



The Heartbeat of The Mission

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Cornerstone and Community Celebrate 30 Years

On August 18th, Cornerstone Rescue Mission celebrated its 30th anniversary. To honor this great milestone, Cornerstone had a picnic at Memorial Park to thank the community and churches for all of their support over the last 30 years. Dave Adams, founder and former director, spoke about the Mission's history and how it ended up in its current location. Directors Jim Castleberry and Lisa Swallow also shared how the Mission has grown over the past three decades and how it continues to meet the needs of some of the neediest folks in our community. Cornerstone Rescue Mission began with a men's facility and has added the veteran's transitional housing program, a thrift store, a women and children's home, a 24-unit apartment complex, a childcare program, the Veteran's Outreach Center and the Cornerstone Foundation.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the donors, volunteers, committee members and members of the Board of Directors over the past 30 years who have helped us keep our doors open and have served the needs of the homeless. We couldn't do it without you and continue to need your support. We also thank the VFW Honor Guard for opening up our ceremony, Debbie and Scott Pack and their friends who provided the music, and the residents of the Cornerstone veteran's program who did all of the set-up, food service and tear down. Be blessed as you have blessed us.



Community gathers to eat at picnic

Stand Down: A Military Tradition for Soldiers in the Field

Stand Down: A military term, which refers to fresh troops taking care of exhausted combat troops by moving them from the battlefield to an environment that is safe and secure. The depleted combat soldiers are given medical attention, food, fresh clothing, and an opportunity to get cleaned up, rest and recuperate.

On August 27, Veterans' Affairs, in cooperation with numerous veteran organizations, hosted a stand down at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center to provide services to local veterans. The stand down was an extensive service fair for homeless veterans and their families offering a period of respite and an opportunity to meet with county, state and federal veterans' representatives. Services included a meal, clothing,

community housing referrals, medical and dental treatment, readjustment counseling, legal assistance, VA benefits, financial and economic information and much more. The meal was provided through generous donations from local businesses and private citizens. Over 100 veterans were served at this stand down and left the facility reinvigorated and ready to face their daily challenges.

This was a great and worthy recognition of the men and women who have provided us the opportunity to live and thrive in a free nation, a debt we can never fully repay. Thank you veterans and may God bless you all richly as you have blessed us with your service to our country.

Excelling with Grace



At Cornerstone Rescue Mission there is no greater joy than witnessing people getting some help and encouragement resulting in some positive changes in their life. We are so inspired by stories like the following:

Wendy came to Cornerstone Apartments as a single mom with three boys ages 13, 8, and 3. She had been struggling since 2010 to find a safe and permanent place for her to live with her children. She and her boys had seen many hard times over the years.

One day Wendy's boyfriend told her that she needed to leave the apartment they were sharing. She didn't know what to do, as she had no place to go. She began working with a partner agency and was referred to Cornerstone Apartments. Wendy wasn't sure what to expect and was a little nervous when she moved into her apartment. She was nervous that the pitter patter from her boys was going to disturb her neighbors below. As she settled in, she realized that there was no cause for concern; she had a safe place for herself and her children. She met her neighbor below who reassured her that the boys were not being disruptive. She took pride in keeping her home clean, going as far as removing her shoes at the door. She began to experience the security that comes with knowing you have a safe place to live and people showing the grace of giving.

Shortly after moving in, Wendy was hired part-time at a local department store, and she is excelling at her job. She is currently looking for another job so she can make ends meet. She is also working on debt reduction so she and her children can have a brighter future.

We can see a difference in Wendy just by looking at her; each day she seems to have more confidence and a spring in her step. She has been a welcomed addition to the family at the Cornerstone Apartments.

God's word tells us in 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV) – *But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.* Please consider the needy homeless families like Wendy's trying to live by excelling in their challenges daily and their need for grace, especially the grace of giving.

