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As Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

God never gives us more than we can handle. It is up to us, however, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to reach out and provide support to others in their time of need. And we have faith that in turn, God will provide us with the resources to deliver that help.

That is why we are so blessed to have generous donors like you. You inspire us with your kindness and enable us to share Jesus' love with the lonely and hurting in our community. Together, we are able to bring support to the lives of those who need it most.

"I have seen the burden God has lain on men. He has made Everything beautiful in its time."

- Ecclesiastes 3:10-11

Upcoming events

- Help meet the needs of the homeless! Be a part of September's Fundraising Banquet. Log onto www.pcrmission.org or call Neil to register.
- Join us for music, preaching, and free food! The Fall Revival is here again! The fun starts October 23-25 from 4-7 p.m. in the Mission courtyard at 609 Allen Avenue.
- **Veterans Day Cookout and Celebration!** November 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. We will be meeting in the Mission courtyard. Help us honor our homeless vets. One out of every 3 men we serve is a vet!
- Want to do something that will make you **feel great** and **help the community**? Volunteer at the Mission's Great Thanksgiving Banquet! It is November 25 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Please call 769-0783 to volunteer.
- The **Festival of Trees** is open this year from November 30-December 3. Help bring Christmas cheer to people who need it most. For more information, to become a designer or to volunteer, please visit <http://www.pcrmission.org/festival.html>.
- Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be December 24 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Carol & Billy Fox,
Director of Ministries & Executive Director

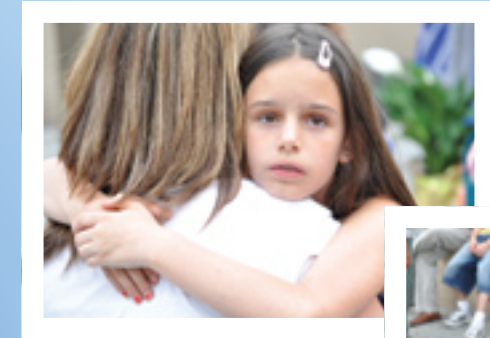


Your support gave April time to heal...

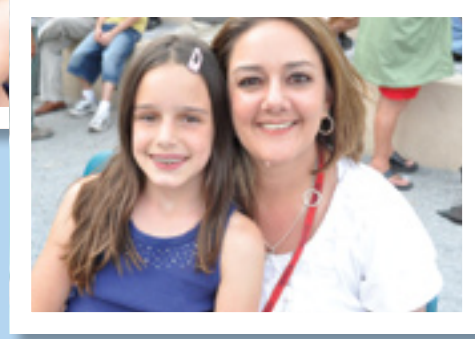
April came to the Mission looking for direction and a fresh start. When she arrived, she had just been released from jail and was addicted to methamphetamines. She had lost everything – including custody of her daughter, age 9.

Through God's grace and the support and structure she found at Bethel Village, April began to rebuild her life. With support from donors like you, April accomplished much at the Mission! She is able to see her daughter and has reconciled with her son, age 17. She is now working at the Mission in the Day Center as a full-time Client Advocate Assistant and has moved into her own apartment.

Because of your generous gifts, April found hope – and is now able to give hope to others arriving at the Mission! Thank you for helping us to provide a time for healing.



April and her daughter now have time to build a lifelong bond!



For many people we serve there is "a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build."

Ecclesiastes 3:3

We thank God every day that you are here to help us heal and rebuild people's lives.

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The INN is Full!

Motivated by the promise of work, many people made their way to our area looking for job opportunities with the BP oil spill. Unfortunately, BP pulled their operations out of the area and now many people are stranded here without work and arriving at our Mission's doorstep for help!

Our Day Center's resources are being stretched more every month. The number of new clients has grown compared to 2009.

	2009	2010
May	37	59
June	57	156
July	42	201
August	104	95 thru 8/22

Your continued support of the Mission helps us feed and shelter all of God's children. Thank you!

