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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! Spring 2013

Did You Know?

- ⌚ Our thrift store is open to the public! New items daily with steeply discounted prices
- ⌚ On average, SNAP benefits (food stamps) only last 2.3 weeks and many families must still seek food assistance
- ⌚ 42% of the households we serve have at least one employed adult

Thanks To Our Loving Volunteers

... The Gospel Mission was able to feed 9,051 people in the soup kitchen, clothe 1,925 families in the clothing bank and feed 2,092 families in the food bank *in 2012*.

Our clients thank you from the bottom of their hearts!

Tales From Silver City's Dark Side!

The screams I heard coming from the Sierra House Women's Shelter made my hair stand on end as I ran to see what was wrong. The screaming suddenly stopped as I crashed through the door and saw Yara looking at me. When I asked her what was wrong, she just smiled sweetly and said her water had broke and could I please take her to the ER. We rushed to the hospital between intermittent screams, and later that day Jose Alexis, a beautiful 6 lb, 2 oz baby boy was born. Thanks to your help, Yara was able to have her baby in a home setting and receive the needed love and care!

Because Of You, We Are Bringing Light And Hope To Silver City! (See Inside For Details - - ->)

Silver City
GOSPEL MISSION
 Newsletter Spring 2013

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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 1107 people in the soup kitchen, give out 389 emergency food boxes and clothe 273 families last month.

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 1:30pm.

~ *Thank You!*

Love Is In The Air



Hungry People With Smiling Faces



Boy Scout Troop 114 Does A Food Drive

Funny Bone

Men never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Stories

Anna lives in a low-income housing site in Silver City. She worked her entire life and had all that life could offer and saved, but a divorce in her later adult years left her without many of the funds she now needs.

When we asked about her food situation, she said, "There are days I do without or eat only one meal.

Thanks to her monthly food box and the Gospel Mission soup kitchen, Anna is now able to have a reliable source of food.

Words Of Hope

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

~ Romans 12:12



Like Us On Facebook!

The Thrift Store

Thrift Store Fashion? Yes, it happens. And it's great! One of the first things I need to mention is some of the most fashionable, innovative people I've ever met buy almost all their clothing pieces from thrift stores. Has anyone else ever noticed that?

Why spend an entire months salary on your wardrobe when you can mix and match patterns, styles, materials and colors in your own unique and personal style, from vintage to futuristic.

Make sure you come in and visit our thrift store for some unique items at steeply discounted prices. Open to the public every Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-1:30 pm.

Clothing and household goods donations are tax deductible and cheerfully accepted at the same hours.

The Soup Kitchen

A big thanks to all of the guest cooks we have had coming in lately: Calvary Christian Academy, The Methodist Church Women's Fellowship and all of our daily volunteer helpers. The help is always greatly appreciated! *And if you are in Walmart, Albertson's Bakery or Pizza Hut, please thank an employee for their food donations!*

Recipe of the Month: *Baked Hash* (serves 50)

10lb cooked beef; 8lb potatoes, cooked & diced, 4 medium onions, diced, s&p to taste, 2 qt meat stock, gravy or water.

Coarsely chop and grind beef. Add vegetables and seasonings, mix well. Pour into 2 baking pans, level and bake at 350 for 1-1 ½ hrs until brown and crisp on top.

~Courtesy of Bonita Landrum

(Send us your recipe or come in and give your cooking skills a shot!)

Volunteer Profile

Meet Wanda Cook. Wanda was raised in Silver City and is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cook and a proud graduate of Silver High School. Wanda is a delightful spirit and always has a smile on her face and something nice to say to everyone she meets.

She brings in a new word from a bible Verse as our daily 'Word Of The Day' and she is in charge of the front pantry and helps out by bagging and sorting food and doing the dishes after lunch. We literally couldn't run the Mission without her help! Thank you Wanda!

You Can Set Up Recurring Monthly Donations On Our Website

What Is Love?

