

November, 2009

## Our Programs

Hope Gospel Mission has been in existence for eleven years. Over that time we have grown from just an idea to having three locations in Eau Claire – the Men's Shelter downtown, the Bargain Center complex (which includes the Education Center and Ruth House), and Building Hope. We are very grateful for what God has done through the concerted effort of individuals, churches, businesses, and other non-profit organizations. We seek to provide services to the western Wisconsin region that help many of its most marginalized people.

By using the analogy of a target, our programs to assist needy and homeless people are the bull's eye of the many services provided by Hope Gospel Mission. We have three programs designed for adult men and women:

1. Our **Emergency Program** is for someone needing help for one to seven days. This may be someone who just needs a meal and a place to stay overnight and includes helping someone just passing through our area.
2. Our **Help Program** is for someone needing longer assistance than the Emergency Program, but who does not have the problems involved in chronic homelessness. This person may be temporarily without employment or housing and just needs a paycheck or two to get back on their feet. This assistance is for up to thirty days.
3. Our **Renewed Hope Program** is our longest and most holistic program. It is designed for those who have the issues of chronic homelessness – habitual unemployment, serious addictions, large debts, and broken relationships. This is the program for someone who sees they need help and wants a life change whereby they can break addictive behavior and become self supporting. It includes food, shelter, health care, education, spiritual instruction and counseling, financial training, job training, and employment. The Renewed Hope Program has four phases and each phase is about six months in length.

**Phase One:** In this phase an individualized plan is made for each resident. It includes an individualized educational assessment followed by practical classes in our Education Center for half a day for six months. The resident is in work therapy training for the other half of the day. Personal financial training is provided through the *Financial Peace University* class in the evening and the resident attends *Right Start/Right Step*, a twelve step biblically based drug and alcohol recovery program.

**Phase Two:** This is the stabilizing phase. It includes being active in a local church, continuing to build work related and interpersonal skills, and beginning a direct hire job search that leads to a job by the end of this phase.

**Phase Three:** This phase is the transitional phase where the resident prepares themselves for independent living. The resident will have 50% of their debt paid off, start the Addiction Relapse Class, continue direct hire employment, increase participation in recreational and social activities, complete their hobby project, and have an established savings account and emergency fund.

**Phase Four:** The resident pays off their remaining debts, has a mentor from their local church, maintains stable employment, has meetings with their pastor, chaplain, financial advisor, and program director, obtains independent living arrangements, and graduates from the program. A relapse prevention plan is developed. Each resident receives a reliable, used vehicle from our Auto Program when they graduate.

To learn more about our programs, visit our website:  
[www.hopegospelmission.org](http://www.hopegospelmission.org), or phone us at 715-552-5566.



Recent Graduates with their vehicles.

# From the Director

As Executive Director and the first employee of Hope Gospel Mission, I have been a part of the Mission since its beginning. By God's grace we have served a vast array of people with a variety of needs. As we have grown we have learned the work of rescue through our personal experiences and through many people and organizations who have acted as models and mentors.

Our programs and services have changed and improved as a part of this learning process. We currently offer three programs to help people in need: our Emergency Program, our Helps Program, and our Renewed Hope Program. We are very thankful for the fine team of staff, volunteers, partnering organizations, and supporters that God has given us. Because we live in an ever changing environment, we continue to look for ways we can improve our programs and services while being good stewards of our resources.

If you would take a poll of the people involved in the work of rescue, you would hear a common response. Across the board people love helping other people and seeing lives changed. Christian social work related to people with chronic homelessness is both very rewarding and very challenging. We experience exhilarating highs as we see breakthroughs as residents overcome addictions and learn character development. And we experience heartache as some residents leave to return to destructive patterns of life. We continue on because we believe God has called and equipped us for this work and because we see both the need for the programs we offer and the impact they are having in people's lives.

With the programs and staff we have in place we offer life changing help for those who seriously want a life change. If you know someone who wants a life change, encourage them to visit our website at [www.hopegospelmission.org](http://www.hopegospelmission.org), or they can phone us at 715-552-5566. We also have referral cards to give to someone who may need one of our programs..



Gary with a resident at a recent phase promotion.



Recent graduates

## Graduation Ceremony

Hope Gospel Mission had a graduation ceremony on August 13<sup>th</sup> for three residents of its Men's Shelter. The men graduated from the four-phase, two year Renewed Hope Program. Lavern A. Anderson, Steven R. Blihovde, and James R. Coleman received diplomas in the Thursday night event attended by 135 friends, staff, volunteers, and supporters. James Coleman and a local representative from Habitat for Humanity signed papers as Jim was awarded a Habitat home in Eau Claire.

Each graduate received a free used auto from Hope Gospel Mission's Auto Program. Having a reliable auto is an important need for graduates to maintain full time employment. Hope Gospel Mission extends thanks to people who have donated used autos so that graduates of the Renewed Hope Program receive a reliable used vehicle at their graduation. People donating used vehicles to the Auto Program receive a tax

deductible receipt for the market value of the auto because the auto goes to a needy recipient. Residents do detailing and light repairs on donated autos as part of their work therapy and employment.

For information on Hope Gospel Mission's Auto Program, contact Craig Pedersen at [craigp@hopegospelmission.org](mailto:craigp@hopegospelmission.org) or by phone at 715-271-4673.

