



Moving Forward

“On January 23, 2001 God placed me in prison and He began to work on me. I was a terror,” declares Michael Brown.

Michael is thankful God got his attention, and in a big way!

Michael understands God removed him from his life on the streets ‘with mercy and grace.’ On June 23, 2003, while still in prison and only 2 years into his 14-30 year sentence, Michael prayed a heartfelt prayer. He prayed for his desire for cigarettes to be removed from him. “Instantly I was healed! That got my attention and I began my walk with the Lord.”

Spending his time in church and Bible studies, he continued to serve out his time in prison. At one point, he began working with his lawyer to fight his case. *With hope, patience, and steadfast prayer* (Romans 12:12), finally, his case was heard back in the courts and he was resentenced to only 14 years. Michael praises God for this answer to prayer and gives Him all the glory!

Once out of prison, Michael reluctantly turned to Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Although he did have a family member who he could have spent

a little time with upon his release, he believes God told him not to go there. Michael was embarrassed to have to ask for help at a homeless shelter.

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“The staff at the Rescue Mission took the time to get to know me. They kept me accountable and centered in Christ. They helped me mentally, spiritually,

emotionally, and physically. God gave me another family. I’m very thankful and not taking life for granted anymore,” says Michael.

Through the new Employment Readiness program at the Mission, Michael has secured full-time employment, with benefits, and has successfully moved into his own apartment. With the help of a generous, anonymous supporter of the Mission, Michael has his own car too! He has visited the Mission a few times since moving out and looks forward to a date soon when he can come back and volunteer in shelter to give back and mentor some of the men there. Michael attends Bay City First Church of the Nazarene and is staying strong in his walk with the Lord. “This is what God has done for me!”

DIRECTOR'S DESK



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Dan Streeter
Rescue Mission Director

How well do you know your Mission?

The first mission established in the United States was the Water Street Mission of New York City, founded by Jerry Mcauley in 1871. It didn't take very long for similar needs to be identified in communities across our country. Drunkenness, poverty, and homelessness were becoming prevalent in urban areas. In 1905 Saginaw was well known for its lumber industry, but it also was known for lascivious living and people in need. So well-known were the problems in Saginaw that a man by the name of Mel Trotter was compelled to come to Saginaw to help start a work of change.

That was the birth of the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw. In 2005, the next step of organizational growth addressed the needs of the region with the opening of Good Samaritan Rescue Mission.

Fast forward 110 years from Mel Trotter. The times have changed, the faces are different, poverty still exists, and bad choices still occur. There are some drastic differences as well: women and children make up nearly 50% of the homeless population, the mentally ill are present in our shelters more than ever before, and the faces of those homeless are much younger than 110 years ago. But one thing remains consistent; we are on the front lines to help the homeless and low income of our region with emergency shelter, programs and services to help restore, and more importantly, to demonstrate the love of God.

This year we celebrate the 110 year anniversary of the foundation of this great ministry and the 10 year anniversary of the establishing of Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. We would like you to start making plans to celebrate with us in a few different ways. First, consider joining us in September for the Annual Anniversary Dinner. Our guest speaker is Dr. Craig Mayes, the Director of the New York Rescue Mission, the same mission that Jerry Mcauley started in 1871 that launched the work of Rescue Missions in our country. Second, join us in a night of anniversary celebration on October 24th as we bring Selah to town for a night of inspiration and commemorate the amazing work that God has accomplished in our legacy of ministry. Pay close attention to the remainder of the newsletter for information on how to attend these special events. Third, brush up on your mission history by reading the book, "Lighting the Way Home." This book was written by local author Gary Warner a few years back when we were recognizing our 100 year anniversary. It is an engaging book that shows the continuity of service and the legacy of care in our community. Call Marlene at 989-893-5973 to receive your complimentary copy today.

We look forward to recognizing the amazing work that has occurred in our region for the last 110 years. I hope you can join us as we celebrate our legacy of care this fall!

Printing Production:





Tuesday, June 16, 2015
3:00 - 8:30pm

• COMMUNITY VILLAGE •
Strawberry Festival

Community Village
3200 Hospital Rd.

2015

Games • Food • Prizes

Live Entertainment

Fresh Strawberries

**Delicious Strawberry
Shortcake ~ \$6.00**

Admission - FREE

For More Information
Call Community Village • 989-792-5442

RECYCLE RECIPE BOOK SALE

In Wenona Park, Bay City

Saturday, August 8, 9am - 4pm

Sunday, August 9, 10am - 4pm

If you have a cupboard overflowing with cookbooks you no longer use, why not donate them to the

RECYCLE RECIPE BOOK SALE.

The sale will be held in conjunction with the **Downtown Re-Event Weekend** and the **Urban Salvage Antique Show** in Wenonah Park.

You can drop off your cookbooks by August 5th at:
Little House, 924 S. Water St., Bay City
WSGW Station, 1795 Tittabawassee Rd., Saginaw
Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, 713 9th St., Bay City

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM
THE RECIPE BOOK
SALE GO TO THE
GOOD SAMARITAN
RESCUE MISSION.**



Pat Lamb

GSRM VOLUNTEER

“And I was a constant example to you in helping the poor; for I remembered the words of the LORD Jesus, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

The Apostle Paul – Acts 20:35 (TLB)

When asked if he would share a few words to help encourage others to consider to volunteer at the Mission, Pat took the time to write out exactly what he wanted to convey. In addition to being a Life Skills instructor, he also volunteers his time in the kitchen. Pat loves volunteering at the Mission and his passion is contagious, helping others around him to smile. In conjunction with our Employment Readiness program, which includes Life Skills classes, there are opportunities to help transfer our guests to classes or work as well as Life Skills instructors.

