



While doing research on the Mission for our centennial year, we came across a small newspaper article from January 9, 1930. This article from the Lansing Journal reported Mayor Laird J. Troyer's commitment to "suspend" a soup line started by a small charity downtown. That charity was the City Rescue Mission of Lansing, and the soup line was seen as "showing the city in an unfavorable light." Today, looking back on what would later be termed "The Great Depression," it's difficult to imagine any public official decrying an attempt to feed "indigent persons."

While the founders of the Mission, Thomas and Emily Dolton, had always made it a practice to "feed the hungry," this soup line was the first step in what is today our public dining. Our kitchen provides meals to our guests (currently averaging 140 men, women, and children each night) and to those who are "working poor," people who have a home but struggle to make ends meet on a limited budget. Last year, our kitchen was open 365 days to prepare and serve over 95,000 meals.

However, a hardworking kitchen (especially one that hasn't seen any major renovation work in over two decades) can only operate for a certain amount of time before some repair work becomes necessary. While we hope to expand our kitchen in the near future, circumstances are such that we have to do some renovations immediately. Plans are currently underway to shut down kitchen services during the first few weeks of June.

This means that our public dining room will not be open for a span of two weeks, we pray not more. This also means that, besides the expense of these much needed renovations, we will need to purchase prepared food to adequately care for those overnight guests who will be staying at the Mission during these renovations. At our current average, we estimate serving at least 140 meals every day for this two week span, a total of 1,960 meals. As we are serving meals to guests, we still need to meet health department regulations, which is why we will need to purchase prepared foods.

If you can help in any way to meet this need, we would greatly appreciate it. Groups could sponsor a meal for around \$700 or individuals could choose to "sponsor" an individual guest for the duration, at around \$70. Of course, we would appreciate your prayers, not only that renovations go well but also that there are no delays with construction or inspections.

As always, we are so grateful to all of you and all that you do to make a difference in Michigan's capital area. Thank you for being a rescuer. Thank you for helping us help others!



A Message from Mark: the next step for one of our own

"...he had compassion on them." Matthew 9:36, 14:14, 15:32, 20:34, Mar 1:41, 6:34, 8:2, etc.


You can not read through the Gospels and not see that Jesus Christ "had compassion" on the multitudes and those who came for help. This compassion lead him to heal the diseased, raise the dead, and feed the hungry. Ultimately, it was this perfect love and concern for others that drove Jesus to the cross to pay for our sins in full. We, "all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

It is with this same compassion that God leads us to help others. Over the past four years, Russ Kinyon has worked beside us in the ministry of rescue, most recently as our director of volunteers. Throughout Russ' tenure here, he has shown compassion through leading Bible studies, organizing volunteer assistance, and advocating for those in need. In the past year, Russ has developed a burden for the people of Quilalí, Nicaragua. What began as a short-term missions trip has blossomed into an opportunity for full time missionary work. I believe that Russ is uniquely called to help the people of Nicaragua, by establishing and increasing local commerce, as well as, meeting spiritual needs. I have asked Russ to share a little about his new calling as a missionary to Nicaragua. If you have further interest, I encourage you to contact him personally, using the below information. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

To God be the Glory,



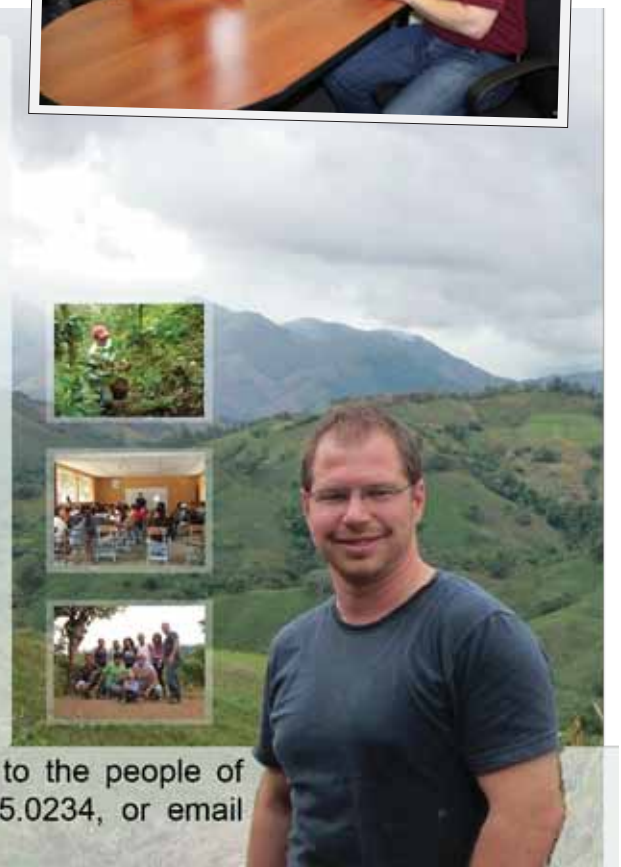
Mark Criss
Executive Director



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As director of the foundation, Russ Kinyon's role in Nicaragua will be:

- Overseeing foundation programs and teams
- Developing vision, structure and curriculum for ministry programs and classes
- Discipling leaders and building ministry teams
- Hands-on teaching and mentoring of students and adults in community development from a Christian perspective
- Expanding relationships and connections with local and international partners to cultivate resources and growth



For more information or to partner with this ministry to the people of Nicaragua, visit godevelop.org/nicaragua, call 517.505.0234, or email srusskinyon@yahoo.com.

