



Desert Sunrise

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." Matthew 4:16

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Introducing Sonia

We would like to introduce you to Sonia. What a blessing she has been to Community Ministries (CM) and to the families in need that we serve. Sonia knows first hand about the needs of many of our families, but she now has the fullness and richness of so much more by giving and serving others.

Many of our families arrive with the expectation to receive help for their pressing physical needs; food, clothing, furniture, appliances, etc, all for free, of course. But by the time they leave the property, they leave with spiritual food as well as the plan of salvation. For some, it's receiving a Bible, or simply asking for prayer and joining our prayer team in the prayer room.

Sonia is a wonderful example of the transforming power of God here at CM. She is a single mom of 2 children; Jordan who is age 9 and loves sports, and Kenneth who is age 7 and loves to play musical instruments. Additionally, Sonia is the primary caregiver for her elderly father who has multiple health problems.

Back in October 2009, Sonia came to CM to receive some of the above basic items to help her get by, but she was blessed even more when she found medical equipment that would be a great help to her father. God knew what her father needed, and only God could touch a donor to drop it off at the Mission. As she continued to come weekly to the

Mission Farmers' Market she was amazed at how God would talk to her through the preaching, so she decided to make a decision that would forever impact her life. Faithfully Sonia attended every Mission Market day - not to get food, but to listen to the Word of God!

God was working on Sonia and healing and loving her as He does for each of us. She soon began to feel led to join a church, so she came to our office and asked for advice on finding a good church home for her family. We were able to connect her with one of our Volunteer Pastors, Pastor Joaquin Torres, and Sonia is now an active member of the Principe de Paz (Prince of Peace) Church and is currently enrolled in the new Believers Discipleship Program. Both of her children, as well as her father attend the Sunday service.

Sonia kept coming to our Mission Market and one day when we were exceptionally busy, she asked if she could help us. To offer some perspective, last month CM served over 900+ families with articles of clothing, household items and furniture, giving out 650 food boxes and



praying with 80 people; so you can see why Sonia asked if we needed help. **She now comes weekly and has become an official GRM Volunteer, serving as a Client Care Assistant.** She has the honor of telling others of what wonderful things Jesus has done for her here at Gospel Rescue Mission/Community Ministries. Her favorite thing when dealing with our families is offering the opportunity to receive prayer and then to hear back that their prayers were answered. She enjoys the camaraderie and fellowship here and we sure enjoy having her here with us. †

From My Heart to Yours... Thank You!

I sincerely want to thank all of our Mission supporters. *I am truly grateful for all of the prayers, volunteer time, resources, and donations that thousands of people give to God's ministry here at the Mission... month in and month out.* I also thank and praise God that it is He who touches hearts of people to become involved.

Our prayer volunteers faithfully pray for the clients, donors, volunteers, staff, and ministry. Hundreds of people volunteer every month to conduct chapel services, mentor clients, teach classes, sort clothing, cook meals, watch and teach the children, pray, maintain the properties, process clients, and work on the new women's center. There are dozens of churches and businesses that also assist the Mission. We are indeed blessed to have such dedicated co-laborers.

Thousands of people contribute financially during the year and many are monthly supporters. Needless to say, without the financial support, it would be impossible to provide all of the services and programs we do to meet the needs of the homeless and working poor.

God is very faithful in sending us just what we need at the right time and helping us stretch out every dollar. Our 2009-10 audit revealed that 85.5% of our budget goes to direct service to clients and not to overhead administration or fundraising, which is very good. Government

programs shoot for direct service at 60% or better, community supported programs aim for 70%, and we are consistently above 80%. Praise God.

As a reminder for you, there is a tax benefit to supporting this ministry as well. If you itemize your Arizona Income Taxes there is a dollar for dollar tax credit (not deduction, but credit) up to \$400 for married filing joint and \$200 for all others. The credit is called the **Assistance to the Working Poor Tax Credit**. Check with your tax accountant for more information or go to www.azdor.gov and on the left side list of options, click on "tax credits" then on the next screen click on the *publication 710 working poor credit*. You might as well take advantage of this wonderful benefit that the state offers to tax payers who donate to Gospel Rescue Mission and other similar organizations.

Please be praying for the finances for the new Women and Children's Center. There is still a financial need and we are trusting God to stir the hearts of those He wants to give to this tremendous project to help the women and children. Please see the article in the middle section.

Again, thank you all for your tremendous support in so many meaningful ways. Go to our web site grmtucson.com and click on our You Tube link and then view our 2010 Update video. You can see all that YOU and others did this past year to help those in need...amazing things. **You are blessing those in need. God bless you.** †



Roy E. Tullgren III
Executive Director – Pastor



Give to a homeless Mom and her child or give to the government... It's your choice.

