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Building Hope



Hope Gospel Mission opened Building Hope in October 2006 as a building material and office furniture re-use center. Since 2006 it has expanded twice into its present 25,000 sq. ft. of retail space. New customers come in weekly and are amazed at the selection, quality, and value of the products they find. Building Hope is the largest Re-Use store in the state and has thus become a destination store for many people in western and central Wisconsin.

Products on display at the store include office furniture and major appliances including washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators and freezers. Building supplies include doors, windows, kitchen and bathroom cabinets, plumbing fixtures, flooring, and lighting.

Building Hope promotes environmental stewardship in our community. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of building materials have been salvaged and made available for re-use. The store provides paid job training for residents of the men's shelter enrolled in the Renewed Hope Program. Interns work to complete their classroom training while having a paid position in the store. They pay down their debts and save for the future when they graduate and leave the Mission. Over \$90,000 in wages were paid to program participants last year.

Profits from Building Hope help support the Men's Shelter and Ruth House ministries of Hope Gospel Mission. Financial donations to Hope Gospel Mission are never used to fund the store.

You can help support the work of Building Hope by shopping in the store, donating reusable building materials or office furniture, and telling others about the store. You can volunteer as an individual or as a group. There are opportunities to volunteer in the store as well as job site work days doing deconstruction work. If you are, or know of, a retired handyman, we have very rewarding volunteer work available.

Call anytime with questions, volunteer inquiries, material needs, donations, feedback, etc.:

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HGM Director of Business Operations: Craig Pedersen – ph. 271-HOPE, email: craigp@hopegospelmission.org

Walk-a-Thon: Helping People Get a Leg up in Life



Walk a Mile in My Shoes - Help Someone Get a Leg Up in Life. Fundraising Walk-a-Thon Event sponsored by Hope Gospel Mission. Proceeds for Men's & Women's Shelters. Saturday, August 1st from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at DeLong Middle School. 2000 West Vine Street. Eau Claire, WI. For information on walking in this event or being a sponsor, contact: Phone 715-552-5566 or Email: johna@hopegospelmission.org.



Bring your used Athletic Shoes to donate to our shoe collection or set up a box at your church or business. We can use the shoes you no longer use! (soccer, walking, basketball shoes, etc.)

A Green Bay Packer football (with the signatures of all team members) will be awarded to the walker raising the most dollars!

From the Director: Gary Steward

Hope Gospel Mission is a member of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM). The association is made up of over 300 members in the USA and Canada. The AGRM, formerly the International Union of the Gospel Rescue Missions, has been in existence for more than 96 years. Some of the member missions have been in existence for over a hundred years. As a fairly new mission, we have sought counsel over the years from many of our sister missions in the association. These sister missions have been a tremendous help to us as we developed our programs and facilities.

Three of our senior leaders and I recently attended the annual AGRM convention in Denver. Craig Pedersen, our Director of Business Operations, taught a seminar on Emerging Trends in Social Enterprise and was a panelist in a discussion of resale businesses. Chris Hedlund, our Director of Education, taught a seminar on Nine Ways Mission Run Businesses Can Help a Recovering Addict. Hope Gospel Mission is honored to serve as a consultant for other missions throughout the United States.

I taught a seminar on how to do a start up mission and attended several leadership meetings. We are active in our district and I am the secretary/treasurer for the Midwest District of AGRM which includes Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana. Through being a part of this association we learn and grow together and help each other. Our Hope Gospel Mission businesses are well respected in the association. Craig Pedersen is often asked to visit other missions to evaluate their businesses and give them counsel.

We are glad to be a part of the national and international work of rescue. Rescue missions have a long and rich heritage of reaching out in Christian compassion to some of the neediest people in our society. I personally want to thank all of you who share in this great work that is being accomplished in Western Wisconsin and across the nation. Please contact me at 552-5566 if you would like a tour of our businesses or shelters or if there is any way I can serve you.

