

City Gospel Mission Prayer Letter

October/November 2008

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 that in the past month, three churches have increased their commitment level and have begun bringing, preparing and serving dinner at the Diner.
- Give thanks that Having the Courage to Change (HTCTC) did a program at the Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW). It was so powerful that between 35 and 40 women received Christ!
- Praise God that Clyde, Ray and William are graduating from our Exodus program.
- Two groups of men have decided to focus on building relationships and have committed to eating a meal each week with participants at the Mission.
- Rejoice that Having the Courage to Change will graduate four participants: Christie; Rhonda; Christy; and Sarah, on October 2.
- Praise God for the new sponsors of our Golf Outing that helped make it a success.
- Thank the Lord that new staff members at the mission have strong counseling skills.
- Give thanks that high winds didn't do any major damage to our facilities and we were able to provide continuous service to the people we serve.
- The Holiday Partnership orientation was well-attended and received. Additionally, enthusiastic donors are already calling about helping The Christmas Store.
- Our Servant Alumni Leadership Training (SALT) program started September 1st. SALT is an intensive 12-month training program for Exodus graduates to become leaders.
- We have received 75% of needed funding for the Magnolia residential recovery building project.
- Praise God for all that Neyer Construction is doing for the Magnolia building project.

Prayer Requests

October 1 – October 7

- Pray for God to provide additional groups to prepare and serve dinner at the Mission. There are currently eleven nights a month when nobody brings dinner.
- Pray that God will bless and guide HTCTC staff and volunteers as they go to ORW each month.
- Pray that the Exodus mentoring program is finalized and implemented.
- Pray that God continues to open doors of opportunity for the development team
- Pray that Anna will allow her time at HTCTC to be about change!
- Pray new Exodus graduates Clyde, Ray and William experience continued success.

October 8 – October 14

- Pray for Mission volunteer Dave to be healed of the severe migraine headaches that keep him from volunteering.
- Pray for new Exodus participants, Zollie, Marvin and Jon, to be acclimated and begin to apply themselves quickly.
- Ask the Lord to inspire enough families to donate food for Thanksgiving baskets to meet the expected higher demand, given this years' difficult economic climate.
- Pray for Ray as he begins the SALT program. Ask for courage and success in finding his gifts and desires during the training.
- Pray that construction companies will donate time and materials to the Magnolia and Mission project.

October 15 – October 21

- Pray for program participant, "Cricket", whose 22 year-old daughter recently passed away as the result of a severe car accident injury.
- Pray for Melody to stop using drugs and to leave her boyfriend.
- Pray for hams to be donated or offered to us at a reduced price for The Christmas Store.
- Pray for Kenny, Mission volunteer, as he steps up to lead a key ministry.
- Ask our Father to give Christine, a Holiday Partnership participant, grace and strength to go to school and rear five-year-old twins, one with cerebral palsy.

- Pray for God's provision to exceed all sponsorship levels for next month's CGM banquet.

October 22 – October 28

- Pray that the three churches who are considering increasing their ministry level at the Mission would decide to bring and prepare dinner monthly.
- Pray for the Spirit to guide Tony as he returns to the Exodus program after four years.
- Ask the Lord to give Carol, Thanksgiving Basket Coordinator, energy, endurance and encouragement as she goes through cancer treatments.
- Pray for wisdom, knowledge and success for Scott Jackson, the new mission Aftercare Manager.
- Pray that the remaining 25% of needed funding for the Magnolia building project is raised.

October 29 – November 4

- Pray that Exodus participant, Jacob, sees a vision for his future.
- Pray for an abundance of wonderful toys and clothing to be donated for The Christmas Store children.
- Pray for Mission volunteers to have open ears and hearts as changes are made to the Diner and the Chapel.
- Pray for HTCTC participant, Annie, to surrender to the process of changing her life.
- Pray Holiday Partnership participant, Darlita, to find a church home and a good job.

November 5 – November 11

- Pray that the Lord brings additional volunteer teachers for Mission evening classes.
- Pray for God to give peace and focus to HTCTC participants, Lisa and Danyell.
- Pray for Rhonda, Christie, Christy and Sarah, new HTCTC graduates, to continue with their willingness to change.
- Ask the Lord for courage and strength for Shirley, Holiday Partnership participant, as she rehabs from a stroke and undergoes dialysis.

November 12 – November 20

- Pray for Chloe, HTCTC graduate, to learn how to forgive others.
- Ask God to draw Stephanie back and enable her church to reconnect with her.
- Pray for a blessed and excellent turnout for the CGM banquet on the 18th.
- Pray for Tim, as he volunteers to lead a group of college students who are committing one night a week building relationships with the participants at the Mission.
- Pray for Angela to have the ability and grace to communicate the Holiday Partnership vision clearly to participating churches, donors and volunteers.

November 21 – November 30

- Ask God to provide abundant opportunities for Dave to connect with more influential and capable givers with hearts for the homeless.
- Pray for program volunteer, Gary, who has been receiving chemotherapy for brain cancer and has been unable to volunteer recently.
- Pray for wisdom in the implementation of improvements at the Diner and Chapel services.
- Pray that HTCTC staff will continue to grow spiritually so they can help the women grow.
- Pray for the Exodus staff to have wisdom to help the men.

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