The state of Arizona has made available to you an opportunity to give to approved non-profit organizations, like Gospel Rescue Mission, that provide assistance to the working poor. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

You can make a contribution to Gospel Rescue Mission and may get a dollar for dollar credit back on your Arizona income tax (up to \$400 for married filing joint and \$200 for all other tax payers).

That's right, you can make a contribution to Gospel Rescue Mission that may save you dollar for dollar in Arizona income tax.

But the best blessing is the help you will provide to the homeless and working poor through your gift to Gospel Rescue Mission.

Before contributing, please check with your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

Gospel Rescue Mission, where homelessness ends...and lives are restored.

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How You Can Serve at the Mission

There are so many ways you can serve here at Gospel Rescue Mission. In truth there is no traditional way anymore, as so many of us work different times during the day and night, have families, belong to groups, are retired or transitional – like many of our winter visitors.

Here are some folks who have helped us here at the Mission with different projects and events:

- TEP – September 11th they joined up with United Days of Caring and helped at the New Woman’s Center.
- The Sowers – a group of retired folks traveling in their mobile homes “setting up shop” at the New Center to help get it ready for occupancy.
- Boy’s Scout Troop #299 building the garden at the Transitional house for our ladies while earning service badges in the process.
- 2010 Hope Fest, where we had dozens of individuals and groups helping wrap the 5,000 hot dogs and to serve the hungry in attendance..
- Volunteers from Chapel in the Hills Church have been sorting and preparing donations for families since 2005.
- This years Holiday Street Banquets will be November 24th and December 23rd. Please call us if you are interested in serving.

With the Holidays approaching, there are so many ways you and your groups, families, friends and churches can partner with us to make this year so special for those most in need. Please give us a call at the Mission so we can share with you our many volunteer opportunities – 740-1501. †



King David Made A Planned Gift

God would not allow King David to build his Temple, but told him that his son Solomon would build it after David’s death. (1 Chronicles 22 & 28)

In anticipation of this great construction project, David set aside immense quantities of gold, silver, bronze and precious stones. David then bequested these assets to his son Solomon for the temple building.

When King David made his Planned Gift and dedicated assets for building the Temple, he prayed and told God that all things come from God and all things belong to God. (1 Chronicles 29: 14 & 16)

This prayer of David sets the chief biblical principle for all philanthropy and giving: All we have belongs to God and comes from Him. The Bible also has over 500 teachings about caring for the poor and needy and our stewardship responsibilities for doing so.

Have you considered leaving a planned gift like David did? God would be honored.

I would like more information about creative strategies for leaving a planned gift.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best time to call for an appointment: _____

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The *Miracles* on the Mile just keep coming...

As we look back at the last three years of working toward the completion of the dream of a new women and children's facility that is capable of serving all the women and their children who come to us for help, we have been amazed again and again by the generosity of all the people that have given of their time and money to help fulfill this dream



Final Electrical hook up in progress.



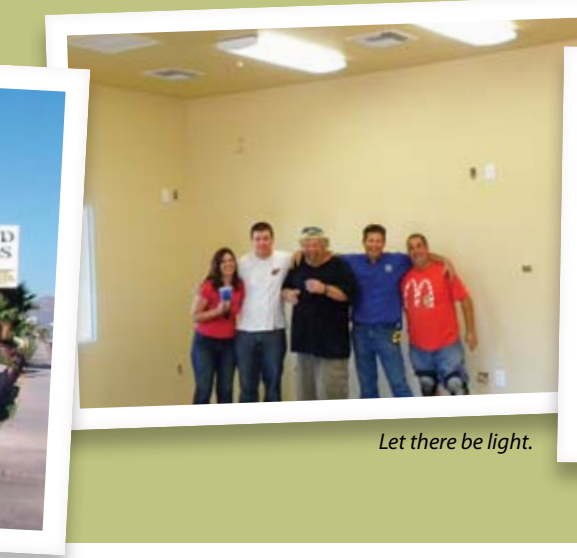
The new Chapel starts to take shape.

There have been hundreds of volunteers that have given well over 25,000 hours of time to keep the dream moving forward. There is no way that we could list all of the people God has called to help us... we would forget so many... but God won't forget one!

We have seen miracle after miracle happen as God has moved His people to come forward to help complete His Project.

Here are just a few of those Miracles...

