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Volunteer Service Award for 500 hours goes to Scott Young



You may know him as Donuts on B-95's (WQRB) morning show. We know him better around here as Mr. Dependable. His real name is Scott Young and Scott has been volunteering at Hope Gospel Mission's Bargain Center for three years now. He puts in from 25 to 30 volunteer hours per week in the electronics section. Scott repairs anything from stereos, televisions, telephones, to VCRs. If it plugs in Scott will work on it. When he's not volunteering at the Bargain Center he likes to take his Harley out for a ride.

On September 30th, at our 10th anniversary banquet, Scott was presented the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for 500 hours of volunteer service for the year 2008. Everyone who volunteers at Hope Gospel Mission is eligible to receive the three different Presidential Volunteer Service awards. Earlier this year Scott received the bronze award for 100 hours of service. He later earned the silver award for 250 hours of service. Most recently he was awarded the gold award for 500 hours of service. These awards recognized Scott's dedication to volunteer service and signify his service to his community and his country with distinction. Scott said receiving the award was very humbling. (See page 2 for other awarded recipients and photos of awards,)

Scott's experience at Hope Gospel Mission has drawn him closer to God and to the residents. Scott often times works side by side with the residents of Hope Gospel Mission. He says, "It makes you look at people in a different way. They are just like anybody else and we should not judge." Scott says, "There's only one judge and I'm not him. We've all made bad choices, some worse than others. We just need to know that there's somebody there that cares about us and wants to help us."

Scott likes to draw an analogy between the residents at Hope Gospel Mission and the electronic equipment he works on every day. He says, "They're just in need of a tune up. They're not broken and with a little loving care they can be made like new again."

Why does Scott put in so many hours for Hope Gospel Mission's Bargain Center? He says he feels a calling here and a deep sense of belonging - of being needed and useful. He believes it's what God wants him to do. Scott's unique outlook on life comes from his grandfather and father. They instilled in him a work ethic that he brings to the Bargain Center. It was not uncommon for them to work all day and then spend the evening hauling junk. They would often keep a lot of "the junk", make needed repairs and resell it to make a little extra money. They inspired him to go to school and learn electronic repair. When he's working at the Bargain Center he feels their influence and presence side by side with him. Scott is thankful to be a part of the Hope Gospel Mission family and encourages and challenges the Mission to always be looking for ways to grow and change and become better.



Program Director, Dan Adams; Executive Director, Gary Steward and Board President Mark Donnelly with residents for a phase promotion for several of the men from the Mission in the Renewed Hope Program.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have just gone through a presidential election cycle and our largest financial institutions have been in turmoil. It is good at all times, but especially in unstable times, to think about the one who remains the same and is always faithful. November is a time of reflection and Thanksgiving – giving thanks to God. Let us all take time this month to count our blessings and thank God for his great goodness.

I want to thank God for all he has given and His continuing work on earth, in our community, and at Hope Gospel Mission. We appreciate meeting and working with our supporters and hearing from them. I want to share some correspondence we received. The first is an excerpt of a letter sent from a couple after reading our August newsletter. "...just had to write my response and support of your great facility and what your Mission accomplishes—every day of the year—year in and year out. Congratulations to your organization, every person who contributes their time and effort so Hope Gospel Mission can stay in business—it is so needed! God bless all of you, and pray you are appreciated every day, as you all should be. Keep up your much needed work, and the Lord will give back and bless all of you! Amen!"

We received this email "Just had a chance to read the Aug. 08 newsletter and loved your response. I have been trying to help a local alcoholic for four years and just as you stated I realized I was just enabling him. Your work and mission does not go unnoticed. How many times was Jesus falsely accused or his motives questioned. It is not always easy doing the right thing. Thanks to all! Mike"

Your comments and correspondence are appreciated. Continue to keep us in your prayers. We value your partnership with us. Have a good Thanksgiving season.



Marilyn Farmer, District President & Gary at District AGRM Conference.

Meet the Staff



John Ailie is the newest staff member at Hope Gospel Mission, assuming the position of Stewardship Director. He and his wife Kathy were married at Martin Mission Church near Cornell 30 years ago. They have four grown children -- two living in Dallas, Texas, one at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and one in Kabul, Afghanistan. Before coming on board here they had lived in Dallas, Texas for five years where John was a student at the Criswell College, earning a M.A. in Ministry and co-pastoring an inner city church. John worked for many years with DaySpring Cards in the areas of sales and marketing. He has a B.S. in Organizational

Management from John Brown University.

John was born and raised in central Minnesota and he and his wife are glad to be back close to their families in western Wisconsin and Minnesota. Hobbies and interests include reading, biblical studies and teaching and preaching God's word, and helping his wife buy and sell books. Cross-cultural missions is a special interest for John and he made a trip to Nigeria in 2006 and hopes to do several short term mission trips in the future.

John will be working in donor relationships, networking, grants, special events, communications, and overseeing our volunteer department. He looks forward to meeting area pastors, business people, volunteers, supporters, and those who want to know more about Hope Gospel Mission.



Bronze
100 hours



Silver
250 hours



Gold
500 hours

Medals for volunteer service as referenced on the previous page



Awards given at banquet:
Ben 100 hours left.

Nancy 250 hours right.



Come Join the feast

12 noon to 2 p.m. on November 27, 2008
at Hope Gospel Mission,
8 S Farwell, Eau Claire, WI.



Volunteers needed, donations of food welcome to feed the public. There are many who are alone for the holiday season. Help us make this a joyful holiday for them. We are inviting them and you to join us. As with past years, we will be joining forces with hundreds of other rescue missions to be a part of one of the nation's largest coordinated efforts to provide traditional holiday meals to people in need. We call it the Great Thanksgiving Banquet, and through it, more than a half-million people will be fed and shown the love of Christ. Hope Gospel Mission is a member of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, organizers of this event.

