

Mission Share

OUTREACH CENTER

where love touches people.



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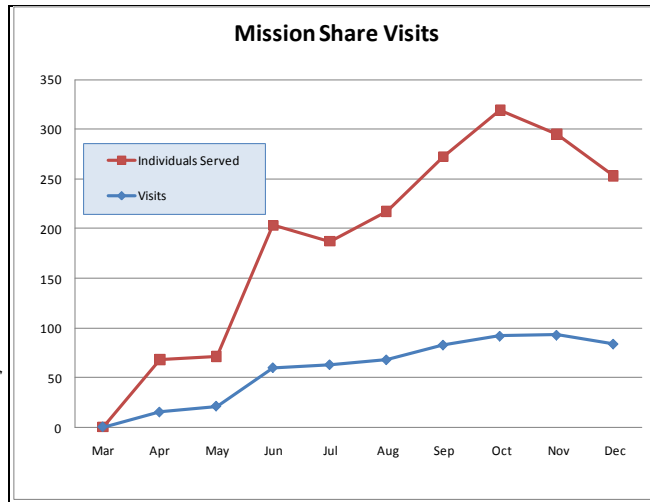
WINTER 2010

THE LORD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FOR MSOC!

As you can see from the graph to the right, we grew by leaps and bounds in the number of people we helped last year. By year's end, we had helped 331 different families, representing 1,055 people.

Foodlink continues to be our main resource for food. We received 7,431 pounds of food from mid-August till the end of the year. WOW!!!

In addition, God provided another source for us. Pastor Bob Brado, from First Bible Baptist Church, was instrumental in securing a source for pasta from the Barilla Pasta Company. At the end of November, we



received 780 pounds of pasta. Recently, we received another 1,680 pounds in January! God is blessing...A LOT!

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

I am happy to report that we had a very successful Fall season of ministry. For Thanksgiving, we distributed food baskets to 42 families. One of our contacts at Wegmans gave us an incredible deal on turkeys and pies and also made a strong presentation to our town's four Wegmans stores about getting involved with us. As a result of our meeting, the stores gave Mission Share a \$1,000 gift card that was used to help fund the Thanksgiving program.

For our Christmas Hope

and matched 76 families with sponsors. These sponsors purchased Christmas gifts for the family members and supplied food for a Christmas meal. In addition, Mission Share also distributed 21 separate baskets of food to families that signed up too late for our Christmas Hope program.

In all, 238 people were helped for Thanksgiving, and 399 for our Christmas programs.

Our first Vet2Vet outreach was held on January 26th. This first meeting was very informative and served as a

training opportunity for our workers. Nine of these volunteers were veterans as well. We are looking forward to ministering God's love to our returning vets the 4th Tuesday of every month. Please let us know if your church would be interested in "hosting" one of these events that will be held at Mission Share.

Things are moving along with our intention to open a crisis pregnancy center through Care Net. We are in the process of identifying the director of this ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That our clients will be receptive to the Gospel
- That our plans for Care Net will continue to move forward
- That more business partners will come on board financially
- For wisdom to develop the next phases of Mission Share
- For the development and implementation of our VET2VET outreach program
- That God would minister His grace to the veterans that come to VET2VET
- 501(c)(3) approval from the IRS
- That God will provide a director for our Care Net center
- For the development of our promotional DVD

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

1. PRAYER
2. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON A WEEKLY BASIS
3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT
4. TOILETRY ITEMS
5. VETERANS TO HOST OUR VET2VET OUTREACH

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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.

THANK YOU!

It goes without saying that this ministry would not work without the dedication and commitment of all our workers. Everyone comes in with such a great attitude, willing to serve and desiring to show the love of God. I know I don't say it enough, but thank you. It is a privilege and an honor to work with you. In addition, it is pretty cool getting to know everyone a little better each week. It is neat how God is bringing us together to accomplish His will in our commu-

RANDOM THOUGHTS!

- At a time of the year when I thought we would be swamped with people looking for help, it has proved to be just the opposite so far. Granted, we are still seeing a significant number of families, but our numbers have gradually decreased from a high in October. I am not exactly sure the reason why...could it be that people don't want to venture out in the cold? Or, here's a thought...could it be that God is answering our prayers to provide for these people and to stretch their resources? I have had several families come in this week who have received food every month for the past 6 months. However, this month they only wanted to look for clothes. When I asked them if they needed food, they responded that they were all set...that things were going better and that they wanted to leave the food for someone else who needed it more than they did. It makes you think.
- We recently changed how we give out food. Previously, our type of distribution was called "pre-pack." Bags were packed with various items according to nutritional content. The bags were then distributed based on family size. The problem with this model is that our clients had no choice on what they were receiving. Inevitably, they would receive an item or items that they would not use. Our new model of distribution is called "client choice." Now, clients can choose items from 5 groupings of food: grains, vegetables, fruits, protein, dairy, and combination foods (soup, macaroni & cheese). They can choose corn over peas, or pasta over rice, etc. We have set up our back room very much like a supermarket. This model upholds the dignity of our clients, making it more like a shopping experience, and limits food waste - clients take food they will use and leave the rest for others.
- Mission Share will begin to offer 6-week Bible studies that are designed to introduce people to Jesus Christ. Pastor Pat Medeiros, of Greece Assembly of God, recently spent time writing the curriculum. Some of the chapter titles include: Does God Care about Me? The Bible - God Talking to You; Prayer - You Talking to God. Our goal is to offer this study several times throughout the year. If there is enough interest, we may produce other relevant studies.
- 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.