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NEWSLETTER

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We praise the Lord for His love, and the love He calls us to live out day by day. In this newsletter, we celebrate salvation, service, and shelter. We also offer an inside look at ministry stewardship.

Salvation. At Mission of Hope we are blessed to connect at critical points in the lives of others, and to participate along the way in the many faces of God’s saving grace. When Jen came by the Mission of Hope in 2014, she was in a state of homelessness and despair. She was comforted and counseled. In a short time, her life was back on track. Over one year later, Jen is an overcomer, and often volunteers at Mission of Hope so that she can give back that which she once received. We praise God for Jen’s recovery and celebrate the wonderful new life in her baby Mya day by day.



Jen and Mya

Service. As part of God’s transforming love, we continue to offer expanding services related to food, clothing, and shelter. The noon meal program, clothes closet, and food pantry all continue to be offered six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Going into the winter months, we expect to give away thousands of coats, and warm clothing donations are very welcome. Canned goods, especially canned meat and hearty soups, are in high demand.



Holy Redeemer Cana Meal

Church partners also participated in their own unique programs in our neighborhood. Holy Redeemer’s *Cana Meal* offered a full-service meal to over one hundred guests, including entertainment and complimentary photo booth. Great fun was also provided at *Beautiful Day* hosted by St. Mark’s Lutheran, including a picnic for over three hundred, a bounce house, an obstacle course, a velcro wall, and an army of volunteers to complete projects around the mission. In all, special events took place almost weekly and are far too many to list here.



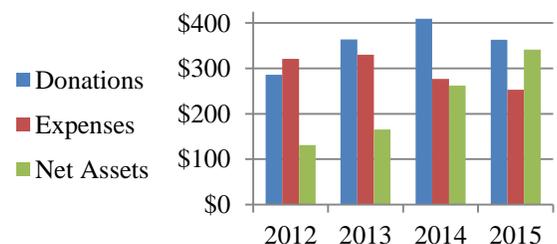
St. Mark’s Lutheran Beautiful Day



Shelter. So far in 2015, the Mission of Hope men’s shelter has provided temporary refuge for just over 200 homeless men. We continue to press capacity levels up to and beyond 100% going into the cold winter months. During October, Mission of Hope was able to purchase a new property for women’s shelter, and we are working diligently to open this property for business before January. Please join us in praising the Lord and praying for the completion of this important project.

Stewardship. During the fourth quarter of 2013, the Mission of Hope board resolved to reduce operating expenses in effort to expand services and facilities. Since that time, the Lord has provided for the purchase of a new mission and shelter building. Assets for ongoing services have more than doubled since 2013.

We Need Your Help: The ministry remains 100% privately funded. Monthly budgeted expenses will be increasing with the new shelter space. Donate online or mail to Mission of Hope, P.O. Box 1101, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52406.



Note: Chart in thousands of dollars, with 2015 full year estimate based on flow of funds through November.

“And the king will answer them, ‘I tell you the truth, just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.’”

Matthew 25:40

Martin Dwyer
Executive Director