Since October 1st, over 40 men have been trained and placed in great jobs! It's very exciting to see what God is doing through this program to help our guests who are willing to put the time into bettering their situation. Won't you please prayerfully consider volunteering some time to help someone's dream of working and being independent come true?

Retirement from full-time employment really opened a new chapter in my life. For many years my wife and I supported the mission, but never could find time to become personally involved. With the free time availed in retirement, I felt compelled to approach the mission to explore the possibility of volunteering. So, about three years ago, I had the privilege of meeting Jill Bair, GSRM's volunteer coordinator. She showed me around the mission and set me up working in the kitchen.

In my sixty-three years, I have done various volunteer work, but find working at the mission significantly different. The Bible contains admonitions all through its pages regarding the responsibility of those who have enough, to lend a hand to those who have little. So I find the mission a societal microcosm that flies in the face of self-centeredness with the open-handed and altruistic love of Jesus Christ.

With my "foot in the door," so to speak, I received an offer of another volunteer opportunity; that of "Life Skills Facilitator." Facilitating life skills classes gives me a chance to interact with guests at the mission as they hone skills needed to secure employment and find housing. And I share with them how Jesus changed my life for the better and how He can change theirs, too!

I would say to a person who enjoys their retirement but looks for an avenue of very meaningful service to hurting people; Why not consider volunteering at one of the mission facilities. It's a worthwhile commitment. You will find the staff quite respectful of your schedule and willing to help as you invest a small amount of time, which pays a large dividend in being a "Good Samaritan!"

Pat



Mission Statement:

“Expressing God’s love by reaching out to the hurting and homeless of the Bay area by providing shelter and care, by developing a community of support, and by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.”

Anniversary Celebrations!

10 YEARS

Celebrating
10 Years of
Hope and Care



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

RESCUE MINISTRIES OF MID-MICHIGAN
110TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
• PROVIDING A LEGACY OF CARE FOR 110 YEARS! •

Featuring Guest Speaker

Dr. Craig Mayes

Executive Director, New York City Rescue Mission
Frankenmuth School District 2014 Alumnus of the Year



Tickets are Free but

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

To RSVP Contact Marcia Reeves at 989-752-6051 ext 131
or Marlene Mika 989-893-5973 ext 221

Monday, September 21, 2015

6:00pm - 6:30pm Punchbowl • 6:30 - 9:00 Dinner & Program
Doubletree Hotel, 1 Wenonah Park Pl., Bay City, MI

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

6:00pm - 6:30pm Punchbowl • 6:30 - 9:00 Dinner & Program
Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State St., Saginaw, MI



Join Us October 24, 2015
As We Celebrate 110 Years Of God's Faithfulness!



**110TH
ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

Featuring

**Saturday
October 24,
2015
7:00pm
doors open
at 6:00pm**



• **Tickets Are \$10.00 Each** •

Hopevale Church, 4873 N. Center Rd., Saginaw MI 48603

Tickets available online at:

www.rescuesaginaw.org or by calling Katie at 989-752-6051 ext. 125

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Dave Hoffman,
Todd Amer, Tom
Najawicz, Bill Denno



Robert Owen, Jeff Sams,
Kurt Schwannecke,
Mark Kinzer (missing from photo)

Andy Wiess, Larry Eischer,
Tim O'Connell, Greg Lelo



2015 Rescue Ministries Al Christiansen Golf Challenge was a huge success. The annual Golf Challenge was held May 15 at the beautiful Apple Mountain Golf Club. The Golf Challenge sponsored by InCal Technologies raised over \$70,000 to help provide vital services to the homeless and elderly in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Our top three teams raised \$23,542.

Special thank you to our sponsors.

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Thank You

For Your Partnership In The 2015 Hoops
For The Homeless. Together We Raised
\$9,611, Providing 320 Nights Of Shelter!

We are so grateful and appreciate the students, faculty, parents, and alumni of both All Saints Central and Nouvel Catholic Central High Schools as they once again participated in the Hoops for the Homeless basketball game, raising \$9,611 to help the homeless! Both schools had fun with creative ways of raising money for Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan the month leading up to the game. With the bragging rights for the winner on the line, the event was held April 10th at a neutral location so there was no home court advantage. Delta College Athletics is a proud sponsor for this event each year, donating the use of Pioneer Gym for the game.

Representatives from both schools worked together for months planning their individual fundraisers and the highly interactive activities that make for a high-energy game. "Hoops for the Homeless" is a great event. We may be raising money but the staff of the missions are raising hopes and dreams, and it is certainly a grace to be partnered with them in any way we can," says Maribeth Hopps, Campus Minister and Hoops for the Homeless organizer at Bay City All Saints High School and Middle School. Since 2009, the first year of this annual event, the schools have raised \$63,729.19!

Sponsors included Bellsmith Graphic Design, Buffalo Wild Wings, Catholic Federal Credit Union, Delta College Athletics and Pepsi.



Thank You

For Your Partnership In The 2015 Hockey
For The Homeless. Together We Raised
\$26,836, Providing 895 Nights Of Shelter!