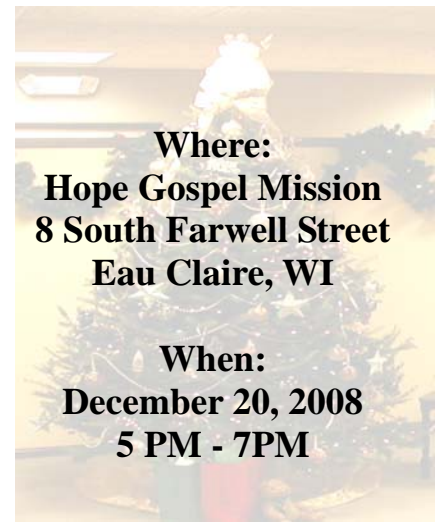
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You're Invited To Hope Gospel Mission's Christmas meal.

Christmas can be a lonely time of year. We can try to change that. Come be our special guest. This is your chance to receive a hot meal and share human kindness, warmth and fellowship. If you have any questions, need a ride or want more information, please contact us at 715-552-5566.

We are taking names of people who would like to volunteer to help us prepare for this Christmas event.

e-mail us at: questions@hopegospelmission.org



Where:

**Hope Gospel Mission
8 South Farwell Street
Eau Claire, WI**

When:

**December 20, 2008
5 PM - 7PM**

Mailing Address General Contact PO Box 1127 Eau Claire, WI 54702 (715)552-5566	Men's Shelter 8 So. Farwell Eau Claire, WI 54701 (715)552-5566	Ruth House 2517 Moholt Drive Eau Claire, WI 54703 (715)834-4000
Bargain Center 2511 Moholt Drive Eau Claire, WI 54703 (715) 839 -9498	Auto Sales 2615 Moholt Drive Eau Claire, WI 54703 (715) 830-0155	Building Hope 2108 Western Avenue Eau Claire, WI 54703 (715)838-2084

II Cor. 4:15 b "...so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God."



Our Motto: Lives Rescued. Rebuilt. Renewed.

Our Vision: To help those whose lives are in need of rescue with the necessary support and resources whereby if willing they can become productive members of society.

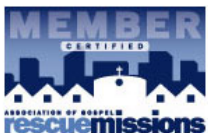
Our Purpose: Hope Gospel Mission is a Christ-centered rescue mission for people whose lives are in need of rescue and are seeking life changing help. We help them by:

- Meeting their basic needs (food, clothing, shelter, health care, jobs, etc.)
- Requiring them to work and help support themselves
- Providing them with a safe and orderly place to stay.
- Making available to them the necessary training and life skills to successfully live on their own through our Renewed Hope Program.
- Sharing with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging those who want to change by using Biblical methods and principles.
- Involving them in local Bible-believing churches that will mentor them with both care and correction.
- Not enabling them to continue in their destructive behavior by showing them both care and correction.
- Not taking any government funding.

You can donate a penny to Hope Gospel Mission's Education Center without spending any money. Please help by using <http://www.searchandgive.com> as your search engine. You can create an account for free and then choose Hope Gospel Mission as your charity. This page works just like Google or Yahoo, but every time you search a penny is donated to the education center. You can set this page as your home page and you can set it to remember your log in and password so you don't have to enter it every time. If you have any questions you can e-mail Chris Hedlund, Director of Education at chris@hopegospelmission.org or call Chris at (715) 839-9498 ext. 108.

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Banquet Celebrates 10 years in Ministry



Mark Donnelly, Mike Yankoski and Gary Steward at banquet.

At this year's annual Lifeline of Hope Banquet HGM celebrated ten years of ministry. The program line-up was designed to be informative, inspiring, and God honoring and was all that and then some. The music was led by a team from Eau Claire Wesleyan Church. There was a slide show that gave glimpses into what has transpired at Hope Gospel Mission the last ten years. Our volunteers were recognized, three received service awards, and Scott Young shared what volunteering means to him.

The heart of our program focused on what we are called to do – minister to those whose lives are broken and who need special help. Our President, Mark Donnelly, gave a good overview of how the mission has grown and how and why needed changes have been made.

A video showing the testimonies of four of our current residents was played. The men talked of their former life, why they came to the mission, and what being at the mission has meant to them. People were moved to tears watching it and it gave people an opportunity to see what most of them had never seen before – what goes on in an individual life through the Renewed Hope Program.

Lastly, our special speaker, Mike Yankoski the author of *Under the Overpass*, spoke about his experience of being a homeless man for five months in America. He told some moving personal stories and ended by contrasting two lives and bringing it home to Eau Claire and to our audience.



Fall banquet at The Florian Gardens was well attended.



Long time employee Carol leaves for new mission field in California.



Christmas Wish List for men or women

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| Portable CD player | Appropriate Christian music | Bus Tokens |
| Socks | Underwear | Watch |
| Christian Reading Material | Clock Radio | Headphones |
| Batteries (AA & C) | Wool Caps & Gloves | NKJV Study Bibles |
| Gift cards | Calling Cards | Postage Stamps |
| Hobby Items | Cab vouchers | Index tabs for Bibles |
| Bring donations to the downtown location at 8 S. Farwell, Eau Claire, WI | | |

This year's breaking bricks for Bucks was a huge success with nearly \$6,000 raised. Over 1300 broken bricks - Ouch! Our sincere thank you to Jeremy Buchholz & One Tree Martial Arts for

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