- Emergency Shelter, Feeding, Men's Programs & Admin. Offices**
609 Allen Avenue
850.769.0783 phone
850.763.0099 fax
- Bethel Village & Programs for Women and Families**
850.914.0533 phone
850.640.0292 fax
- The Bargain Center**
401 E. 6th Street
850.215.5778 phone
- Beach Thrift Store**
8116 Front Beach Rd.
850.249.1224 phone
- Parker Thrift Store**
4939 E. Bus 98
850.215.3720 phone
- Donation Center & Thrift Store**
1801 E. 11th Street
850.769.5777 phone

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Your Mission's Impact

What's more fun than a petting zoo?



Children from all over had a day full of happiness!

Our 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt included face painting, a petting zoo, a bouncy house, and, of course, one of the largest egg hunts in Panama City. Families enjoyed free food, fun, and a message of the Gospel, and went home loaded with Easter baskets. Some kids even won bicycles and other toys for finding the most eggs or special colored eggs. This project would not have been possible without the love and support of the Proverbs 31 Guild, our all-woman volunteer group aimed at meeting the needs of homeless and hurting women and children.

School's out for Summer... and the Mission helps feed local kids!



Many donors and volunteers made the Family Food Festival a success! Including Publix Supermarkets, who provided fresh-baked bread and pastries for us to give to needy families struggling to feed their kids over the summer.

It Was Steve's Time to Plant the Seeds of His Future

Steve, 55, was very fortunate growing up. His father was successful and wealthy, and Steve was given the best in education and opportunity.

Unfortunately, these things did not prevent Steve from developing an addiction to drugs and alcohol. This addiction led to stealing in order to feed his habit. He tried over and over to turn his life around.

Steve always thought, "If I worked hard and did right, everything would be okay."

Although he would get clean for short periods of time, Steve always found himself using drugs again, stealing to feed the habit, and eventually standing before yet one more judge.

Steve will never forget the situation he was in. "Because of the number of felonies I had, I have spent 17 years total in prison. I was facing another 15 years, which is a life sentence for someone my age."

The most recent time he went before a judge, however, **something had changed.**

Steve had met a friend in jail who introduced him to Jesus Christ. People who had barely gotten to know Steve became vocal advocates for him, asking the judge to give Steve one more chance.

And by the grace of God, and the generosity of one judge, Steve got that chance.

He was accepted into the Men's Recovery Program, but he would have to report back to dress in stripes each weekend.

Steve graduated into the next phase of his life in August 2010. That day, the judge's clerk dropped off a letter written and signed by the judge himself!

The judge wrote, "We are all rooting for you and pray that God will continue to bless you as you finally prove that your future will not be defined by your past!"



Steve is beginning an internship within the Mission's enterprise program and is excited about what the future holds.

With humility, unknown to him in his past life, Steve knows "that God is calling me to serve, and that's exactly what I want to do."

Steve shares his testimony of a changed life at the Spring Revival.

Don't forget the Panama City Rescue Mission when you're out at the store... Please help us stock up on some of our most urgent needs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap (trial or hotel size) | <input type="checkbox"/> Conditioners | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic women's hair products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Bibles and Christian movies |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Towels | |

Please drop off your donations at 609 Allen Avenue.

Wish List

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Thank You to our Klothes For Kids sponsors!!

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A child having fun under the clothes racks!



A single dad waiting with his kids to try on shoes.

Not Only Shoes, Uniforms & Backpacks ...But Also "Hope, Love and Jesus"

As of the printing of this newsletter, we served **1,400** children and gave away **\$90,197** worth of clothes, shoes, underwear and accessories. That doesn't even count the value of the school supplies provided by our friends at Living Word Fellowship and the latecomers we continue to serve through our thrift store!

It took a team of nearly 150 volunteers per day on August 6, 7 and 9 to distribute all the items along with God's love – **and the rewards were priceless!** They gave over 2,200 hours!

One mom wrote in a thank you card we received today, "Our family just wanted to thank you again for the help with school clothes and supplies. I'm not sure what we would've done without you. The kids are so excited to wear the new things this year, and they had so much fun shopping at your store."

"You have come to this place for such a time as this!"
Esther 4:14

