

The Mission of...

OPERATION INASMUCH

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The Journey Home...



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For twelve years we have been working our way towards home and now we've arrived. Who would have believed that after only 14 months we would be renovating a 7,538 square foot building for a ministry center. Since March we have completed our first successful fundraiser, had over a thousand volunteers in a neighborhood for our spring blitz day, and are standing on God's promises!

When we step out in faith, God surprises us beyond our wildest dreams. And that's what this has been, a journey of faith; a journey towards home.

God has answered every need that has been spoken. Becoming an official 501 (c)(3), non-profit agency was a dream for many years and now is reality. Once we served the community only two Saturdays each year, now we serve 365 days every year. For a time, our hands were tied, our voices silenced and our gift of Bibles, kept secret, a result of using restrictive federal funds. God stirred our souls to make a bold move relying on him to provide for our needs, so that we could reach the broken and struggling more completely. We would not compromise the vision that was born twelve years ago. So now, with God leading, we can shout his name as we swing the hammer, pray with those we serve and share our Jesus through His word.

God has called us to be full time servants in our community. Each day brings more committed volunteers, churches who are willing to sacrifice and business people that share their resources. They are young and old, from various cultural and racial backgrounds and represent every corner of our community. These are the people who claim Jesus Christ as Lord...they are Operation Inasmuch.

531 Hillsboro Street

On Blitz Day, October 13th, the churches of Inasmuch responded...and a few months from now, 531 Hillsboro Street will be spilling over with Christians serving as the hands and feet of Jesus. Once completed, the ministry center will offer to the homeless and broken of our community, a hot breakfast wrapped in encourage-

ment as they recognize themselves as a child of God. This new home for Operation Inasmuch will be filled with music, praise and people who will listen and



respond to the needs of those who enter our doors. The generous donation of their building was the gift of the **St Luke AME** congregation. The leadership of **Reverend David Morrison** helped open the door to our new home and we are forever grateful to him.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date!
 April 19th, 2008
 will be the day for
 the statewide
 Operation Inasmuch
 Blitz Day

Mission Statement

To walk among the broken and struggling, being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Mission Purpose

Operation Inasmuch is designed by God to grow and make its home in any church or heart where Jesus Christ is Lord. Our purpose is to go outside the church walls to a world in need, offering the talents and gifts with which we have been blessed. We believe that God has called us to be his hands and feet as we share his love with "the least of these".

Meet The Board!

H. Addison Winters - President

Is an attorney at Yarborough Law Firm. Ad, his wife and their 3 boys, ages 16, 13 and 9 are members of St. Patrick Catholic Church. He is a board member to give back to the community and because of his love for the OIAM mission. His gift of organizational skills allows him to bring groups together and to move ideas from the thought stage to practical implementation

Gordon Rose is a member of First

Presbyterian Church with his wife Becky and their daughters Kirby, age 10 and Molly, age 9. Gordon is a civil engineer with McKim & Creed. He believes in the mission of OIAM; "it is God's love in action in our local community". He wants to make Fayetteville a better place to live and work and believes OIAM is a tangible way of doing just that. He is able to cut through the chaff and get down to what is important to our board.

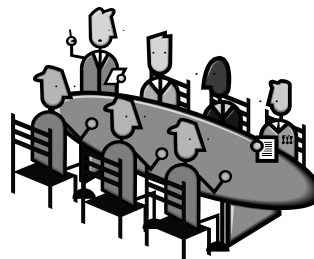
Al Miller is a member of Haymount Methodist Church with his wife Kathy and their three daughters. Al was Principal of Terry Sanford High School for 8 years and has recently been named Principal of Seventy First High School. He is active in Habitat for Humanity and has taken several mission trips to Gulfport Mississippi. Al's greatest gift to the board is that he doesn't mind putting himself on the line if it will benefit another person.

Susie Reeder – Secretary

Susie is the Minister of Missions and Senior Adults at Snyder Memorial Baptist church. She is the single parent of 2 daughters, both adopted from Vietnam, Hannah, age 6 & Ella, age 2. Susie wants to see OIAM make a difference in lives every day of the week, not just twice a year. Her special gift is a passion for missions and creative vision.

Larry R. Sessoms

Is retired from Larry's Towing Service where he was the owner for 30 Years. He is married to his wife Pat and they have 3 sons and 6 grandchildren. Larry attends Northwood Temple. He brings to our board a desire to serve the Lord and to help our city have the face of Jesus. Larry comes to our board with over twenty years of service on Northwood's board and is a prayer warrior.



