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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior from your missionary team in Dayton

We go about the Lord's work of preaching the Gospel every day; thanks for your support to keep it going. We are so excited to have this calling and it is one of urgency. *And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ (Acts 5:42).* The Bible is our guide for ministry: *If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone (James 2:15-17).* We desire every day to blend the Gospel of Christ with meeting the needs of this mission field. Most missionary agencies blend everyday-living with the reality of God who is aware of every circumstance of our lives.

As usual, we are very optimistic about the work ahead during the summer. We want to complete our wheel chair elevator for the main chapel; this will be a tremendous blessing. We want to do a total painting face-lift on many of our buildings (we are looking for volunteers to do the painting project). It is important that we keep God's property in the best of shape for our general testimony. We have a total of four special picnics planned this summer for different celebrations. In all of this, we want our Lord and Savior to receive the honor and glory.

We pray for many souls to be saved because that is the reason the Lord has sent us to the city...people need the Lord and we want to be responsible for our part in the Lord's work. We need your daily prayers in all areas of our operation. Thanks so much for your support of the work here.

By His grace,



Chaplain, Director

Dayton Christian High School - Ministering to Body and Spirit

(Director of Ministry Development, Rich Anglin)



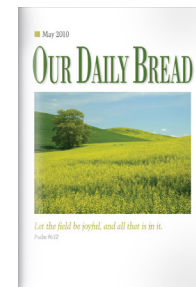
Dayton Christian High School (DCHS) students have been a steady presence at the Gospel Mission this year. In January, several groups of students performed a variety of services at the Mission as part of their "J" Term Urban Ministry class.

In March, "Resounding Joy", the DCHS chorale group, under the direction of Miss Tracy Miller, ministered to the spiritual needs of over 80 guests, presenting a mixture of traditional hymns and contemporary Christian worship music for nearly one hour. *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.* Psalm 100:1

Finally, in April, DCHS ministered

to the physical needs of our guests, through a gift of nearly 100 cubic feet of food, beverage, paper and cleaning products that the students collected for distribution to our guests. From the generous gift, 36 "Easter Baskets" were assembled and distributed to families residing near and/or serviced by the Mission. Each basket included a large variety of staples and other items, including a frozen ham and meat from the mission. Even after completing all of the baskets, we still had a large number of items which we used to replenish the shelves at the Frequent Guest Store. *But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received ... the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.* Philippians 4:18

Bible and Tract Distribution



Bible and tract distribution is a very important tool for the Gospel message to be distributed each day. We also use many Our

Daily Breads. The tracts are directed toward very Biblical answers to life's dilemmas. Our tracts come from Fellowship Tract League in Lebanon, Ohio. They are a wonderful ministry publishing tracts in many languages.

We pray that the Lord will use the literature portion of this ministry to bring to light that nothing can meet the needs of the soul but Jesus Christ.

Featured Department: The Kings Table



As a licensed restaurant we want to serve our best for the Lord. Shown here are Robert and Tim who direct and plan all of the meals and work with the wonderful volunteers to make it all happen. They both recently

passed the required course material from the Montgomery County Health Department to assure our guests of the best in health and safety. We are thankful for their dedication to the Lord's work.

Looking for that
blessed Hope, and
the glorious appearing of
the great God and
our Saviour
Jesus Christ

Titus 2:13

Come to our Mission Field



The mission field of the Gospel Mission is a mission field where the Gospel is ministered everyday through various venues. All of your labor is connected to our central theme of Christ. Matthew 28 gives the clear mandate to accomplish the Lord's purpose of spreading the Good News. Your work

at the mission is always connected with the daily ministry. You can get to our mission field with little cost; just a little time and scheduling. We extend the invitation to serve the Lord at the Gospel Mission. Many jobs are awaiting laborers.

Shown here are some who have come to our mission field from the Joy Sunday School class at Salem Church of God. They made "Journey Bags" for our Easter congregation. They were filled with many wonderful things to express the Love of God. Thanks for being part of our support staff.

