

# City Gospel Mission, Adult Programs Prayer Letter

## February/March 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 that two women in the *Having the Courage to Change* program have begun school at Cincinnati State pursuing their associates degrees.
- Praise God for six men that will be graduating the Exodus recovery program in March.
- Praise God for Charles Bowman's recovery from cancer. His most recent MRI reveals no liver cancer.
- Praise God some of the women in the *Having the Courage to Change* program are nearing completion of their GED.
- Praise God for low drop-out/turnover rates in our recovery programs.
- Praise God for the women that have the courage to change their habits and lifestyles.
- Praise God that 49 recovery participants have signed up for the Flying Pig.
- Praise God for the new church groups, First Apostolic Church, Forever Praise Ministries, and Horizon Community Church, that are bringing, preparing and serving meals at the Diner.
- Praise God for the women in the *Having the Courage to Change* program that have transitioned to higher phases within the program.
- Praise God for three key outreach volunteers, Ron, Aaron and Randy, who are committed to building relationships with the guests at dinner.

### Prayer Requests

#### February 1 – February 7

- Pray for Steve Bernard (father of Lucy – receptionist); he is preparing to leave this world and does not know Jesus. Please pray that his heart is softened to receive the gift of salvation.
- Pray for funding and volunteers for the Step Forward team; they will be participating in the Flying Pig again this year.
- Pray for the spiritual conditions of the participants of both *Having the Courage to Change* and the *Exodus* programs.
- Pray for William (participant) and his fear for the future.
- Pray for the fundraising efforts of high school students that want to do more for the Mission.

#### February 8 – February 14

- Pray that staff is empowered to serve with healthy boundaries and not experience burn-out within the ministry.
- Pray for safety for all the participants and volunteers that are a part of the Step Forward team running in the Flying Pig.
- Pray for participants to fully surrender to God's transformation in their lives and for their desire to learn His ways.
- Pray for protection for the men and women that are on the streets during these bitter cold months.
- Pray for Danielle, Eddie, Laura, and Robert (volunteers) as they minister at the Mission every week. Pray that they will see God transform those they are building relationships with.

#### February 15 – February 21

- Pray for guidance and wisdom for the leaders of City Gospel Mission in regards to a new building.
- Pray for additional volunteer case managers at the Mission.

- Pray for a partnership with Rumpke and other businesses for our Green Recycling Works program.
- Pray for additional churches and groups to bring, prepare, and serve breakfast at the Mission.
- Pray for participant, C.R. as she is caught in a bitter battle over parenting of her child with her ex-husband. Pray that the parents' hearts will be softened in the best interests of the child.

### **February 22 – February 28**

- Pray for the new staffing structure at the Mission.
- Pray for the many events that are coming up for the Exodus program (graduation, rappelling, and the Wild at Heart retreat).
- Pray for Kevin's (participant) health issues.
- Pray for a participant (anonymous) and her child. The participant recently received reports that her child is being neglected. Please pray for protection for the child.

### **March 1 – March 7**

- Pray for Chris (participant) who is struggling with structure.
- Pray that the Exodus graduates stay focused on their recovery and continue to change their lives for the better.
- Pray for the ministries' finances, so the homeless, hurting and those living in poverty continue to be given opportunities to be introduced to the love of Jesus and have their lives transformed.
- Pray for the staff in regards to training and changes that will be coming in the near future.

### **March 8 – March 14**

- Pray for Tony's (participant) relationship with his family. He is attempting to reconcile.
- Pray for our new initiative Green Works recycling project which will employ men in need.
- Pray for Ed and the difficult choices he has to make in regards to returning home after graduation.

### **March 15 – March 21**

- Pray for Chapel leaders as they minister to the shelter and dinner guests.
- Pray for direction and wisdom in training the key volunteers that will engage with our dinner guests.
- Pray for employment opportunities for our shelter guests.
- Pray for Christian (volunteer) as she balances her service at the Mission and raising her children.

### **March 22 – March 31**

- Pray for permanent housing opportunities for our shelter guests.
- Pray for Jean (volunteer) as she is having difficulties with her sight.
- Pray for the new innovation of Green Recycling Works. Please pray for funding, a building, and equipment to make this a success.
- Continue to pray for Charles Bowman and his battle with cancer.

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“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8