



A Personal Word From the President/CEO

Dear Mr. Sample,

It's not at all unusual for us to receive notes like this:

"When I read your newsletters, sometimes I think I'm reading about myself from a few years ago, when I was homeless and jobless. I could find no one to help me!"

The note came with a donation.

"You do a great thing," the letter concluded. *"Keep up the good work!"*

What a testimony of God's love—and the valuable work He can do.

And what an inspiration, to realize that people who once turned to us for help are now supporting the work of the Mission themselves. They know firsthand about the life-transforming work that God can do in someone's life—no matter how lost, no matter how hopeless they felt when they arrived.

Thank you for being a part of it all, through your prayers and your generosity.

God bless you!

Rick Alvis
President/CEO

GRACE INTERRUPTS

"I Just Woke Up."

Michelle's life was a zigzag. Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, living with a boyfriend. Breaking up, starting over, getting work, a new apartment—but then, those old urges would return and the cycle would begin again: getting high, getting drunk, wrecking her body, wrecking her spirit.

It was only the grace of God—a gentle nudge from His Spirit—that interrupted the pattern. "One day," she recalls, "I just woke up." She was tired of dragging herself to work, exhausted from the substances she pumped through her body.

"What can I do?" she asked herself.

And the answer came—God's grace in action, again: "I just picked up the phone," she remembers, "and called Wheeler Mission."

**For the first time,
Michelle says,
"I started to listen to
what God was saying."**

Michelle was dead serious about changing. She gave notice at work, packed her backpack, left her key on the table in her apartment—and walked through our door.

Michelle's heart began warming to God's ways. She began seeing people differently, responding more

patiently, more compassionately. She's completed our addiction recovery program and is transitioning into a next-steps program, so she can help others dealing with the same issues she's dealt with.

"God has done a whole lot in my life," she says, fighting tears. "He took me out of the darkness and brought me into the Light. I love my life now. Every morning, I thank the Lord that I am alive and that I can feel His presence in me."

She smiles. "I am about to cry," she says.

And then, she does. But they're tears of joy.



**Camp Out
to
Stamp Out
Homelessness**
gather. inform. empower.

It's not too late to come to our Camp Out to Stamp Out Homelessness and Music Fest!



Join us June 17 & 18, 2011, at American Legion Mall in Downtown Indianapolis for a night of Christian concerts, prizes and info about how you can get engaged with issues of homelessness in our community. Dinner is provided on Friday night. Breakfast and praise & worship are provided Saturday morning for those who camp out overnight.

All entertainment and activities are family friendly, and the campsite is in a secured area. You can register at the event from 5:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m. on Friday, June 17. Concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information on this event, call Tammy Ellis at (317) 635-3575 or visit www.WheelerMission.org.

Easter Blessings

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to serve 804 meals to homeless and needy people in our community on Easter. Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

James—Reflections on Recovery

Available on both Facebook and Twitter, these unique posts reflect the daily thoughts of James, a graduate of Wheeler's addiction program who is now participating in the Servant Leadership Training program.

These personal reflections give you a glimpse of the life of a man in recovery. His posts reveal the real, raw emotions of a man who's being molded into a new creation.



We pray that James' daily testimony will change lives! "Like" it on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/reflectionson-recovery or follow on Twitter at @WheelerRecovery.

You can also visit our website www.WheelerMission.org and click on the Facebook or Twitter icons.

Celebrating a Faithful Life

Barbara Alice "Corya" Parcel, born March 16, 1928, in Indianapolis, went home to be with her heavenly Father on March 5, 2011, just before her 83rd birthday.



Barbara was a lifelong resident of the Christian Park area. She served as an officer for the Wheeler Mission Ministries—Women's Auxiliary and was a faithful friend to Wheeler

Mission for many years.

We rejoice that Barbara is in Heaven and that God spared her from months of treatments for a recently diagnosed cancer. We believe that she has heard the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:21). She will be greatly missed.

For more information on how you can serve our Mission, please visit www.WheelerMission.org and click on "Ways to Help."

Summer Needs List

Men's Clothing

Belts, Boots and shoes
Lightweight coats and jackets
Pajamas (M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
Socks
Underwear (thermal, boxers, briefs, t-shirts and tank tops—M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)

Women's Clothing

Flip flops/shower shoes (all sizes)
Lightweight coats, jackets and rain ponchos (especially larger sizes)
Pajamas (M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)
Pantyhose (black, taupe, suntan—M-queen-size)

Children's Clothing

Lightweight jackets (all sizes)
Pajamas (infant-pretween)
Socks (all sizes)
Undershirts and underwear (all sizes)

Linens

Bath towels and wash cloths
Pillows and pillow cases
Queen bed sheet sets
Twin bed sheet sets

Hygiene Items

Individual size soap
Disposable razors
Shaving cream
Deodorant (trial/travel size or spray)
Lotion (trial/travel size, large bottles or spray)
Deodorant

Program Items

Notebook paper—college or wide ruled
Writing pens
Highlighters
Garden supplies (trowels, gardening gloves, etc.)

For the latest updates and information about our current needs, please visit www.WheelerMission.org and click on "Ways to Help."

IN THE HEAT OF THE SEASON...

Can't Wait for Christmas!

We're not waiting. We're celebrating Christmas now.

In fact, we do it every year. The reason is simple. People give extra-generously the final three months of the year, but by mid-year, giving drops off—people understandably focus on summertime activities.

So every summer, we ask friends to give a "Christmas gift," a special summertime donation to help us provide the 62,500 meals and 25,000

nights of shelter that people will need in the next 90 days.

A family suddenly homeless in June can't wait for donations in December. A struggling single mom who lost her job and can't put food on the table can't wait for the Christmas feast. These folks urgently need help now—in the heat of summer.

For their sake, for others like them, we're asking you to "make



it Christmas now" so we can share God's great Gift, in practical ways, without interruption this summer.

Thank you! God bless you!
Please mail your Christmas in July gift in the enclosed envelope, or give online at www.WheelerMission.org.