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Reaching Hearts • Changing Lives



Generations of Changed Lives



the City Mission
100 YEARS
of Hope for Cleveland
1910-2010

See how God uses you to build upon a history of Christ-centered youth outreach

Destroying the Dividing Wall

dear friend,

In honor of The City Mission's 100th Anniversary, we've been looking back at the Mission's place in history. In this issue of *His Hands*, we're remembering a turbulent time in our nation's past that was marked by much division and hostility.

In the early 1950's, the Korean War established a deep divide not only between North and South Korea but the United States and Soviet Union as well. Not long after, the war in Vietnam drew a polarizing line between people within our own country. All the while, racial tension escalated as the Civil Rights movement pressed forward, culminating in 1968 with the tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Signs of mistrust and disunity were everywhere, and the city of Cleveland wasn't immune. In fact, one of the most violent and notable race riots of the late '60's occurred in the same neighborhood where The City Mission now resides.

It's sobering to see the state of humanity when we let our fears and differences divide us. But that's why I believe God's work through

The City Mission was so essential then and is just as needed now.

God, who brought the Jews and Gentiles together thousands of years ago through the blood of Christ, is using friends like you to bring peace, unity and hope to our city, often starting with the youngest among us.

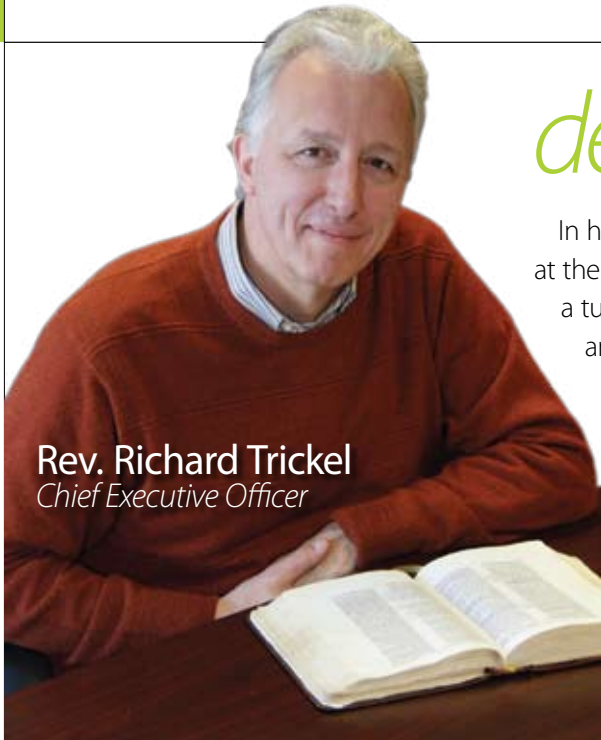
As you'll read on the following pages, your support is giving assistance to young people like Jennifer who want to do what's right and give hope to children living in urban communities. Your generosity also gives teens who've lost their way a second chance to grow in their character and make decisions that benefit their future (see Rahim's interview on page 8).

My hope is that you allow these stories to move you, and listen to God speak to your heart as you read. Because the more we love, give and serve the least among us, starting with the children, the more we can move our city, community and families to greater unity in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all you do to lay a strong foundation of faith in the lives of boys and girls in Cleveland.

Sincerely,

Rev Richard Trickel



Rev. Richard Trickel
Chief Executive Officer

For he himself is
our peace, who
has made the
two one and has
destroyed the
barrier, the dividing
wall of hostility.

Ephesians 2:14

You Inspired Her

Now she wants to inspire others

Kids are perceptive. They pick up on situations quickly. So as Jennifer watched her parents start to attend church and turn their lives around when she was ten years old, it made a huge impact in her life. She saw the power of God to change hearts right in front of her eyes—through her own mom and dad.

That made Jennifer's decision to come to Pathways pretty easy when she was a freshman in high school. Jennifer's cousin already attended our after-school program and "enjoyed the Bible studies and said it was a good opportunity to spend time with people outside of school!"

Jennifer immersed herself into the lessons, too, and got to know many of the girls she met on a deep level. But perhaps one of the most life-changing aspects of the Pathways program for Jennifer were the mentors she found in many of our staff members.

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

—1 Timothy 4:12 (NASB)

"They played big parts in my life," Jennifer recalls. "They've been there to hold me up in prayer. Brother Luvirt has seen us off to prom, gone to graduations. He's just really been there for us."

The godly examples and mentors who invested in Jennifer at Pathways inspired her now to pursue mentoring on a different level.

Currently, Jennifer is studying English Education and Law at Goshen College in Indiana. Thanks to your generosity and commitment to education, the Pathways Scholarship Program assists Jennifer with \$500 of her tuition each semester!

