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*Feeding The Hungry, Clothing The Cold
And Giving Hope To The Hopeless*

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*Located downtown Silver City at the end of
Bullard Street behind Jalisco's Restaurant*

MAILING LABEL

A "GOOD NEWS" NEWSLETTER FULL OF FUN AND INTERESTING FACTS! DEC 2012

Did You Know?

- Ⓟ There is an emergency homeless shelter at the Lion's Club downtown when the temperature falls below 25 degrees-contact us to see if it is open that night
- Ⓟ We serve a continental breakfast at 8 am and have Bible Study at 9:30 am
- Ⓟ We teach life and job skills classes at 10:30 am

Silver City -Think Of Us As Your Hands!

Do you think something should be done to help the poor and homeless in our town? No time but still want to help? Then let us be *Your Hands* that reach out to feed, clothe and comfort the less fortunate in our area.

~ *Randy Salars-Manager*

Tales From Silver City's Dark Side!

When I arrived at the Mission door, Nancy was at it again. She was tearing open each bag of donations that someone had left during the night and throwing them over her shoulder into the street. My blood immediately reached the boiling point as I saw the mess I was going to have to clean up this morning!

Patience, I told myself as I said a little prayer realizing that I should be thankful for our generous community and putting my focus back on Christ and the people we are trying to serve. Are we perfect at the Mission-*no way, no how*. That is why I go to church . . . usually :)

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Newsletter Christmas 2012

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Hello!

The Silver City Gospel Mission Newsletter is our way of saying that we truly value your contributions. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to your friends and neighbors. *Enjoy!*

Because Of You!

We were able to feed 889 people in the soup kitchen, give out 235 emergency food boxes and clothe 225 families in the month of November.

We Need You!

You can make a cash donation at the Mission, mail your check or make a one-time or recurring donation online. We also accept volunteers, food, clothing and household items of all types at the Mission between 8:30am and 2:00pm. *Thank You!*

Thanksgiving At The Mission



Victor Macias and family pose for picture while finishing their Thanksgiving dinner at the Silver City Gospel Mission. From left to right are Jordan, 6, Jeffrey, 7, and Melanie, 5, and dad Victor. The family lives in Silver City. (Christine Steele/Sun-News Bureau Chief)



The Silver City Gospel Mission was packed for its annual Thanksgiving dinner. (Christine Steele/Sun-News Bureau Chief)



Amanda Miller serves up sweet potatoes to a guest at the Silver City Gospel Mission s annual Thanksgiving Dinner. (Christine Steele/Sun-News Bureau Chief)

Funny Bone

There are 2 cowboys in the kitchen. Which one is the real cowboy?
The one on the range.

Stories

My story is simple, but you won't like it. I have a job and I make \$9 an hour. But one-third of what I have goes to the childcare center and nearly half goes to rent. The rest goes to food and regular bills. I got five kids. I got no other money. You can't make it on that. It's just plain and simple. I got skills. I went to school and learned to be a cook. I work good restaurants. I did what I was supposed to do. You just can't have kids and make it on \$9 an hour. The only way I make it is with help from the Mission.

~ Ben, 35

Words Of Hope

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” (1 John 4:7)



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Where's The Beef?



Shayne Montoya and his son Alex from Chino

Thanks to some generous donors, we were able to help 25 needy families have their own Thanksgiving Feast and stock up on meat for the soup kitchen.

A big thanks to: The Chino Truck Shop and mechanics who donated this basket of turkeys and more than 500 pounds of food; The members of the Silver City Golf Course for their food drive.

Rodney Humphrey and family of HEI for their donation of a pig; Mr. John Brack and Freeport-McMoran for a donation of a pig and beef; Maria of Albertson's Deli for their donation of 15 turkey baskets.

Our daily donors, Pizza Hut, Wal-Mart and Albertsons and all of the very many people like You who brought in food, gloves, jackets and blankets for this Christmas season. God Bless!

The Soup Kitchen

With the onset of colder weather, the soup kitchen is a hopping place with people coming in to warm up and get some coffee and breakfast.

Bible study begin at 9:30am with Pastor Shane and our life skills classes at 10:30am are always a hit!

Feel free to drop in or go to silvercitygospelmission.org/school for our class schedule.

Volunteer Profile

Meet Meg Topmiller. Meg has helped at the Mission for many years and many of you will recognize her smiling face. She is a constant source of encouragement to all of us at the Mission. Her solid-as-a-rock faith is what has kept this place going through some difficult times. **Thank you!**

A Greenhouse For Susie

Susie Gonzales was playing in the warm earth at her mothers feet. Consuelo wiped the sweat from her brow and smiled at her young daughter-the first smile in a long time.

Ever since she had come to the Sierra House Women and Children's Shelter, things had started looking up. She was glad to be able to have some shelter; The 1975 Pontiac they had been living in was no place to raise a kid. And the hungry crying that came every evening had finally stopped.

But the best part of her day, was when she was able to spend her allotted time in the new greenhouse. She loved the way the sun warmed her battered and frail body and the way the earth felt between her toes.

She bit into the ripe tomato and as the juice trickled down her chin, she felt a ray of hope. Hope that things would get better. Hope that Susie would have enough to eat this winter. And hope that God had finally heard her prayers.

