

The Salina Rescue Mission

The Beacon

Voice of the Salina Rescue Mission
February, 2012

*"Offering the
Promise of a
bright future."*



Santa Instructs His Elves



*Thanks to all of the volunteers
for the great job they did!*

**...And a Good
Time Was
Had By
All Who
Attended...**



Chad calls the bingo game....



Guests "shop" the Country Store for that perfect Christmas present.

THE 2011 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

On Saturday, December 17th, the 4-H Building rang with the sounds of laughter, fellowship, and joy as 298 guests enjoyed a great dinner of ham, turkey, and all the "fixings". Bingo, Christmas carols, and a trip to the Country Store for a gift rounded out the evening, celebrating the birth of the King of Kings, Jesus. A special thank you to all of the volunteers - especially Jim Miller and Rebecca Covert, the SRM staff, and guests for the fantastic job they did, and also for the tremendous outpouring of the heartfelt donations of food and gifts that made it such a special evening for everyone.



PRAISES&PRAYERS

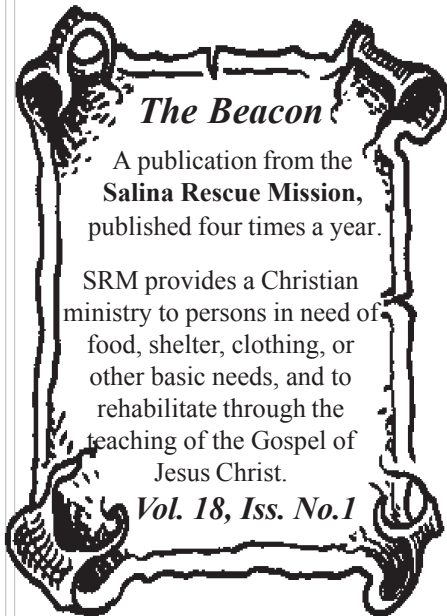
Praises For:

- The community outpouring of donations of time, food, and money for the Food Drive, Thanksgiving Dinner, and Christmas Celebration.
- The NLP men and their generous hearts with Christmas gifts for needy children.
- Graduating 3 men from the NLP Program in December.
- The faithful donors who give from their hearts, so that financial needs can be met.
- Men continuing to seek and find HIM during our chapel services.
- For our God, who gave his only begotten son, so that we might be saved.

Prayer Concerns:

- For a prosperous 2012 for all shelter guests, staff and families, all of our friends and community .
- That SRM Staff may be more effective in continuing to serve the Lord.
- Shelter guests who are suffering from mental illness or addictions.
- For "Our" Country.

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THE BENCH PROJECT



Thanks to a generous donation of equipment, expertise, and experience, the Mission has started a project to provide gainful work experience for our guests. Tom Gregg, of Minneapolis, Kansas, has been making concrete park benches for many years. With retirement, he decided it was time to pass the equipment and the enterprise on to someone else.

Praise God! He chose to donate the equipment to Salina Rescue Mission. This fall, the GEP men, lead by staff member Andy Stierwalt, measured, mixed, and poured their first concrete molds, added the weatherproof boards, to create the first batch of park benches!

The Mission is selling these indestructible park benches to the public. If you are interested, come on out to the Mission and take a look at them. They are guaranteed not to blow away in the Kansas winds and will continue to look great for many years to come!



Think Spring! Join us at Stutzmans for the Annual Flower Sale April 11-14



OVER 100 PEOPLE GIVE THANKS AT THE MISSION

The smells of Thanksgiving Dinner drifted through the air on the afternoon and evening of November 19th, at the Mission. The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings was served to over 100 men, women, and children.

Volunteers from local churches and families helped prepare and serve the food, decorate the dining room, and make the pies. It was a very enjoyable evening, and the great food made it even better.

Operations Director, Chad Young and Food Service Manager, Jeremiah Johnson brought it all together and made it happen!

MISSION NEEDS LIST

Liquid hand soap
Cold Medicine
Ibuprofen, Triple Antibiotic
Toothbrushes
Cough Drops, Cough Syrup
Long-Sleeve Shirts (esp. 2x-4x)
Winter Gloves and Hats
"C" and "D" Alkaline Batteries

Razors
White Socks
Winter Coats
Combs
Diarrhea Medicine
Shoes, Boots, and Belts
Mens Jeans (all sizes)

Thank you to all of our friends and donors who respond with such a giving spirit for those in need. God Bless!

**2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AT THE MISSION**

- Graduated 4 NLP Men
- Saw many men welcome Jesus into their lives
- Saw many guests find gainful employment
- Had a successful Plant Sale, Golf Tournament, Banquet, and Food Drive
- Served 39,459 meals to men, women and children
- Provided 19,447 nights of lodging
- Washed 3,941 loads of clothing
- Provided 1,202 hours of guest therapy, counseling, and mentoring
- Continued improvements with the Mission facility including the 3rd floor expansion project
- Provided good, healthy, produce from our gardens for our guests and other agencies.
- Partnered with other non-profit agencies in Salina to provide well-rounded services to all those in need
- Started the Habitat Shed Project, building storage sheds for the Habitat for Humanity Homes
- Launched the Park Bench Project, teaching GEP men to make park benches as a step toward gainful employment



Dr. Brad Temple and Steve Kmetz



Filling up the 3rd floor pantry



Clay Thompson volunteers his time



A truckful of donated food arrives

THE 12th Annual Dr. Temple Food Drive

On Friday, November 18th, and Saturday, November 19th, the weather was blustery and slightly colder than forecast. But we still had a great turnout of donors and over 70 volunteers stationed at the four Salina Dillons Stores. The two day effort netted over \$9,000 in food items and cash donations, which will go far in helping to provide over 4,500 meals at the Mission. A special Thank You to the Dillons Stores, corporate sponsors, volunteers, donors, and of course, Dr. Temple and his family, who spearheaded the Food Drive for the 12th year. We will be looking forward to, and planning for the 13th Annual Food Drive, which will be held on November 16th & 17th, 2012. Mark your calendar now to be a part of this exciting event!

YES! I want to help SRM provide food, shelter, and also offer the Promise of a bright future for the homeless and needy. My gift is:

\$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$_____

I am a member of the Ambassadors.

I want to volunteer! Please call me at _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Return in the envelope provided.

All gifts are tax-deductible and acknowledged with a receipt.

For your convenience, you can now make a donation with your credit card:

Card: MC VISA DISC AMEX
(circle one)

Card No.: _____

Expires: _____ CID: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

_____ *I am interested in visiting with Steve about my planned giving options*

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS

4 April 11-14 Annual Stutzmans Plant Sale
May 25 Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament
October 9 31st Annual Banquet

*Wherever there is a human
being, there is an opportunity
for kindness. - Seneca*

A Final Thought.....

We pray that God will bless you
As much as you've blessed us
We thank Him for your gifts
Shared from a heart of love
We pray that God would touch you
In a very special way
And fill you more with His love
Each and every day



Thank you kindly for your thoughtful gift which
will assist us in so many ways to continue God's
work at the Salina Rescue Mission.

-Sincerely - *Stew*