



Newsletter Fall 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 1937 people in the soup kitchen, give out 312 emergency food boxes and clothe 272 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.

We Are Silver City's Hands



Methodist Women's Group Cooking Lunch



Kim Bringing Supplies For the Garden

Funny Bone

If you ate pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

Stories

I really like all the people who help me and my Mom with clothing and everything we need.

I really like that they tell me to pray if I need help and they gave me my own Bible that I can read too.

Thank you Gospel Mission for helping me and my Mom out.

~ Ashley

Read more about those You have helped at ...

<http://silvercitygospelmission.org/donate-food-clothing-or-cash-to-the-gospel-mission/stories/>

Words Of Hope

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

~ Psalm 23:1



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The Thrift Store

I've noticed that nearly everyone is being very frugal and thrifty lately and two of my wife's recent purchases, were a denim shirt and some colored denim skinny jeans. These are items that she can wear now and also in the winter and will always be in trend. So come on down to the Gospel Mission Thrift Store and shabby chic your style.

The Soup Kitchen

This edition, we are featuring an old standby, Pork Pasole. Made with hominy, red chili and pork it is an easy, cheap and hearty meal for a cold day.

Recipe of the Month: *Joie's Pasole*

1. In a large soup pot, bring generous amounts of pork, garlic, onion and water to a simmer. Cover and cook over low heat until the pork is very tender, about 2 hours.
2. Transfer the pork to a large bowl. Strain the broth into the bowl; discard the garlic and onion. Return the pork and broth to the pot and skim any fat from the broth. Stir in hominy, oregano and red chili to taste and season the broth with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer. Ladle the pasole into bowls.

~Courtesy of Joie DeLeon; Cook Gospel Mission

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

Volunteer Profile

Meet Lena Crosley

Lena has been working in the thrift store at the Mission for around the last 25 years. She is the mother of Coach Dave Crosley and attends the 1st Baptist Church of Silver City.

At 92 years young she still enjoys coming in and staying busy and discussing events with the other ladies who come in to lend a hand.

She states that she really enjoys helping others and working at the Mission makes her feel she is accomplishing something worthwhile.

Dear supporters of the Silver City Gospel Mission,

I am writing to you today about our 2013 Holiday appeal, the most important fundraising campaign we conduct all year.

The cost of food, utilities and rent continues to rise and many hard-working families with children, senior citizens and homeless people in the Silver City area and mining district continue using our services.

This year alone, we have seen an increase of around 15% more people receiving emergency food boxes and a 22% increase in our daily soup kitchen, where we sometimes feed as many as 120 individuals for lunch alone.

These increases are alarming, considering that our donations from private donors like you have remained around the same as last year.

It is heartbreaking for a mother or father to hear their children say they are hungry and they have very little food to feed them.

We need many items to make it through the Christmas season and throughout what looks like may be cold, hard winter.

Food, warm clothes, blankets, bedrolls, long underwear, gloves, scarves, socks and warm hats.

We always are in need of small toiletries like soap and shampoo or complete hygiene kits if you care to put some together.

We need volunteers to come in and help us cook, serve and clean up for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, male volunteers for our emergency men's shelter which opens in the soup kitchen when the temperature falls below 20 degrees or there is snow on the ground and groups to help us cook lunch in the soup kitchen on Fridays.

And we always need your monetary donations to help us keep the doors open.

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!

You can make a donation at the Mission any Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 1:30 pm or donate with your credit card online at our website at www.silvercitygospelmission.org

I Want to Help My Neighbors!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Email Address for our Daily Ezine

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!

Amount (Circle One) \$10 \$20 \$40 \$50 \$100 \$_____

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.

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

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

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.

A Word From Our President

The Christmas Season is a time of goodwill and peace toward all men. It is a time to open our hearts and help our brothers and sisters in need as we try and follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May you and your loved ones have a very love-filled time of Thanksgiving and prayer and may your homes be filled with good cheer and laughter.

Thank you for your continued support and God bless!

~ Marsha Bowman
President of the Board

The Pastor's Corner

Due to popular demand, we have opened up the soup kitchen on Saturdays from 8am-10am and on Sundays from 1pm-2pm. Those who need some help can now receive a hot meal any day of the week.

The emergency men's shelter which was at the Lion's Club last year has been moved to the Gospel Mission Soup Kitchen.

This shelter is for men 18 and older and will be open this winter when the temperature falls below 20 degrees.

Women and children under 12 will still be housed at the Sierra House women's shelter.

Please remember 1 John 3:17 as you go about your daily life...

“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?”

Teaching Men To Fish

We continue our efforts to teach, counsel and advise some of the guests who come in to the Mission. Life skills classes, like hypothermia prevention, fire safety and work ethic are held at 8:30am daily. We have Bible Study every day of the week at 9am and counseling, referral services and prayer are available anytime.

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Did You Know?

3. 1 in every 6 people in Silver City will miss at least one meal **TODAY** through no choice of their own
4. The Gospel Mission is entirely donation-based and relies on your generous contributions to stay open
5. So far, we have fed 11,478 people in the soup kitchen this year (as of Oct 31)

It Is Up To You

Rumi, a thirteenth-century Persian mystic, told of a man who walked past a beggar and asked,

“Why, God, do you not do something for these people?”

God replied, “I did do something.

I made you.”

Tales From Silver City's Dark Side!

The young man sleeping in front of the Mission last Saturday was rudely awakened by the sound of the food bank truck pulling up and as he rubbed his bloodshot eyes, he saw one of the few things that held any interest in his life anymore . . . Food!

He hurriedly grabbed his meager belongings and went to watch as they unloaded the truck. Just as they were finishing with the last crate he offered to help, but it was too late.

How can we motivate some of these guys, the Mission Manager wondered ... **Read More Inside ----->**