

# Mission Share

OUTREACH CENTER  
*where love touches people.*



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## MISSION SHARE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Mission Share officially opened its doors for clients on Tuesday, April 21st. The last two weeks of April (our first 2 weeks open) we saw only 7 clients. In May, we served a total of 19 families. With the exception of the article that appeared in the Democrat and Chronicle shortly after our ribbon cutting ceremony, we were involved with no advertising.

That all changed in late May when Pastor Pat Medeiros and Tom Hakes met with Kathryn Firkins, the town of Greece Director of Constituent Services. As a result of that meeting, the town of Greece now refers needy families who call to Mission Share. In addition, we gained permission to

post fliers in the Town Hall building, Senior Center, and Community Center.

Around the same time, we drafted a letter to send to last year's Christmas Hope recipients. In that letter, we invited them out to see our new facility. We also put an ad in the Greece Community Guide that is distributed (free) to every home in Greece.

As a result of these efforts and word of mouth, we served 61 families in June... that translates to over 190 people. Some of these folks are married...some are single mothers. Some are working but not getting enough hours...some have been laid off. Others are on temporary disability waiting



Our Grand Opening on April 17th.

to get back to work... others are on permanent disability. We have also seen an increasing number of seniors come in whose SS checks and pensions are not enough now to cover their monthly expenses.

We anticipate that the number of clients that we serve will continue to grow as more and more people become aware of Mission Share.

## CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

Currently, Mission Share is working on two big projects. First, we are endeavoring to become affiliated with FoodLink, which is our area's food bank. Once we become a part of their distribution network, they will provide us with 60-75% of the food that we will give

away. This will significantly increase our ability to reach more families with food as well as free up resources for other outreach endeavors. The representative from Foodlink was excited about Mission Share and was very optimistic that we would be approved by early August.

Secondly, we are in the process of developing our crisis pregnancy outreach. Presently, we are talking with CareNet, the nation's largest crisis pregnancy network. It looks promising that we can open up this aspect of the ministry by late fall.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *That our clients will be receptive to the Gospel*
- *That our application to FoodLink will be accepted*
- *That our plans for CareNet will continue to move forward*
- *That more business partners will come on board financially*
- *For wisdom to develop the next phases of Mission Share*
- *That our Bookbag outreach will be successful...we will be serving 500 children this year!*

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

PRAYER

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON A WEEKLY BASIS

EXTRA VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO STUFF BACK PACKS IN MID TO LATE AUGUST

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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## SUPPORTING CHURCHES

The Mission Share Community Outreach Center is a collaborative effort consisting of several churches from the town of Greece. For a detailed listing of the supporting churches please call the Mission Share office.

## DONATIONS

There are no costs for services rendered by Mission Share. We operate and depend solely on donations.

## BOOK BAG OUTREACH

Mission Share will be handing out 500 book bags to families in the Greece community who feel they need help with back to school supplies. The book bags will be filled with various school supplies, a Bible, and a salvation tract. Mission Share churches are encouraged to help offset the cost of the book bags and school supplies in a few different ways.

First, they can collect supplies through their congregation. Second they can donate money - it costs Mission Share about \$15 to purchase and fill one bag. Third, they can have volunteers help on the night that we fill all of the book bags or on the night we actually distribute them.

We will be filling the bags on Monday, August 17th at the Mission Share Outreach Center starting at 7 pm. Last year we filled all of the bags in about 30 minutes because of all the great help. This year we will try to break that record!

On Monday, August 24th, we will distribute the book bags from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Helpers are asked to be here at 5:00 pm. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out either night.

Supplies that are needed are:

- Pens (Blue or Black)
- Pencils (#2)
- Glue (school glue)
- Crayons (Boxes of 16 or 24)
- Notebook Paper (Wide Ruled)
- 2 Pocket Folders (Assorted Colors)
- 1 Subject Note Books (Spiral Bound, Assorted Colors)
- Rulers



## RICK'S STORY

Rick read the story about Mission Share in the local newspaper. He called to find out more about us and to see if he could get some food. You see, Rick had no food in the cupboards and hadn't eaten for at least a day because he had let his 16 year old son eat instead. When he arrived about an half hour later, he spent time with 2 of our workers, a couple from New Testament Christian Church. It was evident that Rick was lonely by the

amount of time he wanted to spend talking with Steve and Carol. They ministered God's love to Rick as best as he would receive and then sent him on his way with 2 bags of groceries.

Two weeks later, Steve called Rick to find out how things were going. No answer. But Steve left a message asking how he was doing. Ten days later, Rick called back. He explained that the reason he hadn't called back sooner was be-

cause he had been in the hospital. Actually, he said, he had attempted to commit suicide by overdosing on his high blood pressure medicine. I spent time encouraging him and then prayed for him. He came in later that day for some more food and again spent much time talking and praying with Steve and Carol.

Rick has yet to surrender his life to Jesus Christ. He has left numerous messages about his situation and even

stated that there is nothing more to pray about because our prior prayers have not been answered. Clearly, Rick is a hurting individual, just like most of those who are coming in for help.

Please remember to pray for the individuals that come in to Mission Share...that they would receive more than just food for their stomachs, which is so temporary...but food for their souls which is eternal.