

May, 2024



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God's Love At Work
April, 2024

Meals Served – 325
Night's Lodged – 112

SERVICES OFFERED
Hot Meals
Bible Studies
Chapel Services
Free Clothing
Laundry Facilities
Hot Showers
Discipleship Program
Night's Lodging

ONGOING NEEDS
Toothbrushes
Spices
Garbage Bags
Sugar
Coffee
Cereal
Milk
Bleach
Laundry Soap

Notes from the desk of Chaplain Rudy

It's spring and gardens are being put in and flowers planted.

We have planted a rose bush and two small trees at the Mission as well.

I am hopeful for the seeds we plant in the hearts of our guests and those we talk with on the street.

I asked myself today "who are these people? The ones wandering the streets. Asking for food at the fast-food drive-throughs and elsewhere?" Then I said out loud... "the poor."

Jesus told us we would always have the poor amongst us. And emphasized the importance of sharing the hope of the Gospel.

Today as so many of the poor are here in the area, we are refocusing on sharing the hope of faith in Jesus Christ.

One of our program graduates is doing outreach to the streets several days a week.

We hope to see fruit as they come to dinner and perhaps shelter with us. You will read of this later in the newsletter.

Pray for the poor that they may prosper in every positive way. I am.

Chaplain Rudy

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Luke 15:1-7

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Our condolences go out to the Collman Family for the passing of our dear friend and supporter, Ronald Collman. May our Lord's comfort and blessings be with you all.

John 14:1-3

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.



God was doing something in my heart and it led me on a trip to the heart of the country. I met other brothers and sisters in Christ. We prayed, shared testimonies and praised the Lord together.

God was knocking down walls. For the first time in my life, I was letting go and letting God. The fear and doubts that had been crippling me were crumbling as I put my faith in God.

God led me back to my hometown where I stayed at the Astoria Rescue Mission for awhile and where I am actively involved in its activities and street ministry. God is still working on me and teaching me to lay all my burdens on Him.

Over 2 years ago I cried out to God in distress, and he spoke to my heart. Salvation in Christ became clear, but the road was bumpy. The only reason I can stand and face each day is because of He gives me the strength to do so. We all come to the Mission for different reasons and different background, but we all are taught and learn that it's all about Jesus. When I go on the street and tell people about the Astoria Rescue Mission and other services in the community, The most important thing is that they know Jesus loves them. My prayer is that this shows in my actions.

Romans 10:15 – “And how shall the preach unless they are sent? As it is written. How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things.” *John Swenson*

Where's Larry?