Can You Help with Centennial Information?

We are currently gathering information for a history of the Mission and its 100 years of service to Michigan's capital area. From time to time, we will receive photos or stories of the Mission from our supporters. We would like to encourage anyone who has any information on the Mission or would like to let us know "what the Mission means to you" or "how you became involved with the Mission" to send a letter to our administrative offices at 2216 S. Cedar St., Lansing MI 48910, or an email to info@lcrm.org. We'd love to hear from you.

IBEW 352 / BWL Annual Golf Outing



This year, proceeds from the annual IBEW 352/BWL Golf Outing will be used to benefit the City Rescue Mission of Lansing and Pennies for Power. The event will be held at Centennial Acres Golf Course (12485 Dow Road in Sunfield) on Saturday, July 23, 2011, and is open for anyone wanting to participate. There is a 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start. We are grateful to those holding this event for their consideration of the Mission and those we serve. For more information, please contact Phil Lemke at 517.281.7617 (PNL@lbwl.com) or Ray Phillipich at 517.897.5954 (RJP@lbwl.com).

Come Minister with Us!

The Mission is currently looking to fill several openings. Various employment opportunities are available: night security, kitchen staffing, women's Life Transformation Program manager, and coordinators at our women and children's shelter. These positions are mostly part time and require flexible hours; we look forward to serving together to meet needs in Michigan's capital area. For those interested in applying for these positions (or others which may become available), please visit the "contact us" page of our website and download our job application doctrinal statement. If you would like more information on available positions or have no way to download an application from the internet, please call 517.485.0145 or email cheryl@lcrm.org.



What a Great Idea: creative ways to make a difference!

"April Shower" and "Movers for Moms"

April and May have been two great months for creative ideas. In April, First National Bank put on their "April Shower," to collect items and funds for personal needs and other items for our women and children's shelter. Besides collecting hygiene items, the group at First National raised about \$5,500 to continue to meet needs throughout the year. In May, Two Men and a Truck worked with two local schools (Windemere Park and Lansing Charter Academy) to collect special items for our mothers. We are so grateful for all the hard work that went into making both of these "I'm a Rescuer" events successful in making a difference to those in need.



Who, What, When, Where, or Why?

While sorting through boxes and boxes of old slides and negatives, we can see the progress of time, as life at and around the Mission continues to adjust and change. See if you recognize the person in this photo. Check out next month's newsletter or the Mission facebook page to see if your guess was correct.



The picture featured in the May newsletter showed the 607 E. Michigan Ave. office in the late 1980s.

Who is this?

Go to the Mission's facebook page and check out the Mission History album!



"Save the Date" for Our Centennial Celebration!

In honor of our centennial year of service, we are looking forward to the opportunity for our supporters to see firsthand the safe, clean environment available for our guests. Instead of our annual banquet, we have tentatively scheduled a guided tour for Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Those in attendance will be able to visit the Michigan Avenue facility and have transportation from our "home base" to the newly renovated Maplewood Center. Invitations will formally be sent out with your August newsletter. Included with your August newsletter will be an opportunity for you to "reserve your seat" for this event. We hope to see you there!

Housekeeping

Save the Date for Mission Tour:

We look forward to showcasing our ministry at a centennial openhouse on September 17. See above for more details.

Personal ID Number:

Above your name on your receipt or newsletter envelope is your PID. This number will help if you have a duplicate or have questions regarding a monetary donation to the Mission.

Tax Deduction/Credit:

Gifts given to the City Rescue Mission of Lansing qualify for a tax credit/deduction. By law, we are not allowed to list a dollar amount for non-monetary donations; please keep your store receipts for new items to attach to your copy of the receipt. Monthly giving reports for cash donations are always mailed in the middle of the following month.

Too Many Mailings?

If you are receiving a duplicate mailing, please call 517.485.0145 or email info@lcrm.org.



Mission Needs List

- Ground Beef
- Canned Fruit (#10 cans)
- Canned Vegetables (#10)
- Plastic Spoons and Forks
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Q-tips
- Ear Plugs
- Copy Paper
- Kleenex
- Napkins
- Toilet Paper
- Umbrellas
- Reusable Water Bottles
- New Socks and Underwear
- Large Women's PJ Shirts
- Men's Pajamas