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

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Bullard Street behind Jalisco's Restaurant*

MAILING LABEL

**A "GOOD NEWS" NEWSLETTER FULL OF FUN AND INTERESTING FACTS! Summer 2013**

### Did You Know?

- We always have more mouths to feed in the lunch room at the end of the month
- 40 percent of food is thrown out in the US every year, or about \$165 billion worth. All of this uneaten food could feed 25 million Americans
- We also have showers and laundry available to those who need them

### A HUGE Thanks To Our Donors

We feed thousands each year in our soup kitchen and food pantry. People who need just a little bit of extra help to make it until next payday. *Kids who without your help would go to bed hungry.*

A big shout out to all who donate food, clothing or cash!

### Tales From Silver City's Dark Side!

The girl came hobbling in on her crutches, both ankles broken and her face black and blue. She was lucky to be alive. The paramedics had found her below the bridge in the big ditch. When I heard her story I was surprised she wasn't in worse shape. What would cause someone to try and end it like that, I wondered. How can we give some of the people we see a glimmer of hope?

Join me as we explore these issues in ...

**The Girl Who Had No Friends**

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



Newsletter Summer 2013

## In This Issue

- Meet B. Elder
- Rosemary Pork
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- Who are the lonely?
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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!*

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## Because Of You!

We were able to feed 1407 people in the soup kitchen, give out 216 emergency food boxes and clothe 244 families last month.

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## 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.

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## We Are Your Hands Of Help



Our float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July



David entertains us with his fiddle

## Funny Bone

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

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## Stories

I went to the Gospel Mission. They are willing to give up their time to talk to you and worry about you personally and take the time out to listen to what you have to say, it's great.

That's what people need is someone to actually be there and to talk with, to listen, to care, someone to trust.

Knowing that there is someone there to care even. When I go there you really know it's someone who accepts you the way you are and they are ready to listen.

<http://silvercitygospelmission.org/homeless-girl-finds-hope/>

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## Words Of Hope

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

~Psalm 46:1



## The Thrift Store

We allow anyone who says they are cold to come in and get 10 articles of clothing per family member per month and one blanket and coat per year.

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. New items daily.

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

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## The Soup Kitchen

Summer is upon us and we are seeing more of a transient population coming in for lunch, many with small kids.

### Recipe of the Month: *Rosemary Pork Roast*

4 to 5 lb boneless pork loin roast, trimmed of excess fat.  
Plan on 3 to 4 servings per pound. sprinkle generously with salt, pepper and lemon pepper, scatter a supply of fresh rosemary on all sides of roast. Wrap, not too tightly to meat, but securely closed (we use a butcher wrap style wrap) in heavy duty aluminum foil. We bake in electric roasters, inserting meat thermometer and placing a sheet of foil firmly onto top of roaster, under the lid. Bake at 210 degrees for about 5 hours, until reaches 160 degrees on thermometer. Cool about 10 minutes and slice. Pour juice over roast for extra moistness and flavor. Enjoy!

~Courtesy of the Silver City Women's Club

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

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## Volunteer Profile



Meet B. Elder. She is famous for her walking all around town and in various charitable events like the Relay for Life and enjoys volunteering at the Mission. She has a big heart, comes up with many and diverse ideas and is loved by all. Thank you B for being such a faithful steward!

The girl came limping in to the Mission, black and blue with two broken ankles that will never heal properly. The child that had been inside her was dead and the deep scratch marks across her once pretty face would leave her scarred for life.

It took us awhile to get her story out, but when she finally told us what had happened, it was one we were all too familiar with.

Lonely, depressed, all alone and with no hope, she had tried to jump off of one of the area bridges to take her life. Not only had it not worked out as she had hoped, but it left her in deep physical and emotional pain that may take years to heal from.

***By the time you finish reading this article, 14 people in the US will have attempted suicide.*** People just like some of the ones we see at the Mission daily.

I'm haunted in my work as I search for ways to help some of these people. Professional counseling to be sure. Ways to keep the lost from falling through the cracks of our current system. Sharing the Gospel and prayer for all.

Most of the time they just need someone to listen to them. Someone to put an arm around them when they are crying. Someone to acknowledge them as a person and not a non-entity to be ignored or shunned.

Someone to provide advice, counseling and be a moral compass in lives that may have been broken time and again since childhood. Someone to show them that they need to step up to the plate, take responsibility for their lives and teach that actions have consequences.

It is my hope and prayer that The Silver City Gospel Mission will be able to be this beacon of hope in downtown Silver City. A friend to those who need it and a true source of empowerment.

But we need caring people to help us. Those who are willing to sacrifice a little bit of their time or money to help us make Silver City a town we can be proud of. People who believe that there just might be something else to this life than the pursuit of money, power or lust.

People who aren't afraid to stay on the same side of the street as the girl with the scarred face, limping towards them with her hand out.

***People who care!***

**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](http://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

Who are the lonely? They're the outsiders: not just the elderly, but also the poor, the bullied, the *different*. Surveys confirm that people who feel discriminated against are more likely to feel lonely than those who don't. Let us lift up the lonely in our prayers and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all who need our help.

Thank you for your continued support and God bless!

~ Marsha Bowman  
President of the Board

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## The Pastor's Corner

Stewardship as with all of God's instructions for our lives is about transforming our lives. It 's bringing every aspect of a person's life under the Lordship of Christ.

The Holy Scripture's are clear that as we rely on God for clear direction in our spending and use of resources we will be blessed with assurance of provision and peace of mind. The amazing stories of people who have given literally fortunes for God's Kingdom, only to have more fortunes to give, abound. Give all of your life to God and have No Regrets.

~ Shane Gabbert  
Pastor, Gospel Mission Community Church

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## Teaching Men To Fish

Sure, Mom and Dad and our schools were supposed to teach us basic survival skills growing up, but in many cases, they didn't have the time, resources, or background to prepare us for everything.

Our life skills program is designed to help our guests overcome their past and gain the skills and support needed to choose a positive and rewarding future.

we should could use someone to help out on a daily basis. You can read more about our self-sufficiency program at <http://silvercitygospelmission.org/education>

## 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**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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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