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NEWSLETTER

Third Quarter 2014

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him, and to preach the Gospel every day at Mission of Hope. We are blessed to see God's life changing power. In this quarter's newsletter we celebrate:

The Gospel's Transforming Power: Almost two years ago, Casey Garner was roaming the streets of Cedar Rapids, lost for most of his adult life to a satanic cult, drugs and alcohol abuse. Then one day, while wandering down the street, homeless and lost in his addictions and trials, he looked up and saw a sign: "Mission of Hope Shelter House." The next day, he would receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The last two years have seen Casey transformed from a child of darkness to a minister of Light. During days, you will often find him sharing the gospel at Mission of Hope. By night, Casey manages the Mission of Hope shelter. We thank the Lord daily for bringing Casey to our ministry team.



Casey Garner
Shelter Manager

	<i>Through August 31</i>		% Increase
	2014	2013	
Mission			
Total Lunches	24,823	15,726	57.8%
Food Pantry (# served)	15,769	13,000	21.3%
Clothes Closet (# served)	1,490	396	276.3%
Shelter House			
Occupancy	125%	85%	47.0%



The Lord's Continuing Provision: Mission of Hope was blessed this summer by dozens of churches and hundreds of individuals who contributed to the daily meal, clothes closet, and food pantry programs. The *Yes We Can Food Drive* held another event in September collecting over 3,000 cans of food to restock the food pantry. When calls for help went out through local media, pantry shelves filled quickly to meet the growing need.



A New Ministry Home: By the grace and provision of God, Mission of Hope completed the acquisition of a new ministry location only three blocks from the existing First Avenue operation. The new location offers over three times the space for daily meals, food pantry, and clothes closet programs. Significant classroom space will now be available to expand bible studies and discipleship ministries.



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED: Mission of Hope exists due to the ongoing support of God's faithful children who offer funding, food, clothing, and personal service. The ministry remains 100% privately funded. Monthly financial needs total \$22,000.

Donations can be made online or mailed to Mission of Hope, P.O. Box 1101, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52406.

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory"

Matthew 25:31

Martin Dwyer
Executive Director