## Great Thanksgiving Banquet

Noon to 2:00 p.m.  
Thanksgiving Day, November 26  
Hope Gospel Mission  
8 South Farwell St.  
Eau Claire, WI 54701



There are many who are alone for the holiday season. Help us make this a joyful holiday for them. We are inviting anyone who does not have a family close by to join our Thanksgiving gathering. 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 of a warm friendly place to be on Thanksgiving. 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, the organizer of this event. If you are interested in being a volunteer, donating food or helping defray the cost of this event, contact us at 715-552-5566 or email us at [questions@hopegospelmission.org](mailto:questions@hopegospelmission.org).

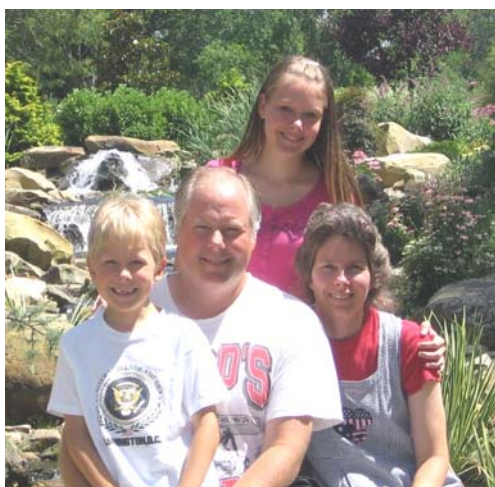


## Education Center



Hope Gospel Mission's Education Center has a vital role in the development of residents in our Renewed Hope Program. Residents are assessed when they enter the program and attend class for half a day for six to twelve months. The average computer literacy of an entering resident is 24% and many other assessed areas are also below the acceptable level for employment. Thanks to grants from the Eau Claire Community Foundation, the AnnMarie Foundation, and the many gifts from donors designated for the Education Center, we installed much needed, new computers and software in our Education Center in September. The newer technology will greatly enhance the instruction and learning experience of our residents. In 2008 the Education Center provided 3,590 education hours and 2,261 hours of employment training for our men and women.

## Meet the Staff: Dan Adams



Dan Adams, seen here with his wife Julie, daughter Abigail and son Jonathan, is the Program Director and Head Chaplain at Hope Gospel Mission. He also serves as one of the three Resident Managers at the Men's Shelter. His past experience includes being a pastor for ten years and serving as interim pastor for six churches. He has also been privileged to be part of the birth of a new church to which he is called affectionately the "founder". He has served at the Joe Hill Rescue Mission in Los Angeles and through his home church he worked as a youth leader and camp counselor.

Dan graduated from Bible college with a Pastoral major and a minor in Business and History.

While in college he worked at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission for three years in various capacities. He currently serves as one of the pastors at Word of Life Bible Church in Eau Claire.

Dan started working as a volunteer at Hope Gospel Mission shortly after it opened in 1998. He enjoys ministering the word of God to the residents and seeing it take effect in their lives. Dan relates "I recall one such example of a man who came to our doors, tired of life and afraid to face the consequences of his sinful actions. This man met with us, then went to jail for 30 days to do his time, but came right back thanking us for making him deal with the consequences of his sins. Right away you could see God was already at work, and then to see him get saved, join a sound gospel preaching church, graduate and continue to live in this new life in Christ has truly been a tremendous blessing. I thank God for using me and allowing me the privilege to be a part of His saving work of grace at Hope Gospel Mission."

Dan's current work at the Mission includes teaching the *Right Start, Right Step* and *Addiction Relapse Class* (ARC) to the residents.



Dan and a resident with ARC documents

## Hope Gospel Mission Locations

### Mailing Address & General Contact

PO Box 1127  
Eau Claire, WI 54702  
(715) 552-5566

### Men's Shelter

8 So. Farwell  
(715) 552-5566

### Ruth House

2517 Moholt Drive  
(715) 834-4000

### Bargain Center

2511 Moholt Drive  
(715) 839-9498

### Auto Sales

2615 Moholt Drive  
(715) 830-0155

### Building Hope

2108 Western Avenue  
(715) 838-2084

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Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
Psalm 100:4



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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

### 2009 Annual Banquet



Dan Adams and Brad at promotion ceremony. Gary Steward, John Ashmen and Mark Donnelly

Hope Gospel Mission held its annual banquet September 29<sup>th</sup> at The Florian Gardens. John Ashmen, President of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, was our featured speaker and spoke on the work of rescue in America. Pastor John van Gorkum was our emcee and Chris Atkins led the musical portions of the banquet. A highlight for many in attendance was hearing from men and women in our programs. Two residents were recognized for having completed one of the four phases in our Renewed Hope Program. And a recent graduate was interviewed on what has transpired in his life and his future plans. Thanks to all who attended, to our sponsors, and everyone who had a part in this very special event. Mark your calendar for next year's banquet on September 28, 2010.

### Christmas Dinner

5:00-7:00 p.m  
Saturday December 19th  
Hope Gospel Mission  
8 South Farwell St.  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Christmas is a special time of the year. We invite you to join us for our annual Christmas dinner.

We especially invite those who do not have family close by to join our family for a good meal and a warm atmosphere as we remember the birth of God's Son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for this event, contact us at 715-552-5566 or email us at [questions@hopegospelmission.org](mailto:questions@hopegospelmission.org).



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