

Education Center to Offer Classes for the Community

April 2010

What an amazing privilege to announce what God is doing at Hope Gospel Mission this spring and summer. We are in the process of expanding our Education Center! This expansion will allow us to double the educational content we offer to the residents within the Renewed Hope Program as well as offer our resources to people in the Chippewa Valley.

Solomon Learning Center is the name of the new school. We will be remodeling the leased space in downtown Eau Claire during the summer in preparation to start using the new location for our residents in September. By the spring of next year we anticipate offering open enrollment to the community to attend our work readiness classes and even get management and technology related certificates.

The new center will offer classes including: character development lessons, job application and resume training, interview skills training, overcoming barriers to employment, work ethic training, and interpersonal skill development training to anyone who wants them. The curriculum for the certificate programs will include vocational and applied skills training directly related to career advancement or new job training.

The learning center will operate on a quarterly calendar with both daytime and evening courses. A special emphasis will be to help those who are not adequately equipped for entry level employment or just need a class or two in specific areas of weakness.

Here are some of the ways you can help: donating remodeling materials or labor for remodeling the building we will be leasing, monetary donations for some of the new furniture and equipment that will be needed, and scholarships for students from the community that cannot afford the expense of getting this training.

If you are an employer who wants to partner with us, please let us know. We have special opportunities for student internships and job placements for our graduates. Providing work for people rebuilding their lives can be a very gratifying experience for both the employer and the new employee.

For more information about classes, programs, internships, and remodeling, contact Chris Hedlund, Director of Education at chris@hopegospelmission.org or ph. 715-225-0682. For information on monetary donations and scholarships contact John Ailie, Stewardship Director at johna@hopegospelmission.org or ph. 715-552-5566.

Graduation and Phase Promotion Ceremony

March 26th was a special day for Pat Fox. Pat has completed the two year Renewed Hope Program at Hope Gospel Mission. A graduation ceremony was held at the Men's Shelter to recognize his achievements. 105 people were in attendance including relatives, fellow residents, staff, volunteers, and people from the community.

Pat said he came to HGM because he had an alcohol problem, he needed help, he was homeless, and he wanted his life straightened out. Some of the highlights from the two year program include: having prayers answered, being reconciled to God, the classes he has taken, work experiences at the Bargain Center and Building Hope, and finding a fulfilling job. Pat has been employed in the Food Service Department at UWEC since August where he is a first cook. (continued on page 4)



Dan Adams Program Director
Pat Fox and Mark Donnelly

From the Board President and Founder: Mark Donnelly

Leadership Transition at Hope Gospel Mission

On January 21, 2010 Gary Steward gave his letter of resignation to the Board of Directors of HGM. Gary had been the Executive Director of HGM for 11 years. During his tenure the mission grew to include a men's shelter, a women's shelter, and three Mission-run businesses which provide job training and employment to the mission's residents. Gary accomplished many things during his years at HGM and we appreciate all that he did! Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary as he pursues new opportunities. Please continue to pray for Gary during this time of transition.

Our mission, vision, and belief statements will not change. We will continue in our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and, through Him, the work of rescuing, rebuilding, and renewing the lives of those homeless men and women in western Wisconsin who wish to change their lives for the better.

In light of Gary's departure, the Board of Directors of HGM has approved a new interim leadership structure until such time as a new executive director is hired. We are very blessed at HGM to have five gifted department heads who will act as directors of their respective areas and report directly to the board during this interim period. The department heads and their respective titles are as follows: Craig Pedersen-Business Operations Director; John Ailie-Stewardship Director; Sandi Polzin-Human Resource Director; Dan Adams-Program and Shelter Director; and Chris Hedlund-Work Program and Education Director. The job duties of the Executive Director will be divided up between these five directors and the board. If you have any questions regarding any of the changes here at HGM, please feel free to contact us at 715-552-5566 or questions@hopegospelmission.org

How Hope Gospel Mission is Helping Other Missions



Tom and Barb Hennes of Hudson have been sacrificially working to help woman and children in their area. They hope to soon have a facility to house five residents. In the meantime they have taken a woman in need into their home to care for her. They are grateful to have multiple volunteers helping with various aspects of the mission. Hope Gospel Mission has been happy to lend assistance to Tom and Barb. Here is what Tom recently wrote.

"We have graciously received help from staff of Hope Gospel Mission. Gary Steward had initially introduced Barb and I to the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions. Since then, he became my mentor and helped me with a number of items including helping me get zoning changes with the City of Hudson. Chris Hedlund gave me advice regarding the education center, I spoke with Dan Adams about counseling issues, Sharon Krueger offered donor tracking insights, and John Ailie offered guidance and feedback regarding our first donor acquisition venture. Barb and I are very grateful for all the help we have received from staff at Hope Gospel Mission."