MEET THE STAFF:

Dave Mayo - Building Hope Store Manager



I have had the privilege of serving as Building Hope's Store Manager for the last two years. I love my job. It always gives me a challenge no matter what day of the week it is. The main reason I love my work is because I see men's lives change for the better. I also love doing business in a retail environment. I know that my efforts are not just to raise one more dollar to fund some large corporation that has no higher goal than to make the next million. Here at Hope I see the funds that I help raise go directly to assist the people that really need them.

Doing business in a ministry based environment is a totally different environment than in the secular work place. I have worked for large corporations and have experienced the drudgery of having to get up in the morning and go to a job just to earn a paycheck. Now I can't wait to get going most mornings because I know God has something great for me when I get to work and I can directly see the results first hand. It's great that we can talk freely during the day knowing that if we bring up the name of Christ in our conversations with customers, staff or volunteers we will not get the "Oh don't bring up that religion stuff" kind of look. Because people know that is why we are here, to show God's love.

In my spare time I love to get out in the fresh air and ride motorcycle. That is the way I unwind and get away and do my own thing. Also, when I'm not busy with the store I love to spend time with my two boys. Seth is nine years old and Drew is six. They are both 110% boy in everyway and keep me very busy with whatever issue or activity needs attention. I have been married to my wonderful wife Liz for the past eleven years and time together comes as a premium as she works as a full-time nurse opposite the times I work. I am very grateful for the sacrifice she has made so I can do the things - I enjoy working with people in a ministry setting.

I attend Jacob's Well church where my family and I have attended since the day it launched ten years ago. We are involved as much as time permits with our schedules. I look forward to everyday God gives me and whatever work he has for me I am willing to do.

Come join us for our Annual Banquet on September 29, 2009 at The Florian Gardens, 2340 Lorch Ave, Eau Claire, WI (next to Action City). Banquet starts at 6:30p.m. All are welcome. Reservations are limited to the first 500, so R.S.V.P. early by calling 715-552-5566x100.



Watch for our new improved website coming soon at www.hopegospelmission.org



Hope Gospel Mission crew with their trucks ready to transport props from Osseo to Memorial High School.



A sense of community as Hope Gospel Mission staff and residents assisted Faith Evangelical Free Church of Fall Creek move the props for the presentation of the The Passion of Christ. Hope Gospel Mission had their trucks on hand to accept donations of clothing and household goods.



Gary Stewart and John Ailie "grateful for grants received"

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. II Corinthians 9:11-12

Thank you to the Eau Claire Community Foundation for a grant from a donor advised fund recommended by Dick and Marlene Cable. The grant will be used for new computers in the Education Center.
Thank you to U.S. Bank for a gift for remodeling at the Men's Shelter.
Thank you to the AnnMarie Foundation for a grant for new computers in the Education Center.



At our Easter dinner treats and gifts were handed out for the children and grocery bags were sent home with those needing a little help.



Pictured are Program Director Dan Adams with residents Jim, Kevin, and Matt along with Gary Stewart, Executive Director, at an Addiction Relapse Class award ceremony.



Hope Gospel Mission's annual Easter dinner

Visit our website www.hopegospelmission.org

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Mike and Matt Nelson (wearing chef cap) cooking the Easter dinner.



Resident Matt Nelson to attend Victory Trade School



Dan Adams, Mark Donnelly, Matt and Gary Stewart at Matt's Phase III promotion.

We are happy to announce that Matt Nelson, a resident in our Renewed Hope Program, has been accepted at Victory Trade School in Springfield, Missouri. Victory Trade School offers a well rounded hospitality curriculum with courses certified through the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. Students receive a Manage First professional credential in addition to the VTS diploma upon completion.

Matt, age 22, is the youngest resident in our program. After Matt completes his schooling at Victory he plans to return to Hope Gospel Mission to graduate from our Renewed Hope Program and then to be a chef in a hotel restaurant.

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