A Note from Alan - Thankful!

Alan DeFriese, Superintendent

It is always our goal to be a genuine blessing to the men who come to PRM seeking help. However, they bless us as well. I asked the men to share with me some things for which they are thankful. Their replies are sweet and thoughtful. Here are some of them:

I am thankful for...

...for each and every day that I am allowed to wake up.
...for being here.
...for the blessing of meals, showers, and a warm bed.
...for good health.
...for the structure and stability the Rescue Mission has provided in my time of need.
...for my family and for new opportunities to make my life better.
...for God’s help every day.
...to have a place to stay, strength to find a job, and to know my family is safe.
...for the Mission. You helped me and for that I am thankful.
...for the forgiveness of my sins and God’s abundant graces.
...for the Mission for giving me free room and board, and for all of my new friends.
...for the opportunity to have a chance to take care of my issues. I am also thankful for my chance to become a better member of society and my chance to serve God.
...for having my daughter in my life.
...for a place to stay for now.
...for the love of God, for this shelter, and for my friends.

It thrills me that men find their way to the Mission when they need the most basic things. But what I love even more is that they know who we are. They expect us to talk about the things of the Lord with them! While they are with us they are possibly thinking more about their relationship with the Lord than anywhere else they might be!

You, our supporters, make this possible! And all of us here at PRM are thankful for you!!!! Happy Thanksgiving from PRM!!!!!
**Mission Moment.**

Once a month a group from the Youth Volunteer Corps helps us serve the men dinner. This month that group also included a former Camp Open Arms camper, our good friend Hector. It’s great to see young men and women like these serving in the community, thank you!

**End of Year Statement.**

To save the cost of mailing out End-of-Year statements, we include your Year-to-Date giving amounts on every receipt. Save the receipt from your last 2018 gift to be used for your tax-purposes! (If an End-of-Year statement is needed they are available by calling 380.8909.) Thank you!!!

**Thanksgiving Dinner.**

For most families Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to gather and celebrate all of God’s blessings. For others, however, it may serve as a painful reminder of their current struggles to make ends meet. Thanksgiving dinner might not be something they can afford. So, PRM is here to help! Between 175 and 200 Thanksgiving boxes will be assembled on Monday, November 19!! Would you consider helping us with this very important project? We need these items in hand by Wednesday, November 14. Thank you in advance for your help!

- 175 - 200 Frozen turkeys
- 175 - 200 5 lb. bags of flour
- 175 - 200 5 lb. bags of sugar
- 175 - 200 lbs. of margarine or butter
- 175 - 200 cans of yams
- 175 - 200 cans of pie filling
- 350 - 400 cans of cranberry jelly
- 350 - 400 boxes of stuffing mix
- No potatoes, please.

**Christmas Morning.**

Many of the same parents that will struggle to provide a Thanksgiving dinner will also struggle to provide Christmas for their children. We like to help here as well. We also enjoy providing Christmas for the men at the mission.

On Tuesday, December 11, we make up Christmas gift bags for the men at PRM. Then, on Monday, December 17, we will assemble bags of new gift items for children from infants to age 18. Encourage your family, church, Sunday School class, coworkers, or club to help us collect the following items (new items only, please):

**For the men (needed by Monday, December 10)**
- Socks, underwear, handkerchiefs, belts, razors (disp), deodorant, baseball caps, stocking caps, work gloves, watches, and all kinds of candy (a favorite among the men)

**For the children (needed by 9:00am Monday, December 17)**
- Toys, board games, puzzles (all ages), clothes, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, candy, children’s Bibles or New Testaments.