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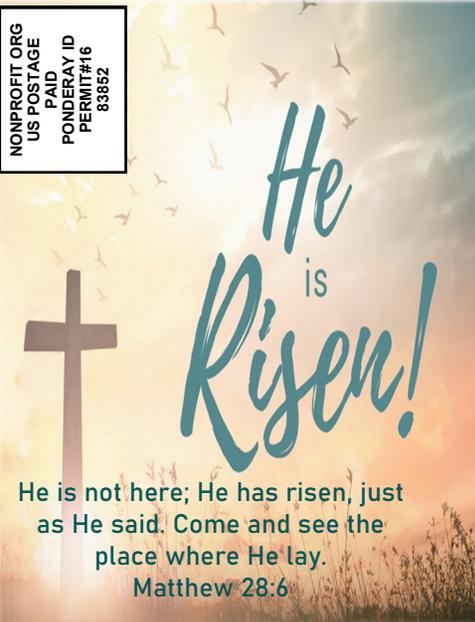
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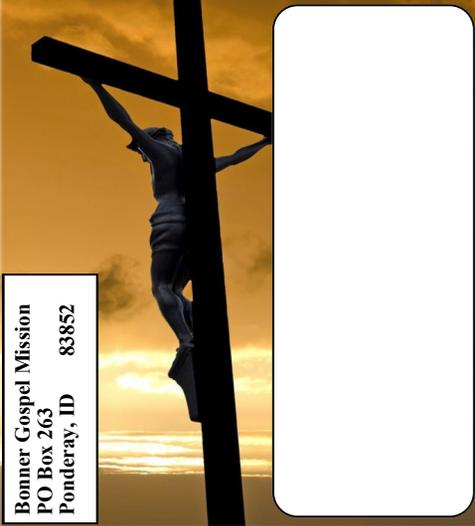
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For God So loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoso ever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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Mission Highlights

“Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul” (Ps. 66:26).

Gerard Fox Testimony

I suppose not the world itself could contain the volumes that could be written about what my Redeemer has done for my soul. All glory and praise to the matchless name of Jesus, who is both LORD and Christ. Seated at the right hand of the Father because, “IT IS FINISHED.”

Up until last April, I never heard of the Bonner Gospel Mission. When I did, I thought it was just another homeless shelter. I was a mess physically, and I was broken spiritually. I was full of pain, anger and distrust with nothing in my pocket but \$10, a few Top Ramen soups and no place to lay my head. I thought a homeless shelter was all I needed, and quite honestly, all I wanted. I now realize, I was in need of something much more.

Through my stay here, I have come to learn and experience the Bonner Gospel Mission to be something far beyond just another homeless shelter. No, rather, it is something miraculous, something supernatural...yes, that's it, something of God, and for God.

“It’s not a “homeless shelter,” you ask? “But doesn’t the Bonner Gospel Mission take in homeless men, feed them, clothe them, and give them a bed to sleep in?” To that I answer, in the physical sense absolutely. However, not only are we fed food for the health of our physical bodies, but more importantly our spirits are nourished with the power of God’s living Word. Yes, we are given shelter, but more important is the house of God filled not only with His presence, but men who have dedicated their lives to being disciples of Jesus. We are given clothing, but we learn about being clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

We are not a bunch of homeless men. We are disciples that have found our home, and commissioned to learn the gospel and then spread the glorious truth of our Lord and Savior. And only God knows how much I appreciate our beloved brother in the faith, brother James who leads the charge!

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...” (1 John. 3:1).

Mission Updates

Here’s how our new soup kitchen not only blesses our community, but also the men living at the mission

The soup kitchen is gaining every week and I am overjoyed for, and because of, the growth which continues to be a blessing both inside and outside the Bonner Gospel Mission. The residents receive the unique gift of experiencing this in its entirety, from conception of the idea, planning stages and set up, to the action of being fully involved in answering the LORD’S call to action. Our cup overflows with the peace and love abounding throughout our fellowship, and we care to share! What follows is some of the thoughts and words expressed from the men who reside here, loving God, loving people, and living in the light. Some is paraphrasing, some are direct quote, and some are emphasis.

