

WEARY, OUTCAST, AND HUNGRY.



Maria cannot read or do simple math. She has limited education and is somewhat impaired. She has two children, a daughter 12 and a son 13. Her husband, Raul, can only do basic labor jobs because he's dyslexic, can't read and he's a convicted felon. He works now and then as a dishwasher or doing yard clean-up. Maria said he had been out looking for work every day.

For the past two weeks, they had been living in a low-cost motel in the worst part of town. A homeless agency had been paying for the motel, but that was coming to an end the next day at 11 am. Then they would be forced on to the streets again. No place to go. No one to help them. Homeless and struggling to avoid hunger.

That's when they learned about your City Mission. Their son Victor's teacher had told him about the City Mission. She had taken her class there to volunteer in the past – feeding the hungry

and helping the homeless.

When Maria called, she explained their situation and then begged us to help them. She had called a number of churches for help, but none were able to come to their aid and she had exhausted her welfare options. They needed about two weeks motel and then she would receive a disability check and would then find low-cost or subsidized housing.

Maria and Raul had no religious background. Just visiting church with family years ago. They had no religious influence at all. But they were open to hearing about God's love for them and about Christ's sacrifice on Calvary for the forgiveness of their sins. They were so thankful when we prayed for them. That was something new. They even received their very first Bible.

Not only were we able to help Maria and her family with

several days of motel costs, we were also able to guide her to several other faith-based organizations who could help. Together we were able to solve their short-term housing problems. We also supplied them with a Family Food Box that provided them with nutritious meals for two weeks.

Two weeks later, we helped them find a cheap apartment and provided help to moved them in. We also supplied them with donated furniture, bedding, and basic household items. Before long, Maria was able to work for the apartment where they had moved, as manager, and Raul took over the maintenance work. Things were beginning to work out for them.

Thank you for your help in providing services such as these for weary, outcast and hungry people – all in Jesus' wonderful name. God bless you abundantly for your faithfulness.



Our wonderful volunteers loading up their van for delivering Family Food Boxes to poor families and homebound seniors.



The saddest part of our ministry is seeing so many women in desperate need. How thankful we are for your help in serving this fastest growing segment of the homeless population.



For so many of our guests, Bible reading, prayer and devotions are a welcome break in a day that is often filled with loneliness, despair and hunger.

Director's Column



Jackie Davis, Director

The cost of utilities and transportation increased. Emergency repairs demanded attention on her 15-year-old car . . . while her "nest egg" slowly decreased.

Her plight is no different than many of the others we've been

Recently I was talking to a friend that I have known for more than 30 years. She had a good job her whole life. She made enough to pay her bills, and when possible, she tucked away a little extra money in hopes that when retirement came, she could continue to live without too many financial difficulties.

Though she worked as long as possible, retirement came due to health issues. Doctor bills increased.

told, about living-alone seniors, except this time, this senior is my personal, life-long friend. It is tough to see her choose which medication she can afford or which over-the-counter medicine she might be able to substitute for critical meds she needs.

I showed up at her door with one of our Bags of Hope (nutritious food) and another box of extra pantry and daily foods such as pasta, cereal, lettuce, eggs, apples and a few more items.

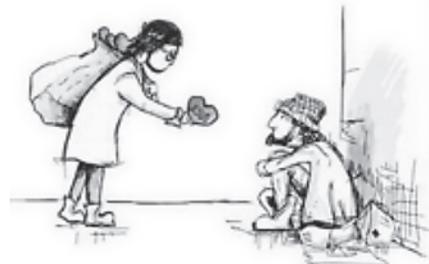
When knocking on her door I was a little concerned she would feel embarrassed about receiving my help. Instead I was greeted with an extremely grateful heart. With tears choking up her speech, she shared that she was going to need to wait another 10 days to purchase groceries as she needed her heart medication and didn't have the money to do both. Truly she had to choose her medicine before food.

City Mission donors – YOU are the reason we can give lonely and often home-bound seniors a better quality of life. It is YOU who have given through a generous heart. I personally say, "Thank you! My senior friend thanks you too!"

Mission Needs

In the past month, we have given out more than

- ▶ 12,250 meals,
- ▶ 444 articles of clothing, and
- ▶ 50 large household items.



"ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD—FOR GOD IS LOVE." 1 JOHN 4:8 ♥

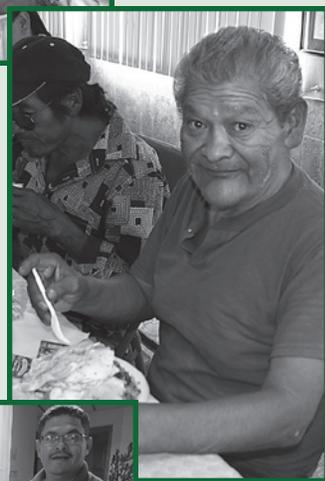
DID YOU KNOW?

The second most common family arrangement in America is, children living with a single mother, at 23 percent.

— Census Bureau's, America's Families and Living Arrangements annual report.



Mom's from low-income families are so thankful when they can receive badly needed household items without charge.



A hot, nutritious, sit-down meal not only fills the hungry stomach, but also puts a huge smile on the face.

CITY MISSION OF LAS VEGAS is a Christian, non-profit organization serving the hungry, senior citizens, poor families and the homeless by meeting their basic needs of food, clothing, and access to shelter and by sharing God's love and the life-changing message of the Gospel. This is accomplished by offering:

- Hot Meals
- Bags of Hope Meals
- Family Food Box Meals
- Personal Counseling
- Devotions
- Bible Studies
- Spiritual Encouragement
- Clothing
- Hygiene Kits
- Household Items
- Access to Shelter



Bottles of water are a life-saver for the homeless living on the streets, especially during the hottest days of summer.