

THE HOMELESS OUTREACH, INC.



... the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. Psalm 10:14

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Letter From the Director

Carol Leo

As we hear the news reports about the plight of the Floridians following the recent hurricanes and see the pictures on TV of people waiting in long lines for hours to obtain basic necessities, we catch a glimpse of what some families in our nation have come to accept as a normal lifestyle. The families that we minister to in the shelters have no stable home to call their own and are many times lacking in the most basic of necessities.

Just as the shelter were hastily prepared in Florida as temporary places to take in thousands of refugees from the storms, so

the shelters that are called home to thousands of Washington, D.C. area residents, are only intended as temporary stopping places; as places with minimal creature comforts that will provide refuge from the storms of life until something better is worked out.

Our hearts go out to the families in Florida. Many of us have friends and loved ones in the state. One day they were enjoying a typical, middleclass lifestyle and the next day, their whole world was turned upside down as they were forced to flee and leave behind everything on which they had depended. Upon return, some found that their houses were gone. Many millions are without electricity or drinking water.

The contrast between this disaster and the life of ease to which most of us are accustomed is so intense, that we can't help but be impacted. The families in the shelters live with this kind of upside down, frustrating, fearful situation every day of their lives for months, or sometimes years.

I had been out of work for a couple of months this summer. The continual uncertainty of impending financial obligations and no way to pay them, is devastating. These families from the shelters are in a perpetual state of jobless-

ness. Many are ill-trained and lack basic life skills. They have been in the situation for so long, they can't remember another way.

It is our privilege, in The Homeless Outreach to carry not only material goods, but hope and encouragement in the name of Jesus Christ into these places of deepest despair and hurt. I am truly thankful to the Lord for using this organization in such a way and thankful to each of you for the care and love that you give.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., Harvest Celebration**
10/17 Residential Program Ctr, Arlington, Va **Collecting:** hygiene articles for men and women
- Sun., Early Thanksgiving, St.**
11/14 Stephens, 16th & Newton Sts NW for Park Rd., Spring Rd., Community of Hope **Collecting:** hygiene articles for women & children
- Sun., Christmas Celebration**
12/12 for: Community of Hope, D.C. Village, Shepherd's Cove, Park Rd., Spring Rd. **Collecting:** new hats, gloves, mittens, children & adults; new toys
- Fri., Workshops, Shepherd's**
10/9, Cove Shelter
11/13



Back to School 2004



We held three back to school events this year. The first one was on Fri., Aug. 13 at **Shepherd's Cove Shelter.**

Pastor Michael Haynesworth from National Church of God ministered to the 35 children and parents that were present. The Gideons, led by Carey Drayton were there to distribute scriptures. Each child who received a New Testament could be seen enthusiastically opening their Bibles, writing their names on the inside. The women and children all listened intently to the story & teaching and gladly received prayer from the pastor and the Gideons. Every child happily received a backpack w/school supplies. Many promptly put their New Testaments in the front pouch. (Who says they can keep the Bible out of schools?!) The shelter director was grateful that we had enough extra ones to leave with her for the children who were not present that evening. To God be all the glory!

250
Backpacks
were distributed.
Dozens of souls
came to the Lord!



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D.C. Village Outreach by Linda Sothern

Beat Yo Feet Back to School

What do crayons and congas have in common??? Well, at DC Village on August the 22nd the answer would be the Homeless Outreach Back to School Party. The special ministry guests were The Psalms 150 Band based out of National Church of God. P150 is a music ministry comprised of twelve on-fire-for-Christ young people from the Washington Metropolitan Area whose sole purpose is to win souls not by any means necessary but by all possible means. The Band's main musical focus is Gospel Go-Go, which especially reaches the unchurched youth of the DC area. The motto of the band is "Ministry before Music" and they kept up the standard. Even with technical difficulties the band engaged the children in marathon games of Bible Trivia and "Jesus Says" and gave prizes to the winners. Then everyone was involved in Spirit led praise and worship followed by Gospel Go-Go. Residents of DC Village who were not originally a part of the outreach were drawn in by the pocket, socket and pick-it-up beats of Go-Go but remained because of the message being brought forth. After praising the Lord beatin' yo feet or in dance an altar call was given and many children and teenagers received Christ as their Lord and Savior. All of our new brothers and sisters in Christ also received Bibles so that they can continue growing in the Lord. With your continued prayers and support the Homeless Outreach party at DC Village was able to provide over 40 families with clothing, food and school supplies for the upcoming academic year. **We are thankful to the Gideons led by John Downing for distributing New Testaments to all the residents.*

Outreach at St. Stephens For: Community of Hope, Families Forward @ Park Rd. & Spring Road Shelters, Sun. Aug. 22

A powerfully anointed team from **New Canaan Baptist Church, D.C.** provided the ministry program. Aaron & Shawn provided exciting Christian rap music. Ebony Rustin sang contemporary Gospel.



