He needed a clean start in a new city.

When a friend suggested Milwaukee, Brian bought a bus ticket and headed north to look for a job. Last June, he checked into a motel, intending to start his job search the next day. But he started drinking and the next day turned into yet another day...and then a week. Soon, Brian's money was gone.

No Direction

"I fell deeper and deeper into a hole," he remembers. "A change of place to be living, a different state, wasn't the answer for me. It just brought me down in a different area!"

"...blessed people, angels, saints."

Unable to pay for the motel, Brian checked into a detox center. After a week, he left with a list of shelters that included the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. "But I overlooked that," says Brian. "I just roamed

the streets of a city I wasn't familiar with at all. I had no direction."

Bruised and exhausted from lugging his heavy bags, Brian finally stopped, looked up and said, "Can somebody help me? If there's a God, can He help me?" Leaving his belongings behind, Brian walked on... right to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

Out of the Darkness

"The Lord picked me up and said, 'I'm not going to let you live in darkness anymore!' I believe the Lord brought me here," Brian tells us.

After only a week at MRM, Brian joined the *LifeSkills* program. "I finally woke up and began moving in a positive direction. The Lord has taken away my alcohol addiction, my fear, my loneliness. The whole time, all I needed was Jesus Christ!"

Today, Brian looks forward to starting the *FOCUS* program in July and taking the next steps towards a life of stability and success.

Brian acknowledges that he could never have come to his new life without God and the Milwaukee Rescue Mission...and that MRM would not be here without the generosity of friends like you — "...blessed people, angels, saints."

Thank you for helping Brian make the best move of his life: towards God!

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