

MISSION POSSIBLE

Loving One Another

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” John 13:35

Lord, let the hands and feet, care and compassion, and countless hours served by our volunteers be a testament of Your love!

Garden Of Hope Feeds Many



Though it took the labor of many servants from a variety of local churches (including the girls from Mooseheart above), it has been a wonderful blessing to see so many people from the community fed by the harvest of the Garden of Hope. By conservative estimates, the first year of the garden produced 1900 pounds of vegetables worth about \$4500 in produce. And, while numbers are all well and good, it will never replace the memories of folks tasting their first fresh strawberries, sugar snap peas, and those with “chipmunk” cheekfuls of cherry tomatoes. Priceless!

Gospel Artwork On Postcard



The artwork hanging on the walls of our facility has become a hallmark and centerpiece of our ministry. Created by Milton Coronado, these powerful images allow us to relate the gospel message to all who enter our doors. Though many believers might say they aren't capable of sharing the gospel, if you can describe these creative images, then you, too, can share the good news! Now available for \$5, this packet of six post cards can be used as a book mark in your Bible, a gift set, on international mission trips, and for teaching youth to share the gospel message. Proceeds benefit the ministry.

Expanding Clinics To Daytime



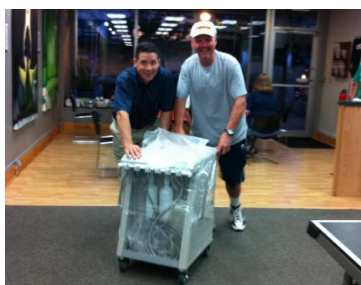
When Dr. Brian Penniall and Dr. Young Kim said they were willing to help address our eight month dental waiting list by seeing patients one Friday morning a month, we didn't think twice about expanding into daytime clinics. Fortunately, a grant of \$3984 from the Illinois State Dental Society Foundation will help us cover the costs of disposable supplies necessary to care for this increase in patient volume. As we recently watched the local government supported dental clinic permanently close their doors, we are particularly grateful for God's continued provision for our dental clinic.

Calling All “Mighty Men”

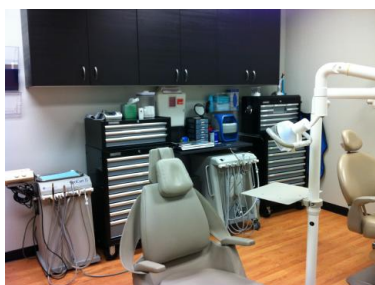


Whenever God raises up a man to do a work, He always sends some mighty men to help do that work. So, when God called James Owings to Refuge (our Saturday night ministry), we felt it necessary to find some “Mighty Men” willing to walk alongside of him. If you would like to join this fiercely loyal elite fighting unit and can volunteer 4 hours of your time per quarter (16 hours per year), please let us know. As with David in 2 Samuel 23, we look forward to reflecting upon the men of valor and faith annointed by God to walk alongside us in this spiritual battle for the Lord.

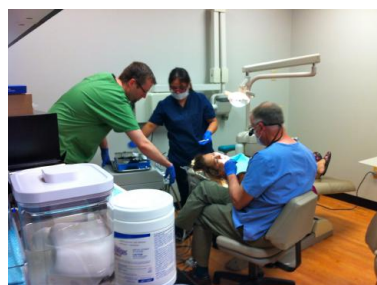
Holistically Meeting Human Needs in Christ's Name



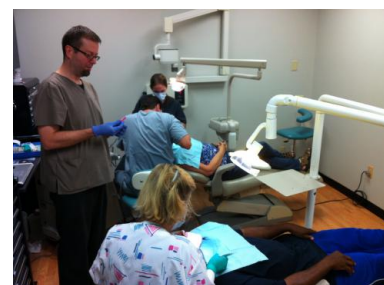
New portable delivery unit arrives



Dental clinic expansion complete



Testing out the new delivery unit



Running the first dual chair clinic

Are You Hiring? *After many years of hard and misdirected living, one of the greatest challenges for our men in recovery is to land that first job. If you or your employer would be willing to employ someone with a felony, please contact Linda at linda@onjesusmission.org. Our men have vast and varied training and skill sets. We have some star performers that are eager to “restore the years the locusts have eaten” Joel 2:25.*

Housing Solution: *As we seek the Lord’s face, please help us pray that we would find some good long term and affordable solutions for transitional housing for the men of Mission Possible. Housing and jobs are a constant challenge and the two greatest needs for these men. It is our desire to see them transition back into the community as productive members of society with a new found relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

TRANSITIONING WELL - MEET BRIAN BARRONE

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Brian’s insatiable craving for drugs landed him in prison a couple years ago when he was convicted on burglary charges. Upon his release, a six month stint at Wayside Cross’ work recovery program and mentorship under Tom Hartman led him to a new found relationship with Christ. A regular at Mission Possible, he quickly found a great accountability partner in Gary, began attending weekly Bible study, participated in a Redemption Small Group, and even had a hair cut and some dental care along the way. Brian has been overwhelmed and humbled by God’s provision of love and care through his family at Mission Possible. He likens it to the love he receives at “grandma’s house.”

Since Brian is now living in a discipleship house in Aurora and has found gainful employment, we continue to be blessed with the opportunity to encourage Brian as this “new man” walks in Christ. For Brian, Mission Possible has been a refuge and a safe place where he can breathe and work through the challenges in his journey. “God has used this place” because “I would have left out a lot of stuff that has really helped me.” He is astounded that a life lived for Christ has produced a “better outcome than I ever planned.”

End of Year Donations: Our ministry is made possible solely through private, corporate, and church donations. We do not accept government funding for our ministry. Therefore, we are dependent on folks like you to make Mission Possible in downtown Aurora. Will you consider a year end donation? Help us to “Holistically Meet Human Needs In Christ’s Name” through free healthcare for the uninsured and as a safe gathering place for men in recovery who want to walk with Jesus at www.onjesusmission.org