

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A dedicated group of people volunteer hundreds of hours each month to meet the desperate needs of the homeless and others in need. Without the faithful service of volunteers, we could not accomplish the work we do.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

### “Feed My Sheep” Program

Matthew 25:35 (a) (NIV)

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...”*

Missoula 3:16 is currently seeking energetic and creative ladies who want to be part of an auxiliary group. You will be liaisons for your churches in the Missoula Valley as you plan fund raisers, projects and food drives for the mission. We will meet every other month for updates, fellowship and fun!

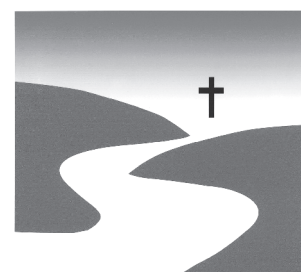
## MONTHLY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission’s next monthly volunteer orientation meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering please join us at the School of Christ which is located at 10450 Mullan Road for a meeting and a tour! **Please call the office at 542-5240 to sign up for the meeting.**



## NAKURU 3:16

Please continue to pray for our sister mission in Nakuru, Kenya. This awesome outreach to street mothers and children is off to a great start! As you know, ministries that reach out to the lost, hurting and poor can’t get enough prayer. There are 15 mothers and 15 children at the center who previously lived on the streets and in the dump. Praise the Lord for what He is doing in the lives of these families! **Call Pam at 542-5240 if you have any questions.**



# THE DAMASCUS ROAD

Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission News

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## A Hand Up Offered Through the Day Center

**JENNIFER** – My life has been a hard road. I grew up in a very dysfunctional family and was told to leave when I was 9 years old. Being on the street when I was so young led to many episodes of drinking and using a myriad of drugs. I survived by making friends on the street with other young people in my situation. I spent a lot of the years from ages 9 to 20 in and out of jail. The jail time was a direct result of being constantly under the influence and not having a family to support me. By this time I was getting tired of the way things were and quit using drugs, cold turkey, at age 21. After some other desperate situations in my life, I quit drinking at age 28.



**STEVE** – At the age of 13 I began my descent into a world of drugs and alcohol. I mostly abused alcohol and marijuana until an uncle introduced me to meth at 18. My life was a matter of existing from day to day, seeking the solace of numbing myself with drugs and alcohol.

I am so thankful that when I was 38 the Lord appeared to me! I was at the lowest point ever and ready to take my own life. I was so low that I didn’t believe there was any help for me. Then, the Lord told me, “You’re done.” He meant that I was done with my life of drugs. I immediately quit using drugs and started seeking a new life and new surroundings. By the grace of God I ended up spending a total of 6 months in rescue mission programs in Pasco, Walla Walla and Yakima. I never looked back...

**STEVE AND JENNIFER** - The staff at Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission met Steve and Jennifer when they were camping out on the Kim Williams Trail. They were camping out from May

until August of 2008. Our director of operations spoke with Steve and Jennifer and asked them to seriously consider what would be of the most help to them. After much thought they told us that they could get out of their tent, and into a motor home if we could put Jennifer in a motel to keep her safe, while Steve went back to Idaho to get his motor home. Through our benevolence fund, Missoula 3:16 bought Steve the bus ticket and put Jennifer in a motel for one week.

We feel that the money was well spent because Steve and Jennifer have been headed in the right direction ever since. As of February -

- Both are clean and sober.
- They have a church home.
- They’ve successfully worked with Missoula Housing Authority to secure a rented home.
- Steve is working part-time and is also working with Voc-Rehab for a full-time position.
- Jennifer is applying for work and has given back by volunteering at Missoula 3:16.
- Steve and Jennifer are helping others in need whenever they can.

Steve and Jennifer commented, “Missoula 3:16 has helped lead us back to the Lord and has given us hope that things could be better.” Jennifer said, “We are seeing a brighter future and an easier walk with the Lord.”

SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED A HAND UP.

*“To passionately pursue changed lives by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ to the homeless and needy”.*

### DAILY NEEDS:

- Paper plates
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- 2 oz portion cups (Costco)
- Dish soap
- Bleach
- Razors

### DAY CENTER FOOD NEEDS:

- Coffee
- Ranch dressing
- Sugar
- Mayonnaise
- Canned chili
- Canned soups
- Pancake mix
- Quick-cook oats
- Cold Cereal / Milk

### SPECIAL NEEDS:

- Large cast iron skillet for the School of Christ



## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Here are some easy ways to help the homeless and needy-

**Donate to our silent auction!**

**Old wood furniture needing to be refinished**

OR

**Promote your business by donating gift certificates or merchandise**

If you have any questions please contact Cheryl at 728-1184 or 396-1096.

