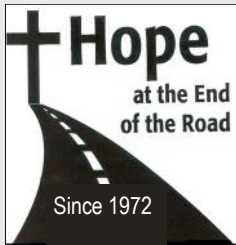


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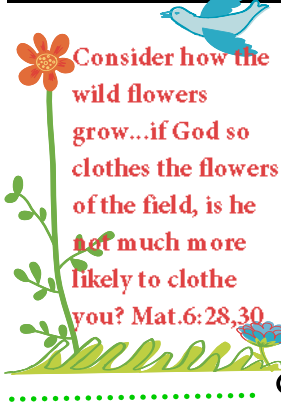
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SHELTER STATS:	Mar. '09	Mar. '08	Year to Date
# Meals Served:	5,459	5,335	15,907
# Night Lodging (Men):	1,656	1,586	4,697
#Night Lodging (Women & Children):	195	158	531

SHELTER NEEDS:
Health & hygiene shampoo, soap, sunscreen, underwear
food & kitchen spaghetti, canned veggies, meat, onions, tomato sauce, ice machine



Consider how the wild flowers grow...if God so clothes the flowers of the field, is he not much more likely to clothe you? Mat.6:28,30

This edition of the newsletter offers information about resources you or someone you know may find useful.

Susan's Story

"I'm glad I choose the mission," said Susan. Last October, Susan, broke, had to decide whether to move in with extended family or go to the Rescue Mission. "Since coming here I've been saved and blessed every day since," said Susan. Shortly after arriving, she began helping the mission as a Woman's Supervisor. A speaker at chapel challenged Susan. "He asked me 'What is your purpose in life?' The next day I was able to tell him. My purpose is to be here and do what I do because you're serving God daily." Susan helps women who come to the mission. "There are not two people alike. Some come from a really bad situation and only stay here a couple of days. Some go from mission to mission. There are those that can't make it on what they're making now with everything costing now so they have someplace to stay at the mission so they can save up and start over," said Susan. Susan also helps sort donations. "I love it! ...sorting and knowing where it is going and what it is doing for homeless people. When a donation comes in, the food donations automatically go to the kitchen. We sort clothing from non-clothing. A lot of people come without any clothes and they need to take a shower and have clean clothes to wear. What goes to the Thrift Store sells and gives money to the mission," smiled Susan. Clothing is also given to The Clothing Room.

I'm the happiest now that I've ever been in my life. ~ Susan



Susan has a mentor she meets with weekly. "She took me under her wings introducing me to people at church. I'm full of questions and she's very patient and knowledgeable and honest when she doesn't know. I wasn't raised with Bibles or religion, so all of this is new to me. God is teaching me patience, understanding, and compassion. I would like to know more about working with the women here. I ask them a lot of questions...pray a lot...and they say it helps them." Susan hopes to begin studying at NMSU in the fall. We thank God for his grace in Susan's life and your gifts that help so many.

Current Times
 A recent Homeless Providers meeting hosted a panel discussion on housing. Current times have created new barriers for those in need of low-cost rentals. For more information, visit

www.lcgrm.org & click on "Current News".



Chapel Services:

Evenings 7:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

Ministry to the Whole Person

Our chief goal at the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission is to meet people at their level of need (physically, emotionally, spiritually). We provide food, shelter and clothing.

In addition, we provide support in rebuilding troubled lives through our "New Life Seeker's Program." We educate and provide counsel to gain personal and spiritual growth to those we minister to, which includes building a solid spiritual foundation. Our New Life Seeker's Program helps men and women by preparing them for independent living and a relationship with Jesus Christ for a lasting recovery.



What a blessing to find originals, and name brands at amazing prices! The Gospel Rescue Thrift Store helps during these tight times. When you help yourself to wonderful items, you help someone in greater need by providing emergency shelter & meals!

Children laugh as they receive new shoes at the **Clothing Room**. "Anyone who needs clothing can "shop" for free every 30 days.



Gift of laminate tile helps clothing room!

Thanks Malooly's

Gospel Rescue Thrift Store

Purpose: Provide emergency shelter & meals from all sale proceeds after expenses.

Open: Mon-Fri 11-5 Sat. 10-5

Needs: furniture, beds, any odd item, volunteers

FAQS: Provided over \$30,000 for the mission's budget last



The Clothing Room

Purpose: Provide clothing to help meet people's needs.

Open: Mon. Wed. Fri. 9-11 Wed. 3-5 for kids in school.

Needs: used & new clothing, shoes, men's pants, volunteers

FAQS: Provided clothing for over 4,500 people last year.

Thrift Store sample of prices:

Coffee makers, & small appliances are \$5.
Miscellaneous dish sets range from .50 to \$1
Electronics: -T.V.'s start at \$25 and up.
Microwaves: \$20-\$40
Computers: \$35 for tower to \$225 Package
Books: Paper back: .50-\$2 Hardback: \$2-4
Cell phone chargers: \$2.50
Furniture (wardrobes, sofas, tables, chairs)
Household items, lights, sporting items, office items, auto items, antiques, games, misc.
Clothing: Excellent Selection!

Long-sleeves \$4
Short sleeves \$1
Dresses: \$7-\$10
Kids clothing: .50-\$3
Shoes: Excellent Selections!
Scrubs: \$2.50 each piece.

Each day is special...because each day has a special like 1/2 off on clothing!!!!

The thrift store and clothing room help meet needs.

Thanks to all who visited us!



CeCe (lft.) and Debbi bring joy!

Have you ever wondered what it's like at a thrift store? Wander into The Gospel Rescue Thrift Store. "A lot of people don't know we are here," said Cece, store manager. "They are surprised when they see what we

have." One advantage of buying at a thrift store is that it is likely no one else will have that item. "You can find an original," said Cece. A second advantage is that items are very inexpensive. "I worked at Dillard's. I sell brand name clothing here people have donated that people there pay \$25 or more," said Cece. These items help people dress and look great at incredible low prices and at the same time give to help people have emergency shelter and food. **What a blessing!**

A spring blessing from the Gospel Rescue Thrift Store:



Bring in this coupon and receive **25% off!**

Glimpse inside the Thrift Store & see specials at www.lcgrm.org!

Spring Cleaning?

If you have any items you don't need or want that you think will bless others, your tax-exempt donation is much appreciated. Half-used bottles of shampoo, etc, clothing, knick-knacks, etc. can help a needy family. To donate small items, stop by the mission on 1050 W. Amador open 24 hrs. /day or The Clothing Room or Gospel Mission Thrift Store during their open hours. To donate larger items, please call the mission at 523-7727 to have them picked up.