

THE DAMASCUS ROAD

Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission News

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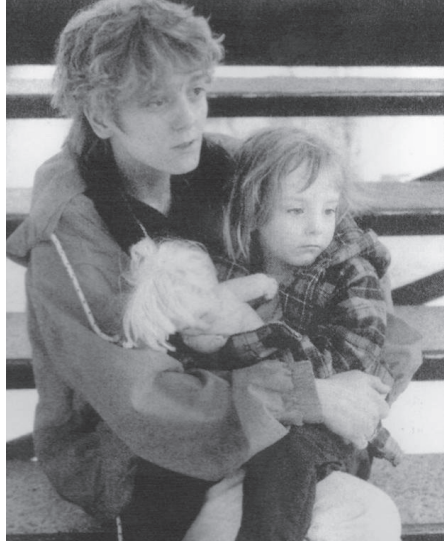
Demonstrating the Love of Jesus to Homeless Women and Kids



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



Our mission at Missoula 3:16 is to *passionately pursue changed lives by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ to the homeless and needy*. A few of our faithful donors demonstrated that love to at least 14 women and their kids over the past several months with funds for motel rooms and other assistance. For example, Tania and her three kids were one day from being homeless in the middle of winter when she received lodging help from Missoula 3:16. Sheila and her four kids were living in a van in the subzero weather of December when Missoula 3:16 staff helped them into a motel for



a few months. We helped Rhonda and her four kids get into a motel for a few weeks until she could get into the YWCA transitional housing. Susan and her two month old baby had nowhere to live until Missoula 3:16 donors came through with funds for a few months of lodging. She has a part time job now, but needs something full time.

Our Homeless Women and Children's Fund is now depleted and your donations will help us continue to share the love of Jesus with so many who need to experience the love of Jesus in very practical ways.

Sept/Oct. 2009 Edition

Heart to Heart

Pam Herbst, Executive Director

SERVING THOSE IN NEED!

*"...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40*

Our mission as an organization is to *passionately pursue changed lives by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ to the homeless and needy.*

We are best known for providing food, shelter and other emergency services to the homeless. And while that is an important and significant part of what we do at Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission, it is just the beginning. As we meet urgent needs and develop relationships, we want to help men and women overcome their life-controlling behaviors. We want to see them become God honoring, productive members of society.

One of our newest ministries is the **Missoula 3:16 Thrift Boutique**. This unique thrift store not only helps generate revenue for other ministry programs, it will provide work therapy opportunities for men in our School of Christ program and women struggling to get off of the street. It is a great place to shop for good quality used items at bargain prices! Our retail store is also a valuable asset to many in our community who cannot afford to shop "new." It's a great way to support Missoula 3:16 because all of the proceeds help fund Mission programs. You can also support us by donating your "gently used" clothing, furniture and other household items.

The other new facet of our ministry is the **"Seeds of Change"** produce stand, located at the School of Christ (10450 Mullan Road), where you can buy delicious garden vegetables that have been raised without chemicals. The garden stand is open Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This social enterprise also provides opportunity for work therapy and increased revenue for the programs.

Missoula 3:16 does not rely on Federal funding, and we are exploring ways for the Mission to become even more self-sustaining in order to meet the tremendous needs in Missoula. For the past ten years, Missoula 3:16 has depended on the donations of our generous donors to keep our doors open to the needy. For 2009, the ministry needs are running far above and beyond the prior years, and **we need an additional \$32,000 if we are to maintain our current level of ministry** to the homeless, the impoverished, and those overcoming various addictions. If the Lord leads you to help us through this tough time, please know that you are providing not only the basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter, but also life changing opportunities.



In our next newsletter we will highlight the past 10 years of ministry.

Thanking God for you,

Pam

For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Deuteronomy 15:11 KJV

URGENT FALL NEEDS

Toothbrushes / toothpaste
Travel size shampoo
Combs
Paper plates
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Styrofoam coffee cups
2 oz portion cups (Costco)
Dish soap
Bleach
Razors
Feminine hygiene products

DAILY FOOD NEEDS

Coffee
Ranch dressing
Sugar
Mayonnaise
Canned chili
Pancake mix
Pancake syrup
Quick-cook oats
Cold cereal
Milk

NEEDS FOR THE THRIFT BOUTIQUE

Dressers
Dining room sets
Desks
Living room furniture
Bookcases

Please call Deb at 728-5538 for delivery or pick-up of furniture.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK—