And thanks to You, Consuelo and Susie now have that ray of hope!

We have purchased a greenhouse kit and we will soon have a spot to raise fresh produce for our soup kitchen and the Sierra House while teaching some of our guests gardening skills.

The Sierra House is located next door to the Mission and is our mid-term facility for homeless women with or without children.

If you or someone you know needs a transitional group home, please drop by the Mission to fill out an application, talk to manager Jeanna Pace or visit our website at silveritygospelmission.org/the-sierra-house for more information.

Can you make a difference in the fight against hunger and cold in Silver City?

YOU Can! The answer lies in changing our mindsets back into being a community again. A real community where neighbors help neighbors and where our churches, civic organizations and groups help those in need, instead of relying on a large bureaucracy. We will also need to reach out and motivate, educate and provide hope to those in the most need.

I challenge YOU to join our Team and make a courageous stand in the fight against darkness TODAY!

I Want to Help My Neighbors!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Email Address _____

Are there any particular days or hours you want to work? _____
(we are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am-2:00 pm)

I want to help (Circle): Wherever I am needed Sort items in the thrift store
 Cook and clean in the soup kitchen Christian Case Worker

I Want To Give!

Food We Need:

Meat for the soup kitchen Beans Rice Potatoes Onions Salt Sugar Coffee Creamer
Milk Cereals Cheese Flour Tortillas Corn Tortillas Green Chili Red Chili Powder
Canned Soups Canned Vegetables and beans Fresh Produce Canned Fruits Peanut Butter
Tuna Fish Vienna Sausage and canned meats Macaroni Ramen Noodles

Operational Items We Need:

Plastic Grocery Bags Gallon zip-Lock Bags Paper Towels Kitchen and 33 Gallon Size Trash Bags
Dish Detergent Liquid Bleach Pine Sol Sandwich Bags Plastic Spoons SOS Pads

Thrift Store Items We Need: Please call 388-5071 to see if we have room (normally we do)

Good usable clothing (adult and children) in bags (no boxes please) Coats Gloves and scarves
Socks Shoes and boots Purses and handbags Belts and accessories Blankets and bedrolls
Sheets and linens Underwear and long johns Pots and pans Dishes and eating utensils Cooking
utensils Can openers Kitchen appliances Curtains and curtain rods Washclothes and towels
Household decor, artwork and nick-nacs Jewelry and watches Books, videos, records, CD's and
DVD's Toys Furniture (if room) Newer computers and accessories TV's and computer monitors
Radios and stereos DVD and VCR players Duffel bags and backpacks Hand Tools Heaters

Cash Donations:

Your cash or check can be dropped off, mailed or you can make a one-time or recurring monthly donation online at silvercitygospelmission.org by clicking the donate now button top left

We are a 501-C3 charity and all donations are tax deductible. Everything sold in the thrift store goes right back into operations. Around 96 cents of every dollar you give is used to feed and clothe the needy in our area. We feed anyone who is hungry and clothe anyone who is cold. In 2011, the Silver City Gospel Mission fed 8,721 hungry people in the soup kitchen, gave out 1,729 emergency food baskets, served 2,388 guests in the clothing bank and distributed 540 USDA Commodity food boxes. **Gospel Mission PO Box 5198 Silver City, NM 88062**

A Word From Our President

Greetings: I am the President of the Board for the Silver City Gospel Mission and this month I would like to share a quote from Mother Teresa:

"Never worry about numbers.
Help one person at a time,
and always start with
the person nearest you."

The mission helps one person at a time. The Christmas season is approaching. **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!** Be bold and share your faith with others. Come be a part of helping people in our community at the Mission.

~ Marsha Bowman
President of the Board

Pastor's Corner

We are looking for men and women to help us with our addiction recovery program which is starting in February. You will go through an extensive training program in January and must be addiction-free and willing to make a long-term commitment.

Contact the Mission if you are interested or for more info go to silvercitygospelmission.org/celebrate-recovery-program

~ Shane Gabbert
Pastor, Gospel Mission Community Church

Teaching Men To Fish

We have partnerships with local courts and organizations (like TANF) who send us individuals to perform community service work in lieu of fines or cash. Many times, these individuals are a joy to have and even come back to volunteer after their hours are complete.

We try and treat each individual with love and respect and teach them a thing or two through our *self-sufficiency school*. You can read more about our community service program on our website at silvercitygospelmission.org/community-service and our self-sufficiency school at silvercitygospelmission.org/school

Hours Mon-Fri

Thrift Store

8:30am-2:00pm

Food Pantry & Clothing Bank

8:30am-1:30pm

Breakfast, Laundry & Showers

8:00am-11:30am

Bible Study & Classes

9:30am-11:30am

Soup Kitchen

12:00pm-1:00pm

Free Medical Clinic

1st Monday of Month
Call 388-0184 for
appointments

12-Step Recovery Program

Coming in February!

Foot Care Clinic

Coming in January!

Prayer & Christian Counseling

Anytime

Donations

8:30am-1:30pm

-Please call ahead if
donating clothing;
please don't leave
anything when we are
closed because the
homeless will dig
through it and scatter it
all over-*Thanks!*



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