Faith Riders



On a beautiful Tuesday afternoon in August, motorcycles rolled up to the Cornerstone Women and Children's Home. The Liberty Baptist Faith Riders gave the women and children a real treat, grilling hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings. Chris and Starla Martin, from Miami, Oklahoma, are the leaders of the group. The group has been coming to the Sturgis Rally for four years. They not only cooked supper for the guests of the home, but the men had a good time playing with the children while the women led a Bible study and a discussion and prayer time with the guests after a wonderful meal.



Faith Riders at Women and Children's Home

The Faith Riders also took part in the motorcycle evangelism in Sturgis during the week of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The Dakota Baptist Convention (DBC) had a tent where the Gospel was shared 3,574 times with 315 people praying to accept Christ as their personal savior. The bikers would enter the tent to register for a chance to win a 2012 Harley Davidson Switchback Motorcycle in exchange for giving three minutes of their time. During those three minutes they listen to volunteers share the story of redemption and salvation; some share how Christ changed their lives. Garvon Golden is the executive director for the Dakota Baptist Convention, which sponsored the giveaway. Golden commented, "At the Sturgis bike rally, bikers don't come here with the objective

of letting someone talk to them about Jesus Christ." He went on to say, "It's an evangelism model based on the five R's that seems to work in our culture today—relevancy, receptivity, redemption, relationship and reproduction—as in the exponential effect of evangelization as it ripples outward from the Baptist tent." Golden added that the last R is reproducing that evangelism effort and that many times someone who had left the tent after accepting Jesus returned with a friend or acquaintance to hear about Christ.

The Faith Riders continued their work with Cornerstone by helping out at the thrift store. In addition to working at the DBC tent, they also spent a couple of days in Pine Ridge. What a glorious example of sharing the gospel and Christ's love. 1 Timothy 4:13 (NIV) – *Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of scripture, to preaching and to teaching.*

Voice of the Chapel

A Sunday service at Cornerstone Rescue Mission is just one of the wonderful things that the Lord blesses us with. As we pray and seek the Lord for joy (His joy and not the world's joy) God says in his Word that the Joy of the Lord is our strength! The Lord Jesus Christ was anointed with the oil of joy and His joy was in loving the Father beyond anything and doing the work that the Father sent him to do! Jesus Christ gave himself as a sacrifice for all of us and he said that we should love each other the way that he loves us. As we give ourselves as a sacrifice for God and his people, it will be known to the world that we are his children!

Cornerstone Rescue Mission is a fertile field that is ready for harvest but needs laborers! Jesus Christ came for all of those who are in need of Him, and we have people in need of Him here at the mission. You can sacrifice your time, prayer, services and finances in this field!

We come to you with thanksgiving for all you have done in the past, are still doing and will do in the future for God and his people here at Cornerstone Rescue Mission. We pray for God's blessings in Jesus' name!

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Needs List

MEN'S MISSION

Coffee, Creamer & Sugar
Ketchup, Tomato Sauce/Tomato Soup, Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce & BBQ Sauce
Drink Mixes (any kind)
Mayonnaise & Salad Dressings (any kind)
Flat Sheets (any size), Fitted Twin Sheets & pillows

VETERANS

Drum Set & any Musical Instrument
Phone Cards, Gas Cards, Bus Passes
Shoes & Boots (sizes 10-13)

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
Dryer sSheets
Tall Kitchen & Large Black Trash Bags
Household Cleaning Supplies
Ground Beef
Coffee, Creamer & Sugar
Size 5 Diapers

APARTMENTS

Kitchen and Large Black Trash Bags
Toilet Paper
Twin/Queen Size Mattress Pads
Dish Soap
Odoban Cleaner
40 & 60 Watt Light Bulbs

DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

Powdered Formula- Soy & Milk Based
Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Soups
Spaghetti Sauce, Elbow Macaroni, Potatoes
Chicken, & Chicken Nuggets, Meat
Single Ingredient Baby Food Fruits and Vegetables
Size 5 and 6 diapers (no Pull Ups please)
Zip lock bags, Laminator/laminate Sheets
MiniVan

THRIFT STORE

Rubber Bands
Rechargeable AA & AAA Batteries
2-way Radios with Rechargeable Batteries
Gallon Size Ziplocs Bag
Totes with Lids



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(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)