Sincerely,
Tom Hennes
Executive Director
OPEN DOOR rescue mission
Hudson, WI
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Hope Gospel Mission was recently contacted by a group of people in Wisconsin Rapids who are working on starting a mission in their area. Due to a severe economic downturn, there has been a spike in homelessness and they are actively seeking to alleviate the situation. Representatives of the Wisconsin Rapids group have made several trips to Eau Claire to tour Hope Gospel Mission's facilities and to learn about our programs and services. We are delighted to see their vision and to work with them as they help hurting people.

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Volunteers Make a Difference Every Week!

National Volunteer Week is April 18 – 24 with the slogan **Celebrating People in Action**.

Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially in scope each year since, drawing the support and endorsement of all subsequent U.S. presidents, governors, mayors and other respected elected officials.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, in unison, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. National Volunteer Week is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change—discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transformation.



National Volunteer Week is not only our moment in time to celebrate our volunteers, but to enable a nation to share ideas, practices, and stories, wherever they happen, and shaping a movement to re-imagine the notion of citizenship for the 21st century.

People who volunteer at Hope Gospel Mission find themselves doing a variety of things. Many of them prepare, serve and share in the evening meals at the Men's Shelter and the Ruth House. Some volunteers help with community-wide holiday meals at Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter. Others work behind the scenes at the Bargain Center sorting donations and determining the proper destination for those donations. The Education Center utilizes volunteers as tutors and mentors. Building Hope is always looking for volunteers who have construction and materials knowledge to help with the building materials re-use program.



Janet and Steve serving the residents an evening meal.

There are many other areas and activities within Hope Gospel Mission's programs and services where volunteers make it possible to provide life changing opportunities for the people who come to our doors for help. Who are these people who come alongside the staff and residents of Hope Gospel Mission to make this happen? They are church groups, university students who are performing service learning projects or Community Service program participants who are giving back to society. They are families where parents are instilling a sense of community in their children and couples who enjoy working together to better the community. The widow who felt she wanted to help and thereby find new meaning and purpose. In short, volunteers at Hope Gospel Mission are people who care, who want to give; they are your neighbors and friends who have chosen to "inspire by example."

Volunteers save Hope Gospel Mission an average of \$350,000 in staff labor costs annually. This savings represents a major portion of the costs involved in providing the Education Program available to HGM residents. Or it can be viewed as providing the entire cost to help several mission residents through their entire two year program of life change and renewal. Either way, it is only through the dedication and hard work of our many volunteers that we can continue to provide the level of services that we do. **THANK YOU!**



Steve and Janet volunteer cooks at the Men's shelter

If you would like more information on volunteering at Hope Gospel Mission please call: 715-552-5566 or visit our website.

Three easy steps to volunteer:

1. Go to our website:
www.hopegospelmission.org
2. Click on "volunteer application" in the upper right corner.
3. Fill out the application and we will contact you.

Mailing Address

General Contact
PO Box 1127
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(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
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(715) 830-0155

Building Hope

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EC Co DHS Staff at Job Ctr	Vicki Shawd	Richard Larson	Tami L. Larson	Kenton Strand	
Vicki & Bob Bement	Sister and Family	Cheryl Jensen	John Layer	Jacqueline Stumpf	Don Stumpf
EC Co DHS Staff at Job Ctr	Linda Struck	Mabel Louis		Swanhild Rasmussen	Steve Taylor
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Todd & Jenny Dionne	The Men's Shelter	Terry & Carol Steward	John Layer		
Todd & Jenny Dionne	The Ruth House	Physicians & Staff of Marshfield Clinic	John Layer		



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His plans for the future are to stay sober, live in Eau Claire and work at his new job, and attend church and Bible study on a regular basis. Pat's words to our donors are "Thank you for everything you've done. You are a wonderful bunch of people." He says he is thankful for HGM as otherwise people wouldn't receive the help they need. Pat has been actively involved in Crossroads Church where he has found a family of people who care for him.

Pat has been a leader and an example to the other residents at the Men's Shelter by volunteering to cook and do work around the building as needed. He plans to continue to cook at the Men's Shelter for special events and volunteer at the Bargain Center and Building Hope. Pat, we are so thankful for all that God has done for you in the last two years and our prayers and ongoing support will be with you.

Two men, Robby and Ryan, from the Men's Shelter were recognized for completing phase one in the Renewed Hope Program. The Renewed Hope Program has four phases. As part of their phase promotion, they received various gifts. Also, as part of the ceremony, four men received certificates for completing the Alcohol Relapse Class.



Craig Pedersen giving keys to Pat



Pat with his Pastor and Mentor



Dan Adams, Robby and Mark Donnelly with phase promotion certificate



Dan Adams, Ryan and Mark Donnelly with phase promotion certificate