

# THE HOMELESS OUTREACH, INC.



This poor man cried and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. Psalm 34:7

## NEWSLETTER

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### Letter From the Director

Carol Leo

As I watched the scenes of human deprivation from the aftermath of Katrina, it was a though scenes from our local homeless shelters were enlarged, magnified, and multiplied thousands of times over. The harsh realities were many times worse than what our local shelter residents experience and the sheer numbers of people were many times higher.

There is no way for humankind to handle a problem this momentous. It is time for all believing Americans to turn to the Lord and pray. When evil has been, not only tolerated, but officially sanctioned for so long in our nation, the judgment of God is imminent. It is time to cry out to God in repentance; to weep and to mourn.

*Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34.*

As the number of homeless people continues in its steady incline, that began in the 1970's, this new infusion of hundreds of thousands of homeless citizens into the streets of our cities can only mean that life in America can no longer be "business as usual." It is time to seek God and pray and pray some more. The judgments of God are not limited to one area of the country.

*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.*

As the Washington, D.C. area receives 400 refugees from the Katrina disaster, the Homeless Outreach, Inc. is a tool that the Lord can use in any way He chooses to minister health and hope into the lives of these flood victims. If any special developments arise, a special bulletin will be sent out to inform everyone of our plans.

Thank you for your overwhelming care and support of this or-

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ganization and for the needy people that we minister to. May God bless you.

### UPCOMING EVENTS 2005

- Sun., Nov. 13** Early Thanksgiving At D.C. Village  
We are collecting: Hygiene articles, adult & children's
- Sun., Dec. 18** Christmas Party/Gospel Outreach  
Location TBD  
We are collecting:  
Warm hats, scarves, gloves, (new) all sizes  
Toys (new) all ages  
Warm coats (used, good condition)
- Every 2nd Fri.** Workshops at Shepherd's Cove Shelter

**Contact Bertha Fenwick (301) 292-2658 or Carol Leo, (301) 423-6466 to donate or participate.**

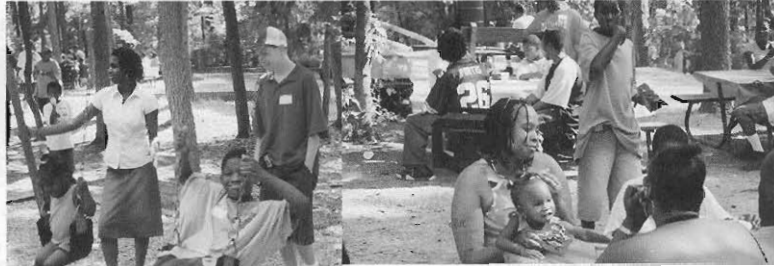
Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Psalm 41:1

# Summer Cookout 2005



Shelter residents enjoyed the picture perfect day at Cosca Regional Park at our annual summer cookout on June 26. Mothers enjoyed socializing, while children took off for the excitement of the huge playground. The trees, sunshine and fresh air were a healthy experience for those who have been cooped up in shelters.



Bertha & Charles Fenwick and helpers prepared enough food for the 300 guests. Dennis Sydney, the DJ provided contemporary Christian music all afternoon.



A team of ministers from New Canaan Baptist Church & other churches (right) spoke strong & timely messages to the shelter residents



At least 6 women came forward to receive Christ.

# Back to School 2005

The Homeless Outreach had three separate Back-to-School events this year. We distributed over 250 backpacks of school supplies and over 100 bags of hygiene articles for the mothers. The photos below are from our Sept. 21 event held at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in N.W. Washington, D.C.