Jason's message is about the consistency he sees in the attendance of those who keep coming back. He is happy to see the familiar faces and looks forward to seeing the new. That is something he can count on! Whether or not the weather is favorable, prosperity is unconditional! Jason is blessed to share the experience with his mother and stepfather who immediately became regulars and part of our extended family.

Scott’s message is one of much positivity. He says “it’s an honor to serve”. When Scott first heard of this endeavor his thoughts were colored by past experience which produced a sort of trepidation. My how things changed, and quickly! He gives special recognition to the Wallis family for all they’ve done, not only for the soup and celebration but to the mission and the brotherhood, above and beyond! “He expresses recognition of fruition in “James’ vision”... Agreed! Scotts daughter Kalin volunteers and we are blessed to see him as a Father as well as our brother. “It turned out to be a blessing despite any reservations. I thought it might interrupt my life yet it’s become part of my life. Let’s get out in the community some more!”.

Mission Updates Cont...

Gerard's message is one of appreciation. He comments on the preconception of "soup kitchens usually being for the down and out." He says "the blessing goes both ways, instead of being served, we get to serve!" He mentions and makes much of the fellowship involved here. "Gives us an opportunity to express what the **LORD** is doing in our lives inside and outside." When we all sit down together we can give even further by sharing the understanding we're not a homeless shelter but a discipleship." At first Gerard was unfamiliar with the soup kitchen when it was introduced... We all know how that goes. How quickly things change when realization comes, "James appeared and got me out of the dorm to be a part of the meal. And now I don't feel withdrawn. Now I love to share Christ with others.

If you would like to be apart of this amazing soup kitchen, by volunteer or donations call me (James Noriega, Director) at the mission 208-263-6698. We could use your help.

Growing...

We have been growing so much lately. We are now up to 15 men and it's been amazing to watch God work in the lives of so many men. You would think that with 15 men that it would be a bit crowded, but because the men have been so responsive to Jesus Christ it has become a close knit brotherhood. I have come in after hours and I constantly catch the men reading their Bibles, or discussing the Bible. It's been amazing to watch. We praise God for our ability to grow, because of our donors. We would like to thank you for your faithful giving. But, as we grow, our food bill grows, so we could use any food, or financial donations that God puts on your heart. Again, thank you for being apart of God's work here at Bonner Gospel Mission.



Easter is Upon us and Psalm 103 Gives a Great Picture of What That Means

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! [2] Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, [3] who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, [4] who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, [5] who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103 is one of my favorite scriptures in the Bible. It hits the full aspect of the Gospel. We see David speaking to his soul saying, "bless the Lord, O my soul" it's an amazing thing that we Christians can bless God. How is it that we can bless God? You know how hard it is to bless someone with a gift who has everything? How about blessing someone who IS everything? God is telling us we can bless Him by remembering what He's done for us. Not only can Jesus heal us from all our diseases and redeem our life from the pit, but He also crowns us with His love. This is the greatest place of honor and when we remember this we bless the Lord. Isn't that amazing? You see it makes it about God. We see in the fifth verse God also satisfies us with good. Remember this friend; the more satisfied we are in Christ; the more God is glorified.

Psalm 103:6-12

[6] The LORD works righteousness is and justice for all who are oppressed. [7] He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. [8] The LORD is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. [9] He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. [10] He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. [11] For as high

as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; [12] as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

In verse seven, I love the way God draws a distinction between showing Moses His ways; and showing Israel His acts. Moses was the only human representation of God Israel had. So Israel had Moses and Moses had God. Why is this important to understand? Jesus is our human representation of God. Jesus is the new and better Moses. So not only do we see God's acts; we get to see God in the face of our risen Savior Jesus Christ! We have it better than Israel because we see both God's acts and His ways. We get to know God personally through Jesus Christ. The only way that we get to see God through Jesus Christ is the forgiveness of sin. As we see in the Psalm he does not deal with us according to our sin; or repay us for our iniquity. In addition not only does he forgive us of sin, He also removes our sin. This is very important to understand "the removal of sin". "As far as east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgression from us". It's not like he forgives us and our sin is somewhere close by. He removed our sin so far we can't get to it. Our sin died with Jesus and now He is risen!. THANK YOU JESUS!

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