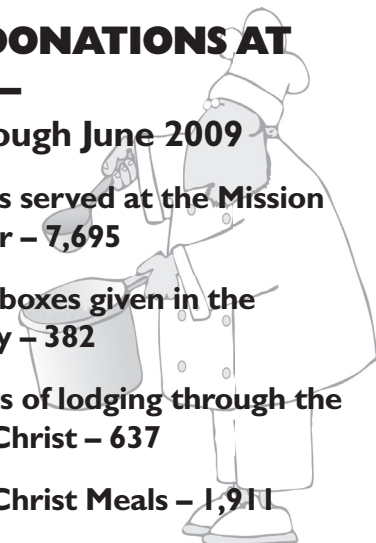
April through June 2009

Total meals served at the Mission Day Center – 7,695

Total food boxes given in the community – 382

Total nights of lodging through the School of Christ – 637

School of Christ Meals – 1,911



Memorials That Live On

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For: Virginia Lucero

Given By: Luther Lucero

For: Brian

Given By: Thomas and Pamela Gorman

For: Elsie Parker

Given By: Walter and Pam Herbst

Given By: Donna Meitner

Given By: Sharen Craig

Given By: Bill and Bernice Cook

Given By: Jerry and Wendy Lambert

For: Gary Noble

Given By: Jim and Virginia Lampkins

Given By: Ronald and Joan Berglund

Given By: Dave and Linda Noble

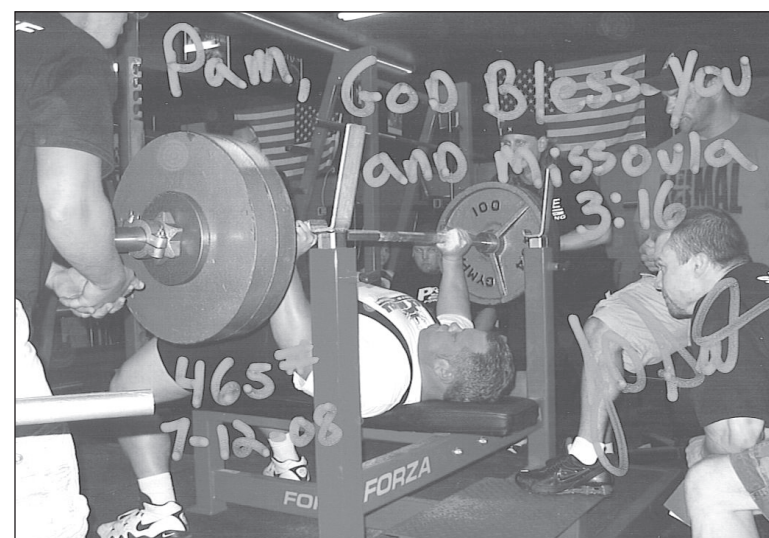
Given By: Jeannette Noble

For: Margie Harbaugh

Given By: Don and Donna Harbaugh

Given By: Larry and Joyce Nelsen

Given By: Walter and Pam Herbst



be selling the T-shirts between services at the Missoula Alliance Church on August 30th and September 6th. You can also buy the T-shirts at the competition.

JD is available for speaking engagements. If you have a youth group or Bible study class that would benefit from JD's message about strength through Christ, give us a call at 542-5240.

BE A FRIEND IN DEED, HELPING THOSE IN NEED



Charitable Foundation

Town Pump offers \$10,000 in matching funds!

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation has again invited Missoula

3:16 to join their matching funds campaign to provide food for Missoula's hungry.

Your donations will be matched up to \$10,000. Thank you, Town Pump!

God's Wisdom for Tough Times

The first thought many Christians have when tough times come is to cut back or stop giving completely. WOW!!! God has a better plan!

Check out Paul's response when he saw the Macedonian generosity that flowed from their extreme poverty. He wrote,

And now brother, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of their most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in RICH GENEROSITY. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability (2 Corinthians 8:1-3).

The Holy Spirit is going to lead the Church to give in ways that are impossible to human nature. Author/speaker Shawn Bolz says, "God wants you to give according to the desire of Jesus' heart. This heart attitude describes a people who give beyond their ability."

(Thoughts from a Missoula 3:16 Board member)

LIFTING THE WEIGHT OF HUNGER

JD Scott is the national weight lifting champion on the bench press. He will be competing in Missoula on September 12th at the Grant Creek Inn from 11:00 to 2:00. The "Lifting the Weight of Hunger" event is geared to raise awareness and funds for Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission ministries. JD would love for people to show up at the competition to support the event.

Another way to support the effort is to buy a "Team 3:16" T-shirt for a minimum donation of \$20.00. JD will

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Missoula 3:16 is currently seeking ladies who believe in the mandate of the Church to care for the homeless and needy. The purpose of an auxiliary is to unite God's people for the good of the city. As a member of the Women's Auxiliary, you will be liaisons to your home church in the greater Missoula Valley as you come alongside the mission in fun and meaningful ways. We will meet every quarter for updates, fellowship and fun!

If you are interested and want to learn where you would fit into this relevant ministry in Missoula, please call Deb at 829-9070 or 728-5538.

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission's monthly volunteer orientation meetings will be held on the following Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

- September 12
- October 10
- November 14

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.

WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

Do you have a heart for the homeless and needy?

Do you have a few hours available?

Have you considered serving the Lord through volunteering?

Do you like to shop?

The Missoula 3:16 Thrift Boutique offers a great opportunity to serve the Lord by helping the homeless and needy.

We desperately need ladies to help a few hours a week / month.

The boutique is a fun way to bless others!

Please call Deb at 728-5538.



All proceeds from the store will support the ministries of Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission.

Store Hours—10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday

400 W. Front Street,
Missoula, MT 59802

Phone: 406-728-5538

FALL INTO SAVINGS SALE

Good thru October 31, 2009
Spend \$15.00 & receive \$5.00 off
Present this coupon to the cashier
Missoula 3:16 Thrift Boutique

At the corner of Front and Orange

ALREADY BACK TO SCHOOL SALE – 20% OFF

Good thru October 31, 2009
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WHY A THRIFT STORE?

TO BE GOOD STEWARDS

Many items are graciously given to Missoula 3:16 each year – now we have an outlet for these gifts.

TO TRAIN

Our vision for the boutique is to help change the lives of homeless women. The store will be a large piece of the women's ministry as it develops.

TO MINISTER

We will be able to continue our support to the homeless and needy with clothing and household items on a much larger scale.

TO BECOME MORE SELF SUFFICIENT

Our goal is to utilize social enterprise opportunities in order to be a more self-sustaining ministry.

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