(Left) child wears hat created by Deacon Coleman, whose clowning delighted the children

The preaching was so powerful that people walking by outside stopped to listen.



(Left) Intensive prayer followed the message. Many gave their hearts to Christ.



Bibles from the Pastor at New Canaan were given out.



Our workers prepared clothing, backpacks and the delicious meal. The families were mightily blessed. (Right)



(right) family happy to be at the party.



Summer Cookout 2004

On Sunday, June 27 we held our annual summer cookout at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. The day that God gave to us for this event was picture perfect with clear blue skies, a nice breeze, bright sun and mild temperatures; not even a threat of rain; no need to do spiritual warfare on the weather.

The logistics of this event went so smoothly, that I have to believe somebody prayed after reading my list of cliff hangers and near calamities that have happened at previous picnics. All workers arrived early. There were more than were expected. They worked so diligently, that when the Harvest of Hope youth team arrived, (who also came extra early) there was hardly anything left for

them to do. Buses arrived on schedule. No one got lost. Each bus had a full load of children and parents from the shelters. We correctly guessed where the sun would be by 3 p.m. and the picnic tables were facing in the right direction. Our sound system and D.J. were in position before folks arrived. An abundance of donated clothing was dropped off onsite, so we didn't have to haul it in. Mothers from the shelters were more than satisfied with huge bags well-stuffed with good quality clothes that they had chosen. The Harvest of Hope Youth, as usual ministered lovingly to the chil-

dren. They spent a large part of the afternoon in the playground on the fancy, bright colored playground equipment. Everyone was fed hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken. Some had seconds. Pastor Michael



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Haynesworth ministered the Word of God in such a way that interest was truly aroused and even though there were other attractions in the park, all adults and many children opted to stay and hear the message. About 10 came forward to give their hearts to Christ. The Gideons, led by Charles Kris distributed 80 New Testaments to the families. □

shelter. I feel that we minister to them of the hope that will be when one gives his life to Christ. I thank God for this opportunity and I thank sister Carol Leo inviting us to take on this endeavor. Our responsibility is not to force the children to accept Christ but to share or, plant the seed of God's love through His Word and leave it up to God to stimulate growth.

May God continue to bless you eternally. Your servant in Christ
Suzan P. Haynesworth

Monthly Workshops-Shepherd's Cove

By Suzan P. Haynesworth

Joel 2:28 & 29 says:

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."

I believe we are now in the midst of "those days." God is ready to pour out His spirit upon all flesh. Our responsibility as believers is prepare our children for this awesome move of God for they are the strength that God can use to do the spiritual battle against the influx of evil that has permeated this world. Jesus said the physician does not come for those who are healthy but for the sick, for they are the ones in need of healing; as we, the believers, are not here to bring the Gospel to the saved but the unsaved for they are in need of salvation. He (Jesus) commissioned us to go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel; not just in the churches but in the streets, the highways and byways for God does not want any to perish.

The ministry that God has given my husband and myself at Shepherd's Cove started a little over a year ago and has been such a

blessing to me ever since.

Through the many months I have seen God move in the most wonderful ways. We have taken this assignment on as a family and not individually. What I mean by this is that our children are as much involved in this as we are. I thank God for this because it allows them to see how blessed we are to have a two parent family, a roof over our heads and not having to worry about where our next meal will be coming from.

As we have seen many children come and go they have impacted our lives greatly. Though they are in such a heart wrenching situation, they are still in good spirits. It is important that we give them the Word of God at this age; for it is only God who can destroy any resentment or bitterness that may come through their experiences.

As adults, we can learn many things from these children. It brings home when Jesus said, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Our family also stands as a living testimony to the children in the

TUTORS NEEDED

The children in D.C. Village are in need of weekly tutoring. If you or your church group would like to arrange a regular schedule and set up a program to help in this way, contact Carol Leo, 301 423-6466. D.C. Village is within 5 miles of Oxon Hill, in S.W. Washington, D.C.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary McCauley, faithful prayer partner and supporter of this ministry went home to be with the Lord in August, 2004.

Alphonso Stewart, faithful supporter to this ministry went home to be with the Lord in July, 2004. We cherish their memories.

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He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. Psalm 111:4

If you want to donate or participate by:

- Singing
- Puppets
- Skits
- Preaching
- Cooking
- Providing: Food,
- Hygiene Articles
- New Underwear, Socks
- New Hats, Gloves
- New Toys

or helping in any other way
Contact: Carol Leo, 301 423-6466 or
Bertha Fenwick, 301 292-2658
Thanks and God Bless you!

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All who have worked or given!



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Call Carol Leo, 301 423-6466 or Volunteers of America, 1-800-407-2600 to make tax deductible donation of your used car.

(Make sure to tell them it is for The Homeless Outreach, Inc.)

Praise God for 4 cars this year!