Over 150 children and parents crowded into the St. Stephens auditorium to receive the ministry in song, prayer, message, food and school supplies. (left)

Joseph & Jonathan Sothern from National Church of God ministered in anointed music all afternoon. (below)



NCOG Volunteer

Volunteers from several local churches and businesses helped serve and minister to the shelter families. Over 25 people from Victory Chapel in Accokeek, MD were present to assist. (left)

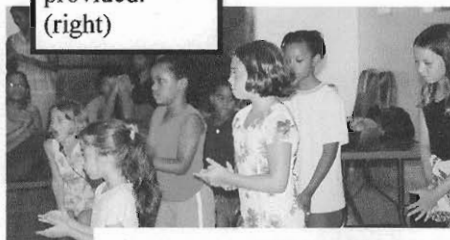
Children lined up by grade at dismissal and received out of the abundance of supplies that the generous donations had provided. (right)



A children's Choir from Victory Chapel danced to a contemporary Christian song urging people to heed the voice of the Holy Spirit. (left)



Samuel Ramsey sung and brought forth a strong message



Altar Call was given and many people came forward to pray to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. To God be the Glory!

## D.C. Village Back-to-School

On Sunday, Aug. 21 at D.C. Village in SW Washington, D.C., a team of workers from National Church of God brought blessings and the anointed Word of God to the residents. Children and parents gathered to hear the music of the Swann brothers. A team of NCOG youth led by Tara Lawton and James Cummings packed and distributed close to 100 back packs to children of all ages. Mothers received bags of hygiene articles. The Gideons were present to share testimonies and distribute New Testaments. The power of God's love charged the atmosphere and many individuals gave their hearts to Christ. Per Ms. Patricia Brown, Volunteer coordinator at D.C. Village: "This event was even more blessed than last year's." Thanks to all who participated.

## Shepherd's Cove Back-to-School

On Friday, Aug. 19 at Shepherd's Cove Shelter in Seat Pleasant, MD Pastor Michael Haynesworth, Renee Hammond and Carol Leo took school supplies and the Gospel to 30 eager children and 20 parents. An informal program, consisting of songs in which the children enthusiastically participated, 2 stories illustrated with story boards presented by Pastor Mike and a testimony by Renee Hammonds was followed by a time of fellowship and refreshment and the distribution of backpacks and/or school boxes and supplies to all children from pre-K through high school. Since we had such a small crew, the mothers joined in and helped with set up, distribution and serving. All heads bowed to accept Christ as Savior and much gratitude was expressed by the shelter recipients. To God be the Glory!

## THO (The Homeless Outreach) Grant

The Homeless Outreach, Inc., in conjunction with Community of Hope Shelter has formed a new program. We have committed to help several families a year with rental costs for their first six months of independence once they have left the shelter environment. The candidates to receive our grant money are those which the shelter recommends as individuals who are following instructions and making every effort to improve their situations and properly take care of their children. We give God praise for enabling us to reach out and lend support in this way.

## If you want to donate or participate by:

Singing, Puppets, Skits, Preaching, Cooking,

Providing: Food, Hygiene Articles, New Underwear, Socks, or helping in any other way, contact Carol Leo, 301 423-6466 [carolfortho@erols.com](mailto:carolfortho@erols.com), or Bertha Fenwick, 301 292-2658 Thanks and God Bless!

## UNITED WAY & AMERICA'S CHARITIES

The Homeless Outreach, Inc., a 501C3 organization is eligible for these funds as a "write-in."

## DONATE YOUR USED AUTO



## THE HOMELESS OUTREACH has teamed up with VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA FOR AUTO DONATIONS

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.) There are new guidelines. Call for an explanation.

**Please keep all of our events and the homeless children and parents  
in your prayers!**

**The Homeless Outreach, Inc.**  
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*And whoso shall receive one  
such little child in my name  
receiveth me.  
Matthew 18: 5*

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# Thanks and God bless you!!

National Church of God  
Victory Chapel & Pastor Wanda Ross  
Victory Chapel Children's Choir  
Corkran United Methodist & Nancy Thoman  
Merito Corporation  
Sothern Brothers  
Swann Brothers  
Moses Rustin and three sisters  
Dr. Gary Burton  
Annette Roberts & Family  
Bertha & Charles Fenwick  
Sharon Devlin  
William Meyers Family  
Honeywell Employees & Eunice Sanders  
Sacred  
Samuel Ramsey  
Dennis Sydney & Family  
Doug Douglas  
Tara Lawton  
Pastor Haynesworth & Family  
All National Church of God Volunteers & Donors  
All Victory Chapel Volunteers and Donors  
Gideons International  
Vision D.C.  
All Anonymous Donors!!

