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MINISTRIES**

**PLEASE PRAY** many more will find new life in Christ in 2024.

# A CRITICAL MISSION

Dear Friend,

As we move into 2024, our hearts are burdened for the men, women and children who are suffering in poverty and homelessness in our city. They are *"helpless and harassed, like sheep without a shepherd."* (Matthew 9:36)

**Our mission is critical to their survival. And their eternity depends on us leading them to the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for them to be saved.** (John 10:11)

We've helped many to *"lie down in green pastures"* over the years!

Yet so many others remain lost in the darkness of sin and addiction... being devoured by the wolves. We must do more to help them find Christ in 2024!

**Will you please begin praying now** for hundreds of new churches, businesses, volunteers and supporters to help us do more to fulfill our mission in 2024?

There are 5 critical mission priorities for which we need new resources to do more... *continued >*



## BRING THE POOR

**They need a ride to get our help.** *Jesus said, "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame." (Luke 14:21).* Six days a week our buses "go out quickly into the streets" to homeless shelters and low-income housing locations to "bring the poor" to Target Dayton so they can get the help they need.

Mike was a homeless crack addict when he rode a Target Dayton bus to get a free meal. He heard the gospel, surrendered to Christ and he's been clean for 16 years! Now Mike drives a Target Dayton bus to give homeless people a ride to get our help! **There are thousands like Mike all over our city who would come to Target Dayton and find Christ if we gave them a ride.** Please pray for more CDL licensed drivers, buses and resources to expand our bus routes to new locations all over the city...

## FEED THE POOR

**They are hungry and thirsty.** *Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." (Matthew 25:35).* Six days a week we welcome "hungry... thirsty... strangers...", like Robert (pictured), and we serve them breakfast or dinner with kindness and love.



Dinaa lived on the streets from drug addiction most of her life. She came for a free meal and surrendered to Christ! Now Dinaa sings in the choir and shares her testimony of how Jesus set her free from drugs and alcohol. **Please pray for the thousands of new "Dinaas"** who come to us every month for a free meal. Pray they will surrender their lives to Christ and be set free! And pray for more resources to feed more people and lead them to Christ...

## CLOTHE THE POOR

**They are cold, wet and their feet hurt.** *Jesus said, "I needed clothes and you clothed me..." (Matthew 25:36)* Six days a week we clothe the poor with shirts, underwear, socks, shoes, gloves, hats, rain ponchos, blankets and winter coats. We also give hygiene products. **We doubled the number of people we clothed with shoes and winter coats in 2023.**

Brie is a prostitute addicted to crack who lives on the street most of the time. She came in from the freezing rain a few weeks ago, completely soaked. Cindi gave her some dry clothing, shared Christ with her, and prayed for her. Please pray for Brie to surrender to Christ. **Please pray also for more resources to buy clothing in 2024.** We know more people than ever will need clothing in 2024, but without more resources we will run out.



**2,416 poor and homeless people attended our crusade on Christmas day at the Dayton Convention Center and more than 700 responded to the invitation to surrender to Christ**

## SAVE THE POOR

**They are without Christ.** *Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor..." (Luke 4:18-19).* Six days a week we follow Christ's mission priority to preach good news to the poor and every day more are saved. Still thousands more are reached in our annual crusades on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Jason was homeless, mentally ill and addicted to meth when he came for a free meal and surrendered to Christ. He's been clean and in his right mind for 13 years now. He sings in the choir, shares his testimony and is a Target Dayton CDL licensed bus driver! **Please pray for the tens of thousands** of poor people suffering in the misery of addiction in our city. Pray for the new churches, businesses, volunteers and support we need to reach them...



**Most TD choir members were formerly homeless in the chains of addiction- now they're serving Jesus!**

## DISCIPLE THE POOR

**They have no place to serve.** *Jesus said, "Go into all the world and make disciples... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:18-19).* Six days a week we make disciples of the poor and give them a place to serve Christ with us. **In fact, formerly homeless people feed and save the poor with us in every service.** They drive buses, serve meals, sing in the choir, share their testimonies, preach the gospel, and worship Christ with us.

Most TD choir members came the first time for a free meal. Many were homeless and struggling with addiction. Now every weekend, through their songs and testimonies, God is using them to give hope to people who are still homeless and addicted! *continued >*

Timothy came for dinner 12 years ago. He surrendered to Christ, joined the choir and enrolled in one-on-one discipleship with Pastor Robbie. Today he is a licensed minister serving Christ with us on staff! Please pray for Timothy to lead many to Christ at Target Dayton!

Also, please pray for many more people to surrender to Christ in our services in 2024! And pray they will join us in our mission to bring, feed, clothe, save and disciple the poor.

**They will come to us poor, homeless, lost, addicted, hungry, cold, and heartbroken.** They will have no one to turn to. They will have no place to go where they feel wanted. And we will welcome them, help them, love them, lead them to Jesus and give them a place to find meaning and purpose serving Christ! That's our critical mission.

**Will you please partner with us to help us do that in 2024 if you can?**

If you are not already a monthly partner will you please pray about becoming one? Your monthly gift of \$25, \$50 or even more will make it possible for us to reach so many who remain lost in the darkness of sin and addiction in our city. It's easy to sign up today!

Thank you for your prayers, your support and your heart for the poor and homeless. Remember, Jesus said, "Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

*Pastor Mark & Cindi*

## YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

*Through your donations & monthly support...*


**YOU BRING THE POOR:** You give them a ride to get the help they need...

**YOU FEED THE POOR:** You feed them with free hot breakfast or dinner...

**YOU CLOTHE THE POOR:** You clothe them with shirts, socks, shoes, hats, gloves & coats...

**YOU SAVE THE POOR:** You preach the good news to them & they are saved...

**YOU DISCIPLE THE POOR:** You disciple them & give them a place to serve Christ...



**OUR GIFT TO YOU!** Receive a free Target Dayton T-shirt with John 3:7 emblazoned across the back when we hear from you this month! Show your support of Target Dayton and share Christ's word everywhere you go!

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