- When we needed to raise 1 million dollars in eight weeks for a matching grant, God provided donors like you and in seven weeks you gave 1.1 million.
- When we found out that we really needed to pull new electrical including a new transformer, God provided Bill Richardson, a retired master electrician that saved GRM thousands of Dollars.
- When we needed help raising money and recruiting volunteer labor to remodel 38 rooms for our future guests, God provided 27 church groups, civic groups, businesses, Boy Scouts, and individuals to adopt all 38 rooms.
- When we needed help moving all of the furniture out of the motel rooms God provided over 90 volunteers from *Tucson Electric Company*.
- When we needed to take out the existing pool and pool house to make room for our new multi-purpose building, God provided volunteers from *Tucson Electric Power* and *Tucson Tractor* to do the job... saving GRM thousands of dollars.
- When we needed a professional painter for our new multi-purpose building, God provided Will Vandam a professional painter, as a volunteer to do all the work.
- When we needed to dig trenches to replace worn-out water pipes, God provided the *University of Arizona Swim Team* to hand dig the trenches.
- When we needed to build and install custom made cabinets for the room kitchenettes, God sent a custom cabinet maker who donated all of the materials and he hand crafted each of the cabinets.
- When we were one week away from stopping building projects due to the lack of funds, God provided donors who gave over \$230,000 that week to keep the construction going.



Let there be light.



Volunteers/SOWERS refurbishing old doors.



Guest rooms are starting to come together...Room 21 is finished.

These are just a few of the “Miracles on the Mile” that I have witnessed ...it has been an amazing journey so far and I can’t wait to see who God is going to touch to volunteer their labor and to donate additional finances in the upcoming months...to complete the project.

Our desire is to have the buildings completed and be ready to start welcoming guests into the new facility at the first of next year. It’s not too late for YOU to volunteer or to donate to help the dream become reality, so that we can move in at the first of the year. We are on the final lap. To finish this total 4.2 million dollar project, we need approximately \$395,000 to complete the multi-purpose building project and another \$800,000.00 to pay the bank and be debt free for the entire project.

Many people around town are finding it totally amazing that in an economy like ours that God could bring in all of the finances and resources, but He has! And He will finish the work...to His glory and praise. What a testimony of God’s faithfulness and abundant provisions. Our God is a God of Miracles and He is still in charge of His ministry at Gospel Rescue Mission and He chooses to use you and me to be His tools to complete His promise in **Psalm 72:12-14**:

- ¹² He will rescue the poor when they cry to him; he will help the oppressed, who have no one to defend them.
- ¹³ He feels pity for the weak and the needy, and he will rescue them.
- ¹⁴ He will redeem them from oppression and violence, for their lives are precious to him.

So for now...I am just going to wait to witness the next “Miracle of the Mile”.

God Bless You,
D. Scott Munro –Pastor
Director of Development
and Expansion



Volunteers lay electrical lines at New Women & Children's Center.



Future basketball and play court.



Looking good after a fresh paint job.

Gospel Rescue Mission *Furniture Drive*

The remodeling of the rooms at our new Women and Children's Center is almost complete and it's time to start looking at getting the furniture for our future guests.

We have 38 total rooms and they all will need furniture... some more than others because of room capacity.

Please pray about buying a room of furniture for the future homeless women and children who be occupying these rooms... either individually or maybe through your church, civic groups, business or with your friends and relatives.

If you can't buy a room maybe you could by an item or two. Please just pray and see if the Lord leads you to give in this way.

The total cost of furnishing each room is listed on the right, listed below are the individual item costs. †



Room Furnishing Costs

Room	Furniture	Beds	Still Due
1	Medical room	-	-
2	Clothing Room	-	-
3	Volunteer room	-	-
4	\$1,269.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
5	\$1,359.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
6	\$0.00	\$0.00	Finished
7	\$1,359.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
8	\$1,205.00	\$500.00	\$2,205.00
9	\$0.00	\$0.00	Finished
10	\$1,269.00	\$500.00	\$2,269.00
11	\$1,359.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
12	\$1,205.00	\$500.00	\$2,205.00
14	\$1,269.00	\$500.00	\$2,269.00
15	\$0.00	\$0.00	Finished
16	\$1,280.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,280.00
17	\$1,479.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
18	\$2,288.00	\$0.00	\$2,288.00
19	\$2,288.00	\$0.00	\$2,288.00
20	\$1,499.00	\$500.00	\$1,999.00
21	\$0.00	\$0.00	Finished
22	Library	-	-
23	\$1,359.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,359.00
24	Career Development Center	-	-
25	\$0.00	\$0.00	Finished
26	\$1,749.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,749.00
27	\$1,634.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,634.00
28	\$1,749.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,749.00
29	\$1,634.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
30	\$1,749.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,749.00
31	\$0.00	\$0.00	Finished
32	\$1,269.00	\$500.00	\$2,269.00
33	\$0.00	\$0.00	Finished
34	\$1,269.00	\$500.00	\$1,769.00
35	\$1,359.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,359.00
36	\$1,749.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,749.00
37	\$1085.00	\$0.00	\$1085.00
38	Work Out Room	-	-
39	\$1,359.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,274.00



Individual Item Costs

Loveseat	\$275
Sofa	\$315
Dining Table with four chairs	\$195
Round table with four chairs	\$319
5 Drawer Dresser	\$185
Floor lamp	\$80
Desk and four chairs	\$230
Table lamp	\$40
Night stand	\$95
Coffee table	\$115
Stackable bunk bed with mattresses	\$500

Please go to the Gospel Rescue Mission web site (www.grmtucson.com) to purchase.

