

MISSION SERVICES

Shelter

24 hrs./day

1050 W. Amador

Las Cruces, NM. 88005

- Men's Dorms
- Women's Dorms
- Volunteer Dorms
- Three hot meals served daily

Chapel

Up to 11 Hispanic and English chapel services weekly

Clothing Room

1416 S. Solano

Mon/Wed/Fri - 9-11 AM

- Free Clothing
- Blankets & Jackets Needed

Thrift Store

Temporary NEW location:

2100 Missouri Ave.

Mon.-Sat. - 10AM-5pm

- Clothing
- Household Goods
- Furniture

MISSION NEEDS

Volunteers, A Passenger Van, Solar Project Funding, Underwear, Socks, Hygiene Items for all ages, Diapers, Baby Wipes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Dr. Brian Ormand
- Gilbert Bishop
- Elsie Bonfantini
- Ulli Dunn
- Dr. Norm Harrison
- Julie Cadena
- Dr. Larry Tunnell
- Steve Sears
- Benito Dutcher
- Miguel Torres

Donor Appreciation Soup Dinner

Fri. Feb. 22nd at 7pm

Please RSVP

by calling 575-523-7727

MISSION PARTNERS

The Mission is now affiliated with four worthy organizations. Their logos are below.

They include the Evangelical

Council for Fiscal Accountability, the

Combined Federal Campaign, the Association

of Gospel Rescue Missions, and the community

Foundation of Southern New Mexico



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*I was hungry, you gave me food... I was a stranger, and you made me your guest...
I needed clothes, and you provided them. Matthew 25:35,36*

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A Wonderful Blessing

Normally at this time of year, I would include a story about one of our people in the New Life Program, but this has been a "different kind" of year for quite some time. It all started with the arrival of a man by the name of Steve.

Steve came to us as a person who was walking across our nation for a cause. He had raised a great deal of money charity after beginning his journey and had not intended to come to southern New Mexico. He was behind schedule and the weather was getting cold and wet further north. Desiring to find warmer temperatures he turned south and eventually ended up in Las Cruces at the Mission. When he got here he asked our shelter director, Randy, if he could stay over the winter months and help us in any way he could. Shortly after he asked if someone could give him a ride to some of the stores in the city. Within about an hour and a half, he had several commitments from merchants to help us in specific ways. That was only the beginning!

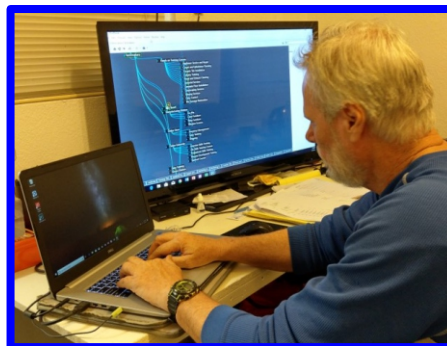
It wasn't long after his arrival that Steve came to talk to me. As we got to know each other, things became clear to both of us that there could be ways that we could mutually benefit from working together for the good of the homeless community in our city and our shelter. I had recently read a book that talked about charity detox, and I explained that I would like to implement some of the aspects of what I had read into our program, but I did not know how to do it. Another bit of time past during which I learned other things about Steve such as his background, his knowledge, and his expertise. Then one day Steve came to me with a proclamation that he had an idea about how we may be able to achieve some of the things that I was searching for, without spending a great amount of money. He went on to explain that he could set up a new and improved web site, and that he had the ability to start several businesses based on his success in the business field for himself. He then asked if he could stay for about six months to get everything started and train others to perpetuate the work after he left.

We are now in the second week of training our residents and guests in just the first area of business that Steve has introduced. His overall concept for the business framework is called "Tent Makers". We are already seeing the results of the work in our own facilities. Those involved in the initial phase are already losing the attitude of entitlement, they seem happier, and they are even asking if there is anything else that they can do. We will soon be getting shirts made with the new logo for this group of workers, and when they are sufficiently trained, we can start soliciting business from the community for our services.

Now Steve will turn to the web site which includes written courses for each area of work, as well as other exciting features which we have never had before. I am looking forward to continuing this work with Steve long after he has left us. He may not continue on his walking journey because he already has two other shelters that have asked him to come and set up a similar program for them.

I am happy to write about this wonderful blessing and will ask you to pray for both Steve and us as we continue in this adventure. One other final comment, a long time donor felt like I was asking my monthly donors to give more. I know that many of you can't give any more, and that was not my intent. These newsletters don't just go to those who already give, we send them to many people. Thank you.

Henry Young
Executive Director



Hygiene Products Gift Packs

This year we had had many young people who were putting together gift packs of hygiene products for the mission guests and residents.

One of those young people caught me one morning with a bag of 25 individually packed hygiene kits that he had put together.

We thank all of you who helped out this year.



Temporary Thrift Store Update

The temporary thrift store location at the corner of Gladys and Missouri has been doing very well.

We have great sales totals for the past two months.

Please come by and see our tiny store that is producing great results. Watch for the reopening of the original location in the near future.

We will have a larger sales floor area and maybe more parking.



Expanded Family Housing Pad Preparation

Look at the pad preparation for the portable building for our expanded family housing unit.

The building will be delivered soon and we will connect it to the utilities, add a fire sprinkler system and change one the inside.

This will add six family rooms.

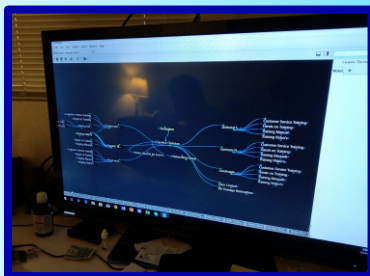


Brand New Website

Watch for the launch of our brand new web site.

There will be exciting additions such as more videos, an online store, tentmaker news, online courses in many fields and more.

Who knows, we may even come up with a prize for the first person that sees the new site and replies.



Cottage Industry Businesses

Here is some more exciting news!

We will soon launch some cottage industry businesses that will benefit our entire city.

Our guests and residents are being trained in specific areas of work including our marketing people who will bring our services to the public.



Thank You D2 Designs

I would like to give a big thank you to our friends at D2 Designs for all the things that they do for us throughout the year.

They do our newsletters, handle press releases, arrange for our participation in city events and many other things involved in public relations.



Energy Production (Jan-Dec 2018)

Energy Produced: **138.432 Mwh***

Carbon Offset: **95.74 tons**

Offset Equivalent: **2452 Trees**

This energy report shows how our system performed and how much we contributed to offsetting the global carbon footprint.



*Mwh = Mega Watt Hour. One Mwh is equal to 1,000,000 watts of electricity used continuously for one hour

Solar Fundraising UPDATE

This investment will yield significant savings going forward, permitting us to dedicate more resources to improve services for the homeless, saving the mission as much as \$3,000 in electricity costs every month. This is a worthy effort. Please consider helping.

Please identify your separate contribution as going toward the Solar Energy Project.

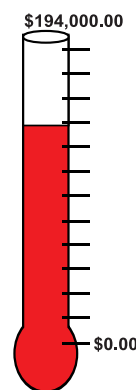
Target: \$194,000.00

Raised: \$140,685.00

Remaining: \$53,315.00

As of Nov. 21st, 2018

Accepting donations on our website www.LCGRM.org



HAPPY NEW YEAR