Jennifer's dream is to help young people gain the self-confidence, vision and faith that so many adults poured into her at a young age. More specifically, "I want to teach in an urban area because of what I experienced," Jennifer shares. "Or volunteer in youth leadership as a youth pastor. That's why I went into education."

In five years, Jennifer hopes to be that godly role model for the young people God places in her life. With the added experience of a service trip to Peru through school, Jennifer understands the challenges young people of many cultures face to have the support, education and opportunity to follow their dreams and succeed.

Because of God's work through your faithful support, Jennifer is following hers.

"I really want to thank everyone for the experience at Pathways," Jennifer expresses. "This is an amazing program. People really are affected by your prayers and what you do."



MISSION NEEDS LIST

The City Mission is always in need of in-kind donations from generous ministry friends. Please drop off any donations at the Mission's administrative building at the corner of East 55th and Carnegie on Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or call (216) 431-3510 for more information. Thank you!

- Toiletries
- Infant supplies
- New or very gently used linens and towels
- New school supplies
- New toys and games (boxed only)
- New socks, underwear and sleepwear

Volunteer Needs

Do you have administrative or interpersonal skills that you want to put to good use?

We are seeking to have complete volunteer coverage for our Carnegie Building Reception desk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The volunteer shifts are 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 12:30–4:30 p.m.

The City Mission will provide training on your first scheduled visit. We also must complete a background check within the first two weeks of service and will pay for that cost.

Responsibilities include:

- Answering and transferring calls.
- Welcoming guests and visitors.
- Small administrative tasks, if needed.

And all that we ask is that you be a mature Christian, have a kind and welcoming presence and remain punctual and organized.

If you're interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, call (216) 431-3510 ext. 236 or email getinvolved@thecitymission.org! We look forward to hearing from you!

The Downtown The City Mission

Many of the programs that started during this influential twenty year period laid the foundation for the services The City Mission offers today. The Mission began to expand its outreach to youth and acquired 267 acres of land to build Grand Valley Christian Camp. Through the leadership of Rev. Clifton Gregory, The City Mission continued to serve as an extension of the church, ministering to the poor and giving hope to the needy.



In 1964, the Mission moved to 408 W. St. Clair Avenue. Larger dormitories were built to accommodate the increase in emergency shelter needs. An entire floor was designated for Youth Clubs and a small gymnasium was added.

Down Arm of the Church: Mission 1950–1970

Rev. Clifton Gregory, long-time volunteer at The City Mission, became Executive Director in 1951 and served for over thirty years!



For over fifty years the Women's Auxiliary served in vital volunteer roles and raised many thousands of dollars for critical needs such as buses, vans, major kitchen appliances, furnishings, commercial laundries and support for constructing new cabins at camp.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

–1 Corinthians 3:11



The City Mission celebrated 50 years of service in 1960 through a variety of events including a banquet, rally and concerts.

Join Us at Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 22

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

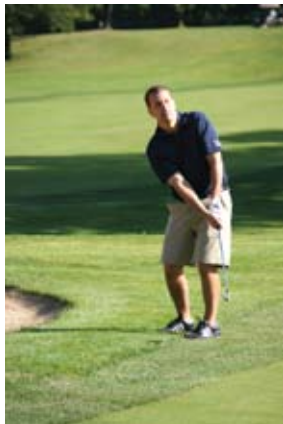
Field of Hope Luncheon at Progressive Field's Terrace Club

Bring a friend and hear stories of men and women getting back in the game through The City Mission. Cost to attend is \$15/person.

Monday, August 30

East vs. West Centennial Golf Marathon

We are inviting golfers of every level to shoot 100 holes with us in a fun-filled, fundraising day. You can choose to play at either Mayfield Country Club or Avon Oaks Country Club to determine which side of town takes the trophy. Your participation will help the clients of The City Mission and you'll get a chance to win prizes and enjoy great company.



For more information about these events, contact Denise Eaddy at (216) 431-3510 ext. 237.

New Website, Coming Soon

In honor of our 100th anniversary and thanks to the generosity of the William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation, our website is being completely redesigned. Visit www.thecitymission.org in the near future to see for yourself.



memorial & in honor of gifts

If you would like to give a gift in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or in honor of a special occasion, please mail your gift and the name of the person(s) being remembered or honored to:

The City Mission • 5310 Carnegie Ave. • Cleveland, OH 44103

We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special card.

IN MEMORY OF:

(gifts received from January 16 – March 15, 2010)

Our deepest sympathies are with friends who have lost loved ones.

A memorial gift to The City Mission is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member.