Many Hands Make Light Work

Once again it was **Tucson Electric Power** to the rescue at the annual *United Way Days of Caring*. It was just a year ago that over 80 TEP Volunteers first showed up at the Wayward Winds Lodge to remove all of the furniture from 38 rooms, so we could start the process of remodeling each room. On September 11 of this year, they all came back to move the furniture back in.

Although our partnership with TEP started with them volunteering through *United Way Days of Caring*, since last year it has grown to something much more.

TEP Company and the employees also donated \$10,000.00 to adopt two rooms at the new women's facility that will be used for long and short-term lounges for our future women and children. Along with all of that, several TEP employees partnered with Tucson Tractor Company to donate equipment and volunteer labor towards the removal of the old pool house and pool, so we could build



the new multi-purpose (kitchen/chapel/office/childcare) building.

TEP has saved Gospel Rescue Mission thousands of dollars through their efforts and that is money that we in turn will be able to utilize to serve the women and children God brings to the new center. In addition, TEP has donated a van and maintenance truck to the Mission that is used everyday. †

Catalina Foothills Church and the Gospel Rescue Mission Celebrate Partnership

Some churches truly catch the vision of what Jesus had in mind when He commanded his disciples to, *"Love your neighbor as yourself"*, Matthew 19:19. **Catalina Foothills Church** (CFC) is one such church. For several years, CFC has provided not only abundant financial support for the Mission, but also the church's members have poured their valuable time into many ministries of the Mission.

Although the church has supported the Mission for a number of years, over the past year, CFC "adopted" the Mission as their local missionary outreach program and encouraged members to volunteer and support the Mission ministry.

CFC **Pastor Bruce Lau** proposed that we celebrate our year long partnership by having the church host a dinner, art auction, and a time of praise, while highlighting what was accomplished this last year at the Mission for His Glory. So on September 12th, we did just that and several hundred church members, staff from the Mission, and the Church's college group came and celebrated.

Shortly before, during and after dinner guests were busy placing their silent auction bids on 26 pieces of original art painted by the renowned artist Hans Ressdorf. His artist talent blessed some 15 bidders with scenes of the Southwest – and all the proceeds were donated to the Mission! Thank You Mr. Ressdorf!

During the course of the evening, various members of the Mission's

staff elaborated on how the Church had specifically assisted in their respective areas of responsibility. Roy Tullgren, GRM Executive Director, briefly discussed the many ways that the Church has partnered with the Mission to impact the homeless and desperately poor for Christ. Scott Munro, GRM Director of Development and Expansion, discussed how the Church had blessed the Mission not only financially, but also by "adopting" a room for remodeling, as well as providing over 2,000 volunteer hours over the last year!

After the staff made their remarks and expressed their gratitude, a member of CFC, **Vaughn Huff**, provided a summary of the Mentoring program which he developed. **Bob Capen**, one of the mentors from the Church described how his relationship with his mentee had profoundly impacted him and how grateful he was for the mentoring program.

Perhaps the climax of the evening was hearing the testimonies of two graduates of the GRM Life Restoration Program. There was hardly a dry eye in the audience after **Wes** and **Zena** shared where they came from...homelessness, drugs, and despair...to where they are today...employed and attending Pima College...through God's Grace.

After singing couple of songs, **Pastor Mark Roessler** closed the celebration in prayer. †



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Statewide Award for Overcoming Homelessness goes to GRM's Wes Shepherd

GRM program graduate and current employee **Wes Shepherd** was awarded the *Overcoming Homelessness Award* presented by the **Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness**. Wes was selected over nominations from throughout Arizona. Wes is the second Overcoming Homelessness award winner from our Mission within the past 4 years. He was presented the award at the ACEH annual conference on October 19th. To read about Wes and his accomplishments go to our blog at www.gospelrescuer.com.

The Spirit of Christmas

The **Tucson Dance Academy** is once again putting on "The Spirit of Christmas" a wonderful dance performance here in Tucson and a portion of the proceeds will go to Gospel Rescue Mission to serve the homeless. This year's performance will be at the U of A Centennial Hall on Sunday December 5th at 4:00pm.

If this year's performance is anything like last years you will not want to miss it... IT WAS AMAZING!

Go to www.TucsonDanceAcademy.com for more information.



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