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Thanksgiving Day Lunch & Worship with the Homeless

"For us, it wouldn't be Thanksgiving any other place!"



Mission Waco's Meyer Center for Urban Ministry will host over a hundred homeless men and women on Thanksgiving Day with "home-cooked turkey, dressing and all the fixin's." The annual event begins with a worship of thanks to God, including both the served and the servers. An incredible group of volunteers donate, cook, serve, clean up and even lead games after the meal. Hygiene bags, knit gloves and caps, and assorted candies are offered to those who head back to Mission Waco's "My Brother's Keeper " homeless shelter or to the streets with full bellies after the meal. Volunteer coordinators, Don and Melissa Naylor and Danny and Chandra Londenber have been involved since the first event years ago.



Mission Waco/
Mission World
receives highest non-profit rating

for fiscal accountability
& transparency
awarded to only 10% of those
evaluated which
"demonstrates to the public
they are worthy of trust."



Students Make Solar Powered Lights for Haiti

"SETH DORRELL MEMORIAL"

FUNDS 25 PANELS IN VILLAGE

Imagine living in a house without light. 1/3 of the world experiences it as a reality. New Vision is a ministry in West Virginia that is trying to change those numbers. In the last few years, they have created small solar powered panel light that shines now in huts and houses in twenty-one countries. Director Ruston Seamon (pictured above teaching and guiding students in Waco to build lights that will go to Haiti) and his team have added yet another important dimension to Christian community development. Project manager, Zach Dorrell, was recruited last summer to oversee the details of building and shipping light. And since his brother Seth, who died last year from cancer, loved working in Haiti, it just made sense to use \$2500 of the memorial funds donated after his death to light up Haitian homes in Ferrier. Additional lights for Haiti are being funded and built by Mr. Electric, an international franchise of the Dwyer Group. Once enough lights are completed, they will be shipped over and installed after the Haitians complete their part of the project.

New Vision <<http://www.nvre.org>> offers their "Party in the Dark" to groups and organizations who want to learn together how to bring light to the nations.

Want to go to Haiti with us?

See <www.missionwaco.org>



Mission World will be leading a Spring Break Trip (March 7-16) and a May 18-27 trip to NE Haiti. Both trips include hands-on work with the poor, including help with providing clean water, work in our clinic, a micro-credit program and other projects. Details and prices are listed on the Mission Waco/Mission World website.

Upcoming Early 2014 Events:

January 20

MLK Program & Day of Service

9:30 Jubilee Theatre

12:00 Soul Food lunch & discussion

1:30-4:00 Community Projects



February 1

Cultural Foods & Dances Night

5:45-8:00 World Cup Cafe and

Jubilee Theatre



February 4

Mission Waco Banquet

6:00-8:30 Waco Convention Ctr.



February 14

Valentines Night Meal & Show

5:30-8:30 World Cup Cafe &

Jubilee Theatre



INDIA

EXPOSURE TRIP

MAY 18-JUNE 8

Details & Application at

<www.missionwaco.org>

You can trek with a tribal group in the mountains of Kashmir, play with children in a slum, volunteer in Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying in Calcutta, learn about world religions, or marvel at the world famous Taj Mahal. The bi-annual trip is a life changer, but you need to apply soon. See details at <<http://missionwaco.org/india/>>.



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Mission Waco/Mission World non-profit category

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World Cup Cafe & Fair Trade Mkt overall restaurant category



Think Outside the Box

Lead a devotional at My Brother's Keeper Shelter

Uninformed stereotyping of the poor offers critics an easy way to defend various myths of why people struggle and why "those people deserve what they get." Yet those caustic and casual statements quickly change when relationships are built with the poor and marginalized. Just ask the hundreds of Christian volunteers who lead one of our nightly "chapels" at the homeless shelter, or attend Church Under the Bridge on Sunday, or serve Friday morning breakfast to over a hundred hungry poor persons, many of whom are headed to work after eating. The poor and homeless are as different as you and I. We have had professionals, including a lawyer and a medical doctor, stay in our homeless shelter because their lives took unexpected turns. There are hard-working men and women who work two jobs trying to make enough money to survive. And there are those who walk over three miles each Sunday morning to sing and worship at Church Under the Bridge. While there are folks who make self-defeating choices or struggle with mental health issues or addictions, most are just like us, trying to make it. Come volunteer and see for yourself!



“God became a man and dwelt among us.” John 1:14

While the mystery of God will forever draw seekers to understand him, the manger was God’s incredible choice to de-mystify his nature. Jesus, the long awaited Messiah, was born in humility, lived sacrificially and purposefully, and experienced suffering and rejection by those he came to love. He healed the sick, touched the lepers, forgave the sinners, and confronted the religious leaders of his day. Unlike mystery religions which hide “truth” in allegory and fantasy, his life and ministry were visible and historical, open to examination by the culture, even if they despised him.

Not only did God show us himself, but he showed us and taught us how to live out our daily existence. “Love one another, even your enemies and those who hurt you,” he said. “Don’t store up riches on earth like the pagans, but seek first the kingdom of God.” “Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and welcome the stranger.”

Fulfilling the words of the prophets, “he took up our pain and bore our sufferings; he was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities because we like sheep have turned away.”

God is not some whimsical spirit in the sky. God became human to show us the divine. God is love. And Christmas is the celebration that he loved us so much that he entered human history for a time so that we might live beyond time.