The *word for the day* that my good friend Wanda Cook brought in the other day was 'Love' and she proceeded to rattle off from memory the characteristics of love from 1 Corinthians 13:4 . . .

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.”

When I asked her what that meant to her, she responded that we should love other people just like we love ourselves and we should be nice.

Simple, I think to myself. Then why is it that I sometimes get angry about helping others and feel they need to get off their backsides and get a job or that they might just be taking undue advantage of the system?

In the book “Toxic Charity,” by Robert Lupton we read that if you give once, you elicit appreciation; give twice and you create anticipation; give three times and you create expectation; give four times and it becomes entitlement; give five times and you establish dependency.

The Biblical command to care for the poor transcends time and space. Passages such as 1 John 3:17 should weigh heavily on the minds and hearts of Christians and good people everywhere.

“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?”

Is there a balance between these two ideas?

I believe it is a matter of mercy, combined with justice. Mercy, without justice degenerates into dependency and entitlement. Justice without mercy is cold and impersonal, more concerned about rights than relationships.

The more I do this job, the more I find out that it is not up to me to be someones judge and I need to learn how to show the love of First Corinthians and treat each person I meet with dignity and respect. But at the same time we need to reinforce productive work, empower them with the tools needed to move ahead and listen closely to those seeking our help.

Today, I challenge each of you to try and show a little bit of love to every one you meet.

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 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!**

Share This Newsletter With Your Friends And Neighbors!

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-1:30 pm)

I want to help (Circle): Wherever I am needed Sort items in the thrift store
Cook and clean up in the soup kitchen Christian Lay Counselor
Pick Up Food Sort and bag food Teacher, Mentor or Educator

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:

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 www.silvercitygospelmission.org by clicking the donate now button at 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 2012, the Silver City Gospel Mission fed 9,051 hungry people in the soup kitchen, gave out 2,092 emergency food baskets, served 1,925 families in the clothing bank and distributed 608 USDA Commodity food boxes.

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A Word From Our President

If love for one another is going to flourish and grow, we must be rooted more deeply in love. In other words becoming a loving person means living with the roots of your life sunk deep in the love of Christ for you. Being loved by Christ is the ground of becoming loving. And the root that you send into that ground is the faith that you are loved.

There's a phrase in 1 John 4:16 that describes this root:

And We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love and he who abides in love abides in God, and God is in him

The love that God has for us is the ground of our becoming loving people. And the root that we send down into that ground, to be nourished by it, is faith—"we have believed the love that God has for us." Believing the depth of God's love for me is the key to my growing into a loving person.

Loving one another is a growing process. God bless.

~ Marsha Bowman
President of the Board

The Pastor's Corner

The Bible is full of great verses and passages about the topic of love.

God's love for us is a perfect example and starting place to study on love. Spend a little time 'Googling' Bible verses on love, you'll find over 300.

One of the most well known Bible verses is *John 3:16* "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

May the grace of the Lord **Jesus** Christ, and the **love** of **God**, and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit**, be with you all. - *2 Corinthians 13:14*

~ Shane Gabbert
Pastor, Gospel Mission Community Church

Teaching Men To Fish

We have started a more in-depth class on anger and stress management taught by Brenda Brand. Our life skills classes are one of the many empowering tools we try and bring to our clients.

Hours Mon-Fri

Thrift Store
8:30am-1:30pm

Food Pantry & Clothing Bank
8:30am-1:30pm

Breakfast, Laundry & Showers
8:00am-11:30am

Bible Study & Classes
8:30am-10:00am

Soup Kitchen
12:00pm-1:00pm

Free Medical Clinic
1st Monday of Month
Call 388-0184 for appointments

12-Step Recovery Program
Tue & Fri at 6pm

Foot Care Clinic
Mondays at 9:00am

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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Please call ahead if you plan to donate clothing-Sometimes we run out of room