



A Message from Jim Kizer

As we begin our 51st year of caring for people who are hungry, homeless and in need, I want to thank you for being a “door opener.”

For many of the men, women and children who come to Great Falls Rescue Mission, life has been so hard for so long that it’s often difficult for them to believe that there is another way to live, “a door to a better life.”

You are the person who helps open that door!

It may start with a simple meal or a night of safe shelter. A chapel message. Or a conversation with a staff member.

Tomorrow, new faces will come through our doors. They will be hungry, homeless and lost.

Please continue to feed them, give them a warm place to sleep and begin the work that returns them to their homes, their families and their communities. Use the enclosed gift slip to make your gift or give online at **GreatFallsRescueMission.org**.

Your support is a great blessing that is never taken for granted.

“A Beacon of Hope
Since 1963”

Jim Kizer
Executive Director

Homeless no longer!

From the time Daniel was a child, he struggled with authority, a battle that created chaos in his life. **“I’d been homeless off and on since I was 17, living in different Missions, different places,”** he says. “Before I was 21, I had 40 jobs under my belt. Not one of them lasted more than three months...partially because of my own authority issues.”

Daniel came to Great Falls Rescue Mission for shelter while he looked for work, with no intention of joining the Mission’s Christian Discipleship Program (CDP). “I had been in different programs in different Missions and because I didn’t put anything into them, I didn’t get anything out of them,” he says. “Not to mention, I was not a Christian. I did not profess and I did not live a Christian lifestyle.”

However, while staying at the Mission, Daniel recognized that his way of life wasn’t working. He accepted Christ as his Savior, and joined the Mission’s program – decisions that have changed his life. “I’ve done a lot with my authority issues since I’ve been here,” he says. **“I’ve gained new insight into where I’m going and what I plan to do and where the Lord wants me to go.”**



Daniel graduated from CDP and is saving money to attend school to become a heating, venting and air conditioning technician. Meanwhile, he works at the Mission’s front desk and has joined the Leadership Training Program (LTP).

“My growth has been more forthcoming since I joined the LTP,” he says. “When I joined, my desire was to be someone that other people could look up to. I make mistakes, fall down occasionally, but my goal remains the same. And with the Lord, I will be able to affect other people in a good way.”

Thank you for your support in 2013!

These are truly wonderful reminders of all the great work you've made possible here at Great Falls Rescue Mission during the past year. If you volunteer, you may find yourself in one of these pictures! Dedicated groups and individuals, churches, schools, companies and families donated more than 1,000 volunteers gave their time to make life better for homeless men, women and children.

Emergency Food & Shelter

Almost 33,172 nights of safe shelter were provided for men, women and children who might otherwise be sleeping in cars or on the streets.

93,055 nutritious meals were served to hungry neighbors.

Women & Families Shelter

9,761 homeless women and 9,617 children were given the physical, emotional and spiritual support they needed to begin living healthy, self-sufficient lives.

15 women graduated from our Humbled Hearts, a Christ-centered long-term recovery program, equipped with the confidence and the tools for long-term success and independence.

Shelter for Men

18,818 homeless men received shelter, meals and medical care, and attended chapel services and classes.

Christian Discipleship Program

165 men graduated from our year-long rehabilitation program ready start new lives, reunite with their families and return to being productive, contributing citizens.

Chapel

22,371 attended Chapel, Bible studies and elective classes for men and women in shelters and long-term programs were led by dozens of local churches and staff who shared God's love, healing and hope. 288 people dedicated their lives to Christ.



Full to overflowing. The need for shelter and care for women with children and families is increasing far beyond the Mission's ability to provide services. Our administration offices were moved down the street in order to provide space for 30 more women and children at our Women & Families Shelter, but some in need still had to be turned away.



A summer of blessings! Our 10th annual summer camp reached out to nearly 100 children and shared the message of Christ's love. Boys and girls received breakfast and lunch, took part in worship, learned about the Bible, played games and enjoyed outings in Great Falls.



Enjoying the great outdoors. A second school bus, donated by Cut Bank Community Church, allowed us to pick up the children each morning from six different locations around Great Falls. The camp finished off with a week at Camp Utmost near Missoula. The campers enjoyed swimming and playing on the waterslide as well as learning archery and puppetry.



Happier Holidays! Thanksgiving Day, the Mission opened its doors to the community by serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. More than 550 people enjoyed two separate Thanksgiving Dinners and 120 food boxes were distributed to families and individuals in need.



Family Christmas Parties. Mission guests enjoyed entertainment, music and delicious meals at two family Christmas parties. A special "Thank You" to Toys for Tots and City Chevrolet for providing gifts for more than 600 children, and to everyone who helped wrap gifts, prepare, serve and distribute food.



Back to School Rally. Despite temperatures hovering near 100, more than 1,350 moms, dads and kids from Pre-K through 12th grade filled the street in front of the Mission for our Annual Back to School Rally. Guests feasted on hot dogs, played games and explored the fire truck brought in by the Great Falls Fire Department.



919 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed. Thanks to all the local churches and businesses who helped collect back to school supplies and the 100+ volunteers, staff members and men and women in our recovery program who made this event a success.



Golfers to the Rescue raises \$24,000. A great day of golf for a great cause – that was July 19 at the Hickory Swing Golf Club when 10 teams took part in the Mission's 11th Annual Golfers to the Rescue fundraiser. Thanks to pledges and sponsorships, more than \$24,000 was raised to care for homeless, hungry men, women and children.

2014 Forecast



The Mission never closes. Ahead of us are 365 more days of providing food and shelter, healing and hope, to homeless, abused, addicted and poor men, women and children.

What the statistics do not count are the tens of thousands of hours of care, counseling and classes that help people get back on their feet. Or the

tremendous amount of compassion and generosity shown by our donors, volunteers and staff – gifts of time, talent and treasure that help achieve such outstanding successes.

Please continue to partner with us to create a better life for people who are hungry, homeless and in need of your help.

You change people's lives and give them hope!

As we marvel at all the good works that have been done in 2013 and look forward to 2014, one thing is crystal clear: **None of this would happen without your support.**

Your generosity provides meals and shelter. Your gifts make it possible for homeless men, women and children to receive the help they so desperately need. Your donations get people off the streets and into programs that will change their lives and give them hope!

Great Falls and North Central Montana have an enormous number of people in need right now. We need your generous support today to feed, clothe and shelter them, heal them physically and show them the love of Christ that will mend their broken hearts and souls.

Please help us start the New Year off strong. Use the coupon below to send your gift today, give safely and securely on our website at **GreatFallsRescueMission.org** or call **(406) 761-2653 or (877) 205-5303.**

Thank you in advance for your compassion and love!