Larry Bass – Treasurer

is a member of Snyder Memorial Baptist church. He and his wife Juliann have a son Kris and a daughter Ashley. Larry is a CPA with Buie Norman & Company. He has a heart for non profits and loves doing The Lord's work. Having Larry's skills on our Board have helped us to establish a strong foundation in our book-keeping practices.

Janet Montgomery is a member of

First Baptist Church Moore Street where she is the financial Officer. Janet has been married for 24 years and has two children, Jennifer, age 22 & Marcus, age 23. Janet sees a great urgency for the people of Fayetteville to have an interest in meeting basic needs. Janet has financial, administrative and organizational skills along with a heart to help and communicate with the elderly.

Tryphinia Wiseman is a Certified

Funeral Service Practitioner with Wiseman Mortuary. She is interested in doing positive work in the upward building of God's kingdom and Cumberland County Community where she resides with her husband. Try is a member of St. Luke AME Church.

Her gift to the board is a willingness to work, share and interact with people.

Dr. Dave & His Nail Gun

Why would a retired veterinarian spend his days working in the rafters of a 60 year old building? Because, as **Dave Barkman** says, "It's one thing I can be doing to bring someone closer to God." Dave has been working at 531 Hillsboro Street bringing us one step closer to completing our ministry center building.

Dave is originally from Rochester Indiana and graduated from Purdue University. After spending 34 years caring for God's creatures, Dave retired from Highland Animal Hospital.

For the past 37 years he has been

married to his wife Karen and they have four children Joshua, age 32, Amanda, age 30, Seth, age 25 & Jopeth, age 23. The Barkmans are members of Haymount United Methodist church.

"It's really neat; I think this ministry is going to be so worthwhile".

Dave also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and has served on two mission trips this year to Mississippi as well as having traveled to México with First Presbyterian Church.

For days he spent his time reinforcing the rafters of our new Ministry



Center Building. His goal was to make it a safe working environment for the many volunteers who converged on Blitz day.

Thank you Dave Barkman, our first official volunteer!

Gifted To Give

In the event that your name has accidentally been misprinted or omitted, please accept our sincere apologies and notify our office so that we may include you in the next issue of The Mission.

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Bread 'n Bowls



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Hot, steaming stew served in beautiful pottery bowls or freshly baked bread bowls... and a beginning of the breakfast and skills training program for the homeless and struggling.

Friday, October 12th saw hundreds of supporters coming through the doors of Hay Street United Methodist Church to enjoy their dinner in support of our first fundraiser, 'Bread 'n Bowls'.

For months a group of committed volunteers planned and dreamed of making this event a success. Over 600 tickets were sold and we netted over \$7200!! Every dollar is dedicated to the purchase of equipment or construction of the kitchen.

Bread 'n Bowls could not have taken place without local potters giving their time and creativity so that people we have yet to meet could have

the blessing of a hot breakfast...something most of us take for granted. The array of bowls was astounding in design and color. As the diners came through the serving line, their bowls were chosen with care. It was clear what a gift of love these potters had given.

There are no words to express our gratitude to the potters whose hearts are more beautiful than the bowls they created.

Greg Hathaway; FTCC Ceramic Arts Instructors, **Mytrinh Dang** and **Doty Johnson**, Cape Fear Studio Potters, **Jill Dieffenbach**, **Darlene Cote** and **Nancy Edge**, and the wonderful **Ceramic Arts Students of FTCC!**

Our deepest thanks also go to the committee who not only planned the event but who actually made the delicious Brunswick Stew that was

served. Those special folks are: **Anne Hodges**, **Lynette Ehler**, **Donna Pleasant**, **Jeanne Pittman**, **Ray Miller**, **Wanette Walke** and **Glenda Johnson**. Joining them in preparing the soup were another group of incredible volunteers, **Joanne Copeland**, **Betty Smith**, **JoAnne Lowder**, **Millie Freccia**, **Jennifer Britt**, **Polly Orr** and **Dorothy McEachern** and her staff at **Snyder Memorial**. We are grateful to **Hay Street Methodist** and **Kay and David Edwards** for hosting this event, **Beth Kever** for being our M.C. and to **Snyder Memorial Baptist** for the use of their kitchen facilities in preparing the food.

We are already planning for our 2nd annual Bread 'n Bowls which will be held in February 2009. If you know of a potter who'd be interested in helping as we reach out to those whom God has called us to serve, please let us know.