

City Gospel Mission, Adult Programs Prayer Letter

April/May 2011

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers on behalf of both the givers and receivers of services at the Mission. How grateful we are that you are willing to continue your partnership with us through the year! May God continue to use CGM to pour out His tender mercies on needy individuals in our city.

*Yours in Christ,
The Staff of City Gospel Mission*

Praises

- Praise God for Haley, Black, Randy, and Matt. They are new volunteers that are dedicating one night a week to build relationships with those we serve.
- Praise God for all of the volunteers and staff that are making Step Forward a success.
- Praise God for supplying all the needs of the *Having the Courage to Change* women.
- Praise God for City Gospel Mission's Step Forward team; over \$62,000 has been raised in the efforts to raise awareness in our city.
- Praise God that family members of many of the recovery program participants are running with them on the Step Forward team.
- Praise God for that the women are experiencing breakthroughs as they are participating in a corporate fast through Christ Emmanuel Church.
- Praise God that three organizations are reviewing Green Recycling Works funding.
- Praise God for Honeymoon Paper Products; the organization donated paint and supplies as well as painters to paint the Mission's stairwells.
- Praise God that our Green Recycling Works program has its first customer signed up.
- Praise God that over 140 people, including over 40 recovery program participants, 27 staff, 26 Whiz Kids and their tutors, and a host of volunteers, are training for the Flying Pig marathon as part of the Step Forward team.

Prayer Requests

April 1 – April 7

- Pray for health and preparation for our Step Forward team.
- Pray for the participants who want to leave the recovery programs due to the warmer weather.
- Pray that more donors and volunteers hear about the Step Forward team and want to get involved.
- Pray for Rhonda's (participant) daughter and granddaughter. Her daughter gave birth prematurely due to an infection in her body; pray for a healthy development of the baby.

April 8 – April 14

- Pray for an upcoming mentor training; several volunteers are preparing to become Mission Mentors.
- Pray for each person in our programs to mature in their walk with God and focus on Him through their struggles with sobriety.
- Pray for unity with the women in recovery and the staff; for the women to see that the staff is not their enemy.
- Pray for protection and blessings for Chris H. and all the other volunteers that are leading the efforts in Step Forward.

April 15 – April 21

- Pray for Shelia (participant); she is struggling with bitterness, rejection, and pride which is holding her back from restoring herself.
- Pray for employment for our Exodus graduates Devin, Mick, and Kurt.
- Pray that the Step Forward team will be able to raise \$75,000 by May 1st.
- Pray for mentors to come alongside the women in recovery to disciple them and help them in their spiritual maturity.

April 22 – April 28

- Pray that the recovery program men and women running in the marathon will exceed all of their goals, finish the race strong, cross the finish line and receive their medals.
- Pray for Wanda (participant) who is battling with food addiction, mood disorders, emotional instability, and physical impairments that are complicated by inactivity that result in obesity and dysfunction.
- Pray for the strength and guidance for our new Exodus members who are taking the necessary steps in sobriety.
- Continue to pray for our Green Recycling Works program. We are in need of funding, 2 trucks, warehouse equipment, and a building.

April 29 – May 5

- Pray for a volunteer, Laura as she begins tutoring a homeless guest who is trying to get his GED.
- Pray that Susan (participant) surrenders to God's will so she can be healed and delivered from her addictions.
- Pray for the shedding of false identities in the women in recovery and further revelation of each person's true identity.
- Pray for the implementation of our new volunteer and poverty trainings.

May 6 – May 12

- Pray for all the volunteers that are dedicating a night a week to build relationships with those that are hurting and homeless.
- Pray for our staff; for God's wisdom, courage, strength, and health.
- Pray for ongoing meetings with one of our partners, OneCity Foundation as we look to improve the programs of those serve.
- Pray for Maria's (participant) abandonment issues that are hindering her from healing and her process in recovering. Pray for an intimate encounter with God that will motivate her to grow in her faith.

May 13 – May 19

- Pray for our current mentors Brian, Joe, Jerry, Pat, Sterling, Brad, Kevin, Trenton, Bob, Ken, Tom, Vernon, Roy, and Louis who are building relationships with our Exodus graduates.
- Pray for suppressed bitterness and anger for Karina (participant); pray that she is healed and delivered from the pain of loss and grief.
- Pray that a group of volunteers will bring, prepare, and serve breakfast and dinner at the Mission on two Sundays out of a month.

May 20 – May 26

- Pray that Justin, Exodus graduate, will seek God's will for his life; Justin is struggling to make ends meet and with his living situation.
- Pray that Mike (participant) can find a reliable car so he can pursue a job in Loveland.
- Pray for Carolyn (participant) to be released from self-righteousness, pride, bitterness and entitlement so she can find her true identity in God.

May 27 – May 31

- Pray for Ashland's (participant) health; she has high levels of pressure in her spinal cord which causes severe headaches and body pain. Also, pray for a personal encounter with God; Ashland is struggling with believing and trusting in God.
- Pray for housing needs for Carl Wright (overnight guest).
- Continue to pray that local companies and corporations answer the call and are led to partner with our ministry programs to help break the cycle of poverty and despair.

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