

Chattanooga Rescue Mission

BRINGING HOPE TO THE HOMELESS

May, 2011

Dear Friends,

We may never know the impact of sharing the gospel with someone whom we may never see again. Back in 1958 a man was traveling with a group of telephone cable layers going from town to town and state to state. A local church, going out on visitation, stopped by the camp trailer park, knowing that these people would be moving on, yet wanting to share God's love with the workers. One of the workers came to know Christ and in three weeks moved on. Yet, once he settled in one place with his family, they got into a church, and stayed in the same town for the next 53 years. At his recent funeral, the visitation line was 2 ½ hours long. There was a constant stream of people telling the family how he had encouraged them, visited them when they were sick, and helped them in their needs.

We fill beds each night here at the mission with those who may only be "passing through" for just a day, a few days, a month or at times even a little longer; yet all at some point move on. Because we are an emergency shelter, we may never know what God has done or is doing in someone's heart as a result of "passing through" our shelter. During the month of April, we served 2,576 meals and filled 1,813 beds. We have seen more mothers with children calling and coming. Two mothers with teenage girls stayed a few nights during the month of April. As far as we know, we are the only emergency shelter for women that is functioning at this time. Several nights in April we could not accommodate all that ladies that came looking for shelter because we were full.

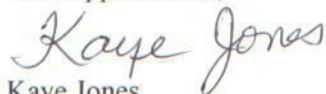
We continue to look towards renovating the third floor to expand our women's shelter as well as the men's shelter. We would like to put an area on the third floor for mothers with children. There is no emergency shelter available at the present time for women whose children are boys. We had a call today from a mother with two boys, the ages of 9 and 13. We have no place to put them at the present time.

In our daily chapel services our shelter guests receive the good news of God's love, as well as hope and encouragement. As we labor together with you to meet the emergency needs of people for a place to eat, shower and rest, we are laboring together with God. (I Cor. 3:9). We appreciate you being a co-laborer with us and your compassion and care for those in need.

The last week of April was the week the heavy tornado storms passed through Tennessee. We were without power from Wednesday morning until Saturday evening. We had no property damage, but did have to throw out most of the refrigerated food and some of the freezer food. We are thankful that food donations are coming in.

Thank you for your generosity as we pass on God's blessings to those in need.

With appreciation,



Kaye Jones

Director of Women's Ministries

"For with God Nothing Shall be Impossible" Luke 1:37