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IN HONOR OF:

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A gift to The City Mission is a great way both to say "I Care" and to remember a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion!

The City Mission's

100th Birthday

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald H. Hall

Kenneth M. Collins

Martha S. Collins

Mrs. Helen E. Morse

Barbara & Bill Mansfield

Matthew Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis P. Lambes

Mrs. Frances Thorne

Sharon Bell
Kathy Galovic
Susan E. Dunn

Arlene Widdows' Retirement

Mrs. Cheryl Yanico

Please join us in prayer

Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center

- For short-term clients to see their need for Jesus in the midst of unmanageable situations.
- For the Lord's provision for women who have completed the program and are walking with the Lord in the Light of His word.
- For provision of household items, job security and stable housing.
- For women to possess a strong desire to trust and obey God and fall in love with Jesus more and more each day.
- For those who are not walking with Jesus to become thirsty for a different way of life and to be exhausted in trying to keep up the façade.
- For unity among the staff and to continue to support and love one another through Jesus.

Inmate Outreach Services

- That our monthly mailings to nearly 600 Ohio inmates would make an impact toward evangelism and Christian discipleship.
- That God would use our visits to Ohio's prisons to bring encouragement to those who are often forgotten.
- That God would continue to provide Bibles and Christian literature, as well as embossed envelopes and reading glasses, to our IOS team for distribution.

- For continued and increased favor with courts and the Adult Parole and Probation Departments that Christian men and women could transition directly to Crossroads and Laura's Home programming upon release from incarceration.

Pathways Family Outreach Services

- For a Christ-focused and exciting summer camp.
- For salvation and discipleship of students coming to summer camp.
- For a strong and healthy Summer Ministry Team.

Crossroads Men's Crisis Center

- For men going through spiritual renewal and transformation classes to develop a stronger relationship with the Lord.
- For strength, wisdom, and endurance for the staff of Crossroads Men's Crisis Center.
- For all volunteers, who are so diligent in coming to serve. We are grateful for all they do!
- Praise for all the donors who share their time, finances, and energy to the Crossroads program.
- For the men who are graduating from the program in June to continue to seek God's will in their lives.

100th Anniversary
Corner



What's Your Story?

There's still plenty of time to share your special memories of The City Mission in honor of our 100th anniversary. We will continue to gather stories for the next few months, as well as old photographs, journals or other materials that accompany your personal memories.

Just visit www.thecitymission.org/100years.htm for details on how to share your story. We look forward to hearing from you as we celebrate 100 years of changed lives in Cleveland!

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us

Join The City Mission on **October 2, 2010** for our 100th Anniversary *Celebration of Hope* at the Wolstein Center in downtown Cleveland! We're honored to welcome musical guests **Praise-Apella, Scott Krippanyne and Larnelle Harris** and will have many other festivities for you. See you there!





Leading Teens to Victory

The Pathways Victory Program

During every school year, hundreds of teens in Cleveland begin a destructive pattern of getting in trouble at school, even suspended. But God uses your support of the Pathways Victory Program to pull these kids into a healthy learning environment and get them back on the right track. Learn more from Victory Program Supervisor, Rahim Nichols.

How many teens attend the Victory Program?

Each day we welcome a maximum of 15 students. We average three to five students each day, which is a small enough group that it allows us to dive into issues, open kids up and do ministry.

What's an average day look like?

First thing in the morning, teens attend Bible study. They have a short break and then character development class. After lunch, we have another character development class that involves either journaling or school work.

Can you describe character development class?

It's Bible-based, but we don't necessarily teach right from the Bible. We make the lessons very practical and applicable to real life situations they face. It's been very effective. We're always looking for volunteers to help us teach these classes.

Do you have an example of a student who has been helped?

I recently ran into a student who attended the program and asked him how things were going. I found out he received a Principal Award, which meant he was the most improved academically and behaviorally for that semester. I asked what changed, and he said after he left this program, it hit home, so he decided to separate himself from negative influences and get back on track.

What are your long-term goals for the program?

If we can get the academic piece strong and offer the character development and Bible classes, I think evolving into an alternative school is the ultimate goal in the next few years.

How is the Victory Program impacting the community?

Out of close to 240 students we've had over the last year and half, 75% of those students are not getting suspended again. Not because of anything I'm doing or the volunteers. God is in it.

Why are you personally involved in the program?

We care. We want to see these kids do well. Not only do we want to see them come into a relationship with the Lord, but we want them to reach their goals and dreams and have a successful life. We're planting seeds. Whether we see the fruit or someone down the line sees it, I know that we're doing our part...

To hear more from Rahim, listen at www.thecitymission.org/families.htm

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