Frequent Guest Operation



The Gospel Mission has many frequent guests and that is a special encouragement to have people under the Word and Christian influence frequently. They too have their "perks" with a Frequent Guest Card that entitles them to things

like "Fast Passes"; the ability to eat first on a very crowded day. They can visit the Frequent Guest Redemption Center to exchange attendance points for clothing, personal care items, food, electronics, household goods, etc. It is an opportunity for them to attend services, invest in themselves, and earn a goodly amount of the supplies that they need for daily living. Shown here are Grace and Richard, managers.

We know our Frequent Guests are getting the Word that Jesus Saves even in the challenging culture of the day. *So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.* (Romans10:17)

Nehemiah Bible Institute Report

(Director, Gerry Grimson)



At Nehemiah Bible Institute, we systematically teach the Scriptures to guests of the mission who have a poor or often confused understanding of the Bible.

Students attend quarterly classes that are designed to expose the student to the full range of Biblical material—from the Old Testament to the New Testament—and to prepare the student to study the Bible on their own.

The program sequence begins with a class on the basics of Christian faith and practice. This gives a common grounding for the students from new believer to experienced Bible practitioner. We then teach the students how to study the Bible with a beginning class on inductive Bible study in order to prepare the student for a lifetime of study. From these basic classes we then move into surveys of OT History, Literature, and Prophecy. Next we survey the NT Gospels, Pauline letters, and general Epistles.

With the basics and Bible surveys under their belt, our students begin a study of the elementary doctrines of the Christian faith with an introduction in two classes to the various disciplines of Systematic Theology. Once a student has completed all ten classes of the basics, surveys, and doctrines, there are opportunities to do in-depth studies in a variety of topics. We have previously studied the books of Romans, Hebrews, John, Acts and Exodus. We have studied Reformation history, Early Church history, and End Times.

Students are welcome to join anytime and can complete classes for a certificate in as little as a year and a half. A new sequence of classes is beginning this fall and it is an exciting time to see who the LORD will bring into class.

Camp Jabez



Summer camp is approaching fast. Please assist in getting the word out. Camp Jabez is for all children from ages 5 to 16. This year there are extended Junior Camps and a new Teen Camp plus a new Express Camp. Registration may be found on-line.

Camp experiences have a long-term impact on youth and Camp Jabez can make it a life impact for Christ. Our prayerful goal is to show the youth that there is no real answer for life and eternity without the Creator.

Please consider sending a young person to Camp Jabez to enjoy the great outdoors, great times in fellowship, the beautiful horses and the peace of God.



Camp Jabez at the Mall



Sue Clarkston, Camp Director

We had the opportunity to bring the camp to the malls on two Saturday's and thought it would be a good idea to meet some new people and share with them our Christian summer camp. We had a very pleasant time and gave away two free camps to some fortunate people. Camp Jabez is designed to focus on our Lord and Savior. It is our desire to show the modern youth that the very essence of God's creation and the message of Christ is exciting. We use His creation of the horses and the wonderful outdoors to bring youth to the awesomeness of our God and His great provision for them.

There are plenty of openings for the summer season. Send those youngsters (age 5-16) our way for a great selection of camps.

Check them out at www.CampJabez.org

Challenging Days

The frequency of death is very prevalent today with terrorism and drugs. Reports of such things do not bring the shock they once did. It is really a new world of thought that is reshaping our minds as to our understanding of the world and what is going on. We will be quick to tell you that the Word of God has the answers to the current world direction. The world is not getting any better because much of the world has asked God to leave; we are seeing the results of a growing godless world. Nevertheless, James said, *Establish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth near* (James 5:8). The ministry of the Gospel Mission is designed to show the reality and practicality of the truth of the Bible. Our message is urgent! Every day, and in light of the times, the Gospel is applied to life to explain why the world is in this condition and what the Lord is doing about it. Without God's valid explanation, humanity can only rely on sinful man for the answer...and it never comes. Hence, we have a world trying to solve its problems without God...the blind leading the blind.

We pray daily that many will be able to say, *whereas I was blind, now I see* (John 9:25). With our eyes on Christ we have the eternal hope that sustains us through all of the horrors of this earth. *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ* (Titus 2:13).



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