**Thanks for your support!**

# 5th Annual Hope for the Homeless Banquet



*You will open the eyes of the blind and free the captives from prison. You will release those who sit in dark dungeons.*

—Isaiah 42:7

Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission cordially invites you to attend our 5th Annual **“Hope for the Homeless” Banquet** **SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE**

**Silent auction begins at 5:00 p.m.**

**Preview auction items at:**

**www.missoula316.org (watch for weekly updates)**

**Please see enclosed response card to sponsor or host a table or to attend.**

**Friday, May 15th, 2009**

**at the Hilton Garden Inn**

**at 6:30 p.m.**

**3720 North Reserve Street • Missoula, Montana**

*For more information contact Janet Seagraves at 542-1312 or email: gobeavs@mtwi.net*



**Special Speaker:**  
**Dr. Isaiah Reed**  
isaiahreed.com

## Annual Feinstein Challenge

My name is Alan Shawn Feinstein. For the past 11 years, I have been giving away \$1 Million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country. This year I am doing it again. **WHATEVER YOU DONATE TO THIS AGENCY, I WILL ADD MONEY TO IT. THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE OF MY \$1 MILLION THEY'LL GET—THANKS TO YOU!**

Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on earth to do what we can to help those in need. This has become the greatest grass roots campaign ever to fight hunger in our country. Your donation makes YOU a partner in it with me! My money started this campaign but it is YOU who will help decide how many needy people in YOUR city or town will be fed this year. All that will matter to us someday is what we did while we were here to help those who needed us.



**WE ARE NEEDED NOW!** Please give whatever you can—I will gladly add some of my money to yours. (My \$1 Million will be divided in full proportionately among the agencies receiving donations toward my offer.)

Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that—someday—no one will ever go hungry.

Sincerely,

*Alan Shawn Feinstein*

## Heart to Heart

*Pam Herbst, Executive Director*

### The Open Door

As I write this article I am sitting at this year's Project Homeless Connect, which has a one stop shopping theme for services needed by the homeless and needy. A big "Thank You" is due to the First United Methodist Church for allowing the At Risk Housing Coalition (of which we are a member) to use their facility for this event.

Our booth was next door to Missoula Housing Authority so I was able to participate in one of their two presentations. The information was overwhelming to me because even with all the units that are available, housing still falls drastically short of the need. Most programs have a one to two year wait. Emergency housing is not what Missoula Housing typically provides.

The current emergency shelter can house about 70 people at a time when there are estimated to be about 900 homeless people in Missoula. The facility that houses women and children has a 6 to 9 month wait, which negates the term "emergency shelter."

As I have previously shared, Missoula is desperate for an emergency facility for women and children. By the grace of God, Missoula 3:16 was able to keep a total of 5 women and 14 children off the street during the coldest weather. We want to do more...

I am of the belief that the church is called to take care of widows and orphans. In fact, in James 1:27 that specific service to God is referred to as religion that is pure and undefiled.

We are praying for God's will and are in the beginning stages of planning a women's facility in order to minister to women and children in crisis. It is interesting that during the same time we were seeing women and children flood through our doors in need of help, Missoula 3:16 was given some verses out of Hosea that refer to a **door of hope**. What a great name for the women's ministry!



Please take the time to read Hosea 2:14, 15 and 23 and pray for the Lord's direction. More on this next month...

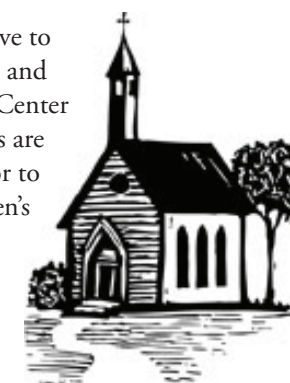
To God be the glory,

*Pamela Herbst*

Executive Director

**ATTENTION CHURCHES**—We would love to share the miracles of God that we have witnessed in and around our homeless and needy friends at the Day Center and the School of Christ. Speakers and testimonials are readily available for church services (as a highlight or to fill the pulpit), Bible studies, mission fairs or children's ministries. Please call 542-5240 to schedule.

**TOURS AVAILABLE**—The School of Christ is open for tours – if you are interested give us a call!



### JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Part-time case manager needed at the School of Christ. Applicants must be men who have a testimony of walking with the Lord and have a heart to work with the residents in the Men's Life Regeneration Program. If interested please call Pam at 542-5240.

### Memorials That Live On

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| For:        | Norm Johnson                           |
| Given By:   | Grace United Methodist Church          |
| For:        | Mrs. Lorena Brees                      |
| Given By:   | Gene and Carol Vincent                 |
| For:        | Virginia Lucero                        |
| Given By:   | Luther Lucero                          |
| For:        | Claire Morris                          |
| Given By:   | George and Donna Sherwood              |
| For:        | John Rice                              |
| Given By:   | Living Waters Bread of Life Tabernacle |
| For:        | Clayton                                |
| Given By:   | Sabrina Myers                          |
| For:        | Lorena Brees                           |
| Given By:   | Walter and Pam Herbst                  |
| <b>FOR:</b> | <b>GARY NOBLE</b>                      |
| Given By:   | Jim and Virginia Lampkins              |
| Given By:   | Ronald and Joan Berglund               |
| Given By:   | Dave and Linda Noble                   |
| Given By:   | G. M. Larson                           |

### IN HONOR OF

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| For:      | Don Harbaugh                         |
| Given by: | Patricia Zapp                        |
| For:      | Greg, Sandra, Evan and Britt Johnson |
| Given by: | Carlene Johnson                      |
| For:      | Cole Davis                           |
| Given by: | Don Bergoust                         |
| For:      | John and Joan Krueger                |
| Given by: | Stan and Glenda Krueger              |
| For:      | Dick and Phyllis Krueger             |
| Given by: | Stan and Glenda Krueger              |
| For:      | Mac and Alice McClurken              |
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