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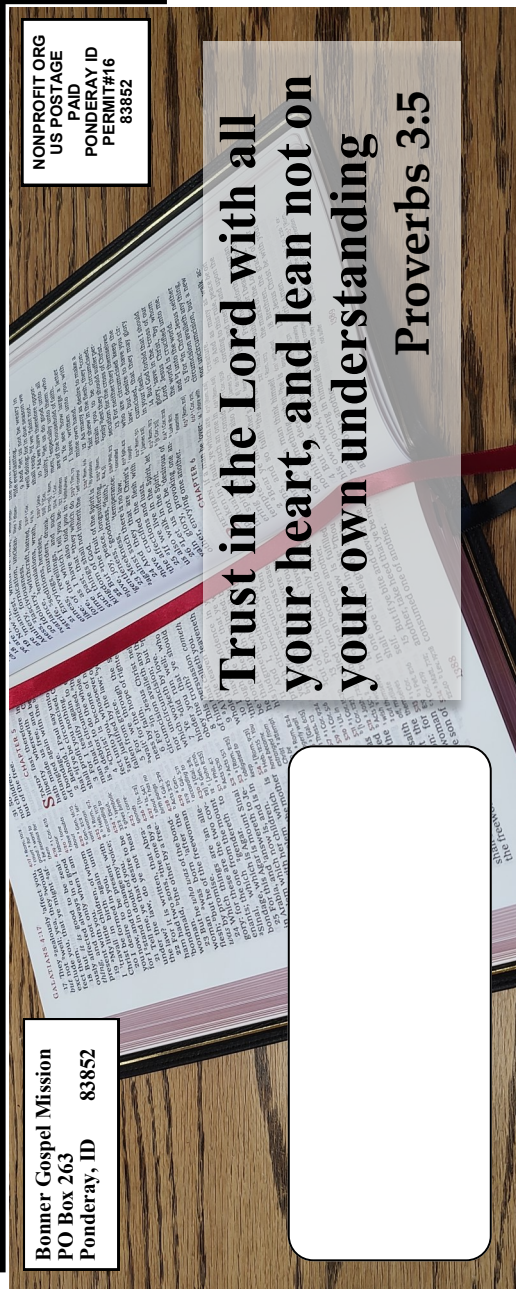
For God So loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoso ever believes in Him shall not perish but have ever lasting life. John 3:16



Mission Needs

1. Our lawn mower is on its last legs. The mission could use a good running push lawn mower. Please call Lucas at the Mission 208-263-6698
2. Home cooked meals able to serve 8-10 men Call the Mission at 208-263-6698
3. Chicken, pork, beef, or casseroles that can be frozen
4. Continued financial support in monthly donations to assist with operating cost of the ministry

Prayer Requests

1. Continue to pray for the men here at the mission. We are planting seeds of God's Word in their life and pray they will take root, grow, and mature so the men can enjoy the blessing of being a child of God. Also for the men that leave the mission to hold fast to God's plan for their life and not return to the ways of the world.
2. Wisdom and discernment for the staff and board as they navigate mission life.
3. Our Mission as of late has been at capacity, yet there are more that need assistance. Please pray for those men who are in need and in unfortunate circumstances.

Words of Wisdom

Let us take a second to look at this passage from James. There are "two" ways of wisdom and understanding on display. Earthly wisdom is characterized by jealousy, selfish ambition, and disorder, while heavenly wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, and full of good fruit. Living out heavenly wisdom is demonstrated through good conduct, humility, and peacemaking.

[13] Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

[14] But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

[15] This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

[16] For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

[17] But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

[18] Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:13-18 NJKV

Mission Update

Hello Friends,
I want to introduce to you all James Pratt. He has accepted the position of House Manager here at BGM. It is truly amazing to see God's plan unfold. James came to the mission last year needing a place to stay and since then has faithfully served the men that come to the mission. He is a great student of scripture, a true servant, and daily demonstrates a heart of compassion. We thank the Lord for unveiling His will and bringing James to the mission. Join me in prayer for James; may he be blessed and bless other in this ministry.
Your Servant in Christ,

Lucas Sheetz

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Mission Update cont.

I made up my mind about 15 years ago that I wanted to "retire" to northern Idaho. I spent over 20 years touring the nation, working in 11 different states as an employee of a right-of-way contractor and as a Section Head for a state Department of Transportation. During that time I was able to meet people from all walks of life, many of whom were facing difficulties "created by" the government agencies and utility companies for which I was working. Also during that time I tried to have my Christian faith lead me in how I dealt with all of the people impacted by our projects. On a few occasions, I tried to find a way that I could attend seminary because I have felt a calling to serve Jesus since I was a pre-teen. I was a youth counselor and substitute Sunday School teacher at one church where I was a member. I had even started the enrollment process with Liberty University about 15 years ago. But my work always kept me busy, often up to 70 hours per week. Even as a salaried state agency employee, I was working almost 60 hours.

I don't view "homeless" as being the definition of a person, but rather a circumstance people face, typically involuntarily. Recently, the circumstances which landed me here at the Mission seemed to have finally allowed me the opportunity to begin work in a Masters of Divinity program at Liberty University. What I have found, however, is that my everyday commitments at the Mission and the Bonner Community Food Bank did not allow me the time necessary to complete my school work on schedule, and without a loss of too many hours of sleep. That is a pattern I experienced while attending law school at night about 25 years ago. Because of this, I decided that my commitments to those around me, serving others on a daily basis, must take precedent over my formal educational pursuits. I feel I have been assured by the Spirit that I can continue to serve and do more direct good for those around me without having another diploma to hang on the wall. I don't need approval from man in order to serve God. Having done a little volunteer work for a couple of homeless shelters in the past, and working with some homeless people as "displaced persons" during my time in right-of-way, I know that there is always a need for people to be "in the trenches" where the work is performed, and the Mission gives me the opportunity to do just that.

James Pratt
House Manager
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