



August

He raises  
the poor out  
of the dust,  
and lifts the  
needy out of  
the ash  
heap, That  
He may seat  
him with  
princes-  
With the  
princes of  
His people.

Psalm  
113:7,8

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Deuteronomy 10:18

“He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.”

July

Meals: 2296  
Overnights: 857

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

When I walked into work I was greeted by the sight of two men praying in the lobby. One was an older resident staff member who is in the Mission’s discipleship program. The other was a very young man who was struggling to find his way in this world. Both were praying out loud, heads bowed. Earnest in their desire to enter into our Lords presence and speak of their need.

I use the word amazing a lot when talking about the Mission. I use it because I mean it. It is amazing to walk into work and the first thing I am greeted with in the lobby are two men praying. This is not just a homeless shelter but a place that more resembles a church that people live in. A church where all who are lost, broken or simply just need God to rescue them find that rescue. All who need rescued find it at the Mission.

It is also amazing to have a place where a widow, who has never had a drug or alcohol problem can live in the same place with a young adult who is struggling with drug or alcohol addiction. More than just cohabitating, more than just breaking bread together but have true fellowship in their shared desire to serve Jesus Christ.

Heather has a gentle and quiet way about her that could almost be mistaken for her being timid. That is until you have a real conversation with her. Then you will find yourself talking to a woman who is not shy but lives by a great faith in Jesus Christ.

Heather has never had a problem with drugs or alcohol. She has known Jesus since she was a little girl going to church with her grandparents. She married the love of her life right out of high school and they were married for over thirty years until his passing three years ago when he lost his battle to leukemia. She has struggled to find stable housing the last couple of years and God brought her to the Mission when she no longer felt safe at the last place she lived at.

Heather says she still struggles with the absence of her husband and finds it strange navigating life without her life partner but at the Mission she did find a home that feels safe. So she has agreed to take on the blessing of serving our Lord here at the Mission.



## Desperate For

Food; Jelly

Shredded Cheese

Ranch Dressing

Sm. Bags of Chips

Other Items; Deodorant

*Thank You!*

### Praise Report!

There can be no greater blessing than getting to see the life transformative power of accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Jason did just that during chapel here at the Mission while Joe Walker was bringing the message. He had first met Joe when he was in jail and Joe was there sharing the gospel. Jason says having that previous relationship helped him trust that Joe was there only for his good.

After being around abusive people, all his life Jason still marvels at the way fellow believers love him and only want the best for him without any hidden agendas. Like so many, Jason had a traumatic childhood and he started using

substances at eleven years old. He did have a stint of long-term sobriety but admits the missing piece was Jesus Christ and so it didn't stick.

Jason has sixty days of continuous sobriety now and he is all in for Jesus. That transformation our Lord is doing in his life is a blessing to see. Not only is God changing Jason from the inside but He has also given him a very nice full-time job that Jason enjoys and is grateful for. Lets keep Jason in our prayers as he navigates for the first time this Christian walk.



Cooking for fifty plus people every night here at the Mission takes a special skill set. A skill set Claude has been using faithfully for almost fifteen years. Week in and week out without a vacation. It truly is a testament to a heart of service. This year Claude will get some help in the kitchen. I am super excited that Ian has decided to dedicate his life to service by way of the kitchen here at the Mission and has begun training with Claude. He does not have previous kitchen experience but what Ian does have is a heart for Jesus Christ and the Mission and I am super excited to see what God is going to do through him.

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