So with the kings from the East, may we seek and find the One who gave his life that we might have life. ~Jimmy Dorrell



Annual Conference Moves to Austin October 16-18, 2014

With record attendance and outstanding evaluations, the Texas Christian Community Development board of directors celebrated the impact of the annual “No Need Among You” conference in Waco hosted by 16 partners and attended by over 300 attendees. Participants continue to affirm the quality of the speakers, workshops, worship and overall content. Next year, the conference will move to Austin on October 16-20. Details soon!



FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST 21 years of sharing meals

At 6:00a.m., a local church or organization is already beating eggs and cooking sausage for over 100 homeless and low income folks at the First Lutheran Church kitchen for Mission Waco’s weekly Friday Morning Breakfast. College students and adults begin to fill the dining room by 6:15 to hang out with those from the streets or shelters and nurture growing relationships. Coordinator Roy Karr is meeting and greeting those in the Starbucks coffee line and inviting those looking for a job to attend Mission Waco’s M-Powerment Classes. Just before 7:00am, there’s a short devotion and prayer, followed by recognition of monthly birthdays and upcoming activities. Then it’s time to eat. With dignity and discussion, everyone sits around the tables to talk about life and encourage one another before heading out the door to a job or in search of one. Each Friday, at least 1000 of them so far, life happens early each Friday.



Record Sales Of Items Made by World’s Poor 1321 N. 15th St @ Colcord

It’s hard to discern from the growing numbers of customers what they like best... the food or the shopping. Voted by Waco Tribune readers as the 3rd favorite overall restaurant in Waco, not only are the customers coming to eat the famous burgers, breakfasts, and daily specials, but they tend to leave time to peruse the Fair Trade items from all over the world. As the only certified Fair Trade store between Dallas and Austin, many Wacoans finally discovered “shopping with a purpose.” Fair Trade Federation approved stores guarantee that articles sold support the artisan and the environment in which they work with fairness and dignity. The shop also can serve up to 50 customers to eat and have group events. Short presentations about Fair Trade can be arranged for groups. So whether you are hungry or looking for a gift, we think you have found your “one-stop shop.”

End of Year Donations



*thanks for
remembering us*

As much as 25% of Mission Waco’s annual budget needs are met during the last two weeks of the fiscal year. We know you have numerous and important choices to share your blessings with others, so we are always deeply thankful when you choose to financially support our work among the poor and marginalized. If you want more information about our budget and annual audit review, feel free to ask!

Thank You and Happy New Year!

**Have you taken the
OTHER SIDE OF WACO
tour? Call for details!**



Poverty Simulations & Work Groups Schedule for 2014

Reservations Filling Up for Urban Plunge Weeks
& 42 hour simulations

Spring and Summer dates for Groups continue to grow as Christian leaders look for meaningful service and training activities. If you are interested, don’t delay. Contact <kwise@missionwaco.org>.

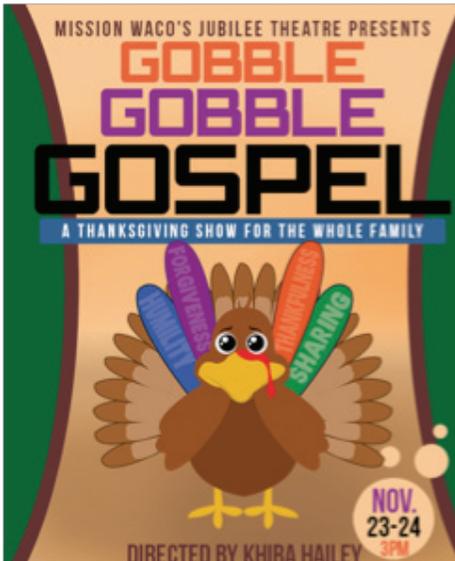


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Fall/Winter 2013

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an original puppet play
written & performed by
local neighborhood children

Baylor Theatre costume designer, Sally Lynn Askins, taught neighborhood kids, ages 7-11, to design their own hand puppet, then Jubilee Theatre director, Khira Hailey, prompted them to express their thoughts about Thanksgiving into words for the upcoming play, called "Gobble Gobble Gospel." The show will be performed by the children on November 23-24, at 3:00p.m. in the Jubilee Theatre. Cost is only \$5 for pre-sale (on line <www.jubileetheatre-waco.org> or at the office, 1315 N. 15th.



As a reward for their hard work, the children got to attend *The Lion King* in Dallas. "It was amazing!" they said.

Biker Toy Run Kicks Off Christmas Toy Store

20 churches and hundreds of donors provide new, unwrapped toys for low-income families



The roar of motorcycles through the streets early on Sunday morning, Dec 1, brings no reason for fear! In fact, there's joy in that band of black-leathered bikers. Mission Waco's annual Biker Toy Run is headed by the Riders of the Son, a CMA group that is known for its service to others. They meet at the Flying J a little before 8:00am, then split into two groups to be sure and arrive during the Sunday School hour or break time of twenty churches who have collected toys for weeks. Both group merge again at Church Under the Bridge at 11:00 and to unload these special gifts for low-income children, then take them to Mission Waco's Christmas Toy Store where struggling parents can purchase new toys for their own children at an 80% discount. Volunteers help run the early December Toy Store and help parents with selection and gift wrapping. If your church does not participate in the Biker Run, we still need your donations (toys or cash) for the hundreds of children who will benefit. Want more info? Call the main office at 254.753.4900.



Advent & Accolades

December 19, 4:30-6:30



*Donor e' Volunteer Reception and
Christmas Carol Singing in the
World Cup Cafe e' Jubilee Theatre*

Please join us!