

Turning Faith into Action


Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

Many people interpret this to mean that God will never give us more than we can handle. But I've got to tell you, so far 2014 has been a mighty challenge!

Just four months ago, we were struggling through some of the worst winter weather we've ever experienced. The strain on our resources was nearly overwhelming as we tried to make sure that as many people as possible were fed, sheltered, clothed and kept out of the bitter cold.

Now, we're facing summer – when donations almost always drop way down, but when just as many people really need help and support.

I believe God and His grace will see us through. But I also need you to be one of our partners who steps up and helps us turn faith into action!


Dennis H. Bender, APR
Executive Director

"I don't feel like a failure anymore..."

Greg struggled for years with his addiction to alcohol and drugs. It also left him with a sense of hopelessness that he could ever change. When he lost his job of eight years as a CNA (Certified Nurse's Assistant) due to drinking, **"I felt discouraged and very hopeless, and I drank even more."**

Greg had been through several different detox programs; the programs helped get the drugs out of his system, but they never touched his heart. "Each time, I would go back out and drink again."

Finally, an overdose landed him in the hospital – and really opened his eyes. "When I realized just how bad I had gotten...I thought, 'Man, how did it come to this?'"

This was the reason he turned to the Mission for help.

Greg was grateful for the food and clothing he got here, but even more, was amazed to feel hope that he really could change his life. **"It was during the chapel services that I started feeling the Spirit of God...and I started listening."**

Listening to the Spirit led to Greg



joining our New Beginnings life-change program, a year-long program focused on rebuilding men's lives from the inside out.

"I learned to let Jesus Christ work through me," he says. "I was always trying to do everything on my own, and I felt like a big failure. I don't feel like I'm a failure anymore...I can do things with God's help – and there are also good Christian people around who help me on my way."

When Greg graduated, he took a job in our food pantry here at the Mission. He's also doing well, living in his own apartment and working on finding full-time nursing work.

"The Mission saved my life, and Christ saved my soul," Greg says. "The Mission provides for your physical needs first, but they also provide the spiritual possibility that if a person just believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that they can grow and be truly happy. I'm very grateful to this place."

The closet is bare!

The large number of people coming to the Mission this winter and spring has meant that our closet is getting pretty bare.

You can help restock it by donating some of these most-needed items:

NEW Men's undershirts
(XL & up)
NEW Men's boxers
NEW Men's dress socks



Gently Used Clothing for Men (all sizes)

Jeans
Casual pants (all types)
Men's belts
Shoes - good tennis shoes & work shoes
Heavy duty boots (10,11,12)
Garden gloves

Hygiene Items

Toilet paper
Anti-fungal spray
Spray deodorant
Black hair care products
Kleenex
Shampoo
Chapstick
Fingernail and toenail clippers

Donated items may be dropped off Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the URM Shelter, 2800 North Hillside, in Wichita.

For more information, contact Julie at (316) 687-4673, or e-mail julie@urmwichita.org.
THANK YOU!

This month, your gift will help provide:

9,195 meals
4,842 nights of shelter

Our guests may not know you, but your presence is felt each and every day!

Share God's Love

Is your family, church group or workplace looking for a way to make a difference this summer?

The Mission is looking for all kinds of volunteers to share God's love with people in need.

Work in our Clothes Closet. Work in our garden. Serve an evening meal. Help with food boxes. Help with deliveries. There's no experience necessary, and you can really make a difference!

To learn about all the ways you can share God's love with people in need, call Kalynn at (316) 687-4673 or e-mail kalynn@urmwichita.org.



Helping the Community

TOTS & TODDLERS

Two of the most costly items for moms, especially single moms, are diapers and formula. The Mission helps these moms and tiny babies by providing hundreds of free diapers and cans of formula every week. If you know a mother who is struggling, please refer her to the Mission. If you would like to donate these items, please contact Julie at (316) 687-4673.



Leave a lasting legacy

Making a will is an important way to extend your love, care, generosity and gratitude to family, friends and the charitable causes you care about. Yet nearly 70 percent of U.S. adults living in households have not created this enduring legacy!

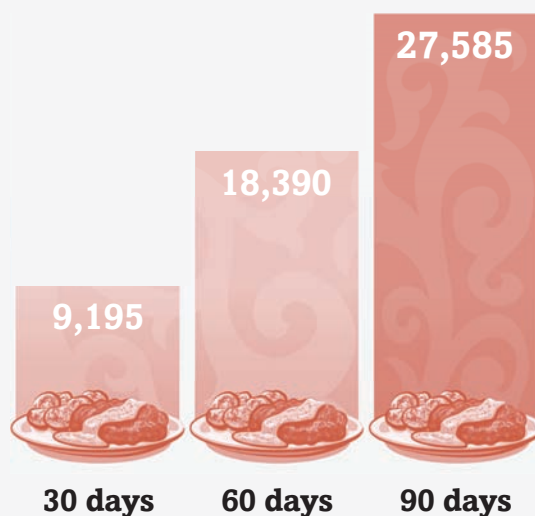


Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the laws in

the state where you live. The result may be very different from what you had wished, especially if your desire was to remember those charities closest to your heart.

If you would like us to know that you have already remembered the Mission in your will, or for more information about helping the Mission meet future needs, please contact our Development Director, Stuart Ferrell, at (316) 687-4673 or e-mail sferrell@urmwichita.org.

Help serve 27,585 meals in 90 days



Hungry, homeless and near-homeless men, women and children need your help and support this summer.

In just 90 days, the Union Rescue Mission will serve more than 27,585 meals, provide food boxes for 480 families, and provide the shelter, care and spiritual healing that will change the lives of those who come to us for help.

Your support is vital if we are to meet this challenge. Please send a gift today in the enclosed envelope. Or provide immediate help by making your gift on our website at www.URMWichita.org.