Scarcity (part 2)

Last month we talked about the science of scarcity. We hinted that scarcity is more than just poverty. For the poor it may be a lack of food, clothing, shelter, or money. For the busy, it may be a lack of time. For the lonely, it is a lack of personal relationship.

Again, we think of loneliness as secondary. One is lonely because he is homeless; another, because she is too busy to spend time with friends. Again, research suggests we’re thinking backward. Multiple studies in the US and the UK list isolation as an enormous contributor to poverty, addiction, homelessness, and mental illness. According to one researcher, “People don’t become homeless when they run out of money, at least not at first. They become homeless when they run out of relationships.” Twenty-first century science confirms what we’ve known since the Garden of Eden: “It is not good for [a person] to be alone.” (Genesis 2:18)

Many agencies help provide food, clothing, shelter, only to find that our best efforts do not break the cycles of poverty. It is not enough to get people connected to resources; we all need to be connected to community. God does much of his work through the community of faith, in fellowship and love, building one another up. Our mission of Rescue starts with the immediate need, the point of crisis. But Recovery and Renewal go much deeper. Through mentoring and discipleship, we build redemptive relationships. That is where deep and lasting change takes place.

Meet Shawnna

Shawnna Ottenbacher came to the mission looking to fill her water bottle with some water. Little did she know that she would receive more than the water this world has to offer, she would receive the living water that Jesus Christ offers. Shawnna was met by the women’s director that day as she was at the front desk asking for some water. Shawnna has been with the mission from that day on and is currently participating in our recovery program.

Shawnna when asked, states that since she has been at the mission participating in the recovery program she has learned more about the Word of God. Learning about Gods word has strengthened her relationship with God. Shawnna adds that since she has been at the mission her desire to use drugs has been completely taken away and that she has a freedom from addiction like never before. Shawnna has a desire to minister to others and share what the Lord has done for her. Shawnna enjoys praying for others and believes in the power of prayer. Shawnna states, that she knows that Jesus meets us where we are. She is a daughter of the King and He loves her unconditionally.
Summer is in full swing and so are the needs of homeless and less fortunate men, women, and children.

Thanks to the blessings of God and many generous dedicated donors such as you, we have not been forced to cut back on our services.

But we have seen a drop in donations, as we do each summer and are asking you to give a little extra as we minister to those that are struggling.

Your Gift is Life Changing!

In His Service,
Kent

Recovery Center Thrift Store

The profits from our thrift store provide vital support of the programs of the Gospel Mission. In addition, the store has become a viable center for job training of mission guests, social work programs such as the DHS TANF program, Dept. of Corrections Community Service Program, NAFTA, and Experience Works.

840 Klamath Avenue (at 9th St.)
Hours: Monday - Friday: 10am to 5pm

Furniture Donation Pick-up Line: 541-887-2111. We pick up large items of furniture/appliances only. No clothing or other items are picked up, but please bring these items to our warehouse/sorting area at the back of the store in the alley.

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