

MISSION POSSIBLE

Revealing His Glory

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter —when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood. Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.” Isaiah 58:6-8

Grand Opening Celebration



God was praised by many who came to our Grand Opening Celebration in July. Rick Guzman, Assistant Chief of Staff to Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner, prayed over the facility before the ribbon cutting ceremony. Milton Coronado, Christian graffiti artist, shared his testimony and the inspiration behind the “gospel wall” at our facility. Todd Cotter, of Taylor Street Pizza, provided plenty of yummy treats including the world’s best meatballs. The night concluded with amazing praise and worship led by Leo Ahlstrom of Christ Community Church. Thanks to all who made it possible!

Dental Clinics Launch



After months of prayer, some God-sized donations, and many helping hands for construction, our dental clinic finally launched on July 31. With a four page waiting list of patients, we have no doubt that our volunteer team of two dentists, four hygienists, and two assistants will be busy for a very long time! There is no question that God outdid our expectations of the dental clinic. He spared no resource in our state-of-the-art facility. Focusing on exams, cleanings, fillings, and extractions, we will attempt to address the acute physical (and spiritual) pain of many in the community.

Mentorship and Discipleship



Though we have experienced explosive growth in our recovery ministry in the last couple of months, the heart of what we do is still done one on one. We call it “star fish” ministry. Since this approach is time intensive, it has been a rich blessing to see Godly men from the community step forward in faith to minister to those who grace our doors. The eternal impact of this type of mentoring cannot be underestimated. If you have a compassionate heart for discipling men in recovery, please contact Gary at gary@onjesusmission.org to discuss it further. We need more volunteers like you!

Blessed By Grants



Though our primary support for our ministry should always come from private support, we have been incredibly blessed by a couple recent grants to help us along the way. Thanks to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley for a \$10,000 grant allowing us to convert our dental x-rays to digital format. Thanks to the Illinois State Dental Society Foundation for a \$3099 grant to purchase about six months worth of disposable and soft goods necessary to operate our dental clinic. Lastly, thanks to the Walmart Foundation for a \$1000 grant to buy supplies necessary for ministry. Thank you and praise God!

Church Partnerships



What if the body of Christ rallied together to be “on Jesus mission?” Well, God must wonder the same thing because slowly but surely, it is happening under the roof of Mission Possible. We have been so grateful for our relationship with Christ Community Church who has provided a whole host of medical volunteers and over 100 back-to-school backpacks. Cross Lutheran Church has blessed us with \$2000 to provide medical care for their Kendall Cares Clinic guests. As we continue to build relationships with others who have a heart for Jesus mission, help us make connections!

Lord, may this testimony be a reflection of Your glory. This is our fast, Your chosen fast for us... May these offerings be pleasing to you as we seek to holistically meet human needs in Christ’s name.



Refuge Launches On Saturday nights: *Thanks to the leadership of Jim Owings, Mission Possible is now open for recovery ministry on Saturday nights from 5-10pm. If you are looking for a safe place to study God's word and be around Christian brothers in recovery, come join the fun...anytime!*

Prayer Covering: *More than anything else, we need your prayer support. As we experience rapid growth, please pray for wisdom, courage, and strength to minister within God's plan for our ministry.*

Easy Ways To Help Others This Christmas: *As you think about year end donations, please consider Mission Possible. Help us give the gift of sight or pull a tooth for those in need. Your gift of \$40 pulls a tooth, \$100 supplies ten recovery books for class, and \$400 buys ten pair of prescription glasses.*

Welcome New Board Members: *Brenda Ulrich of Cross Lutheran has a heart for caring in Christ's name through the clinic model. Larry Ulrich, also of Cross, offers much insight in community relations. Jim Owings of Christ Community Church brings a wealth of experience in recovery ministry.*

To God Be The Glory

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Meet the Padilla Family:

It started with a puddle of tears on the physical therapy treatment table as Francisco shared his frustration of living with a disability and the disfigurement from a foot he almost lost to diabetes. Unable to bear weight on his foot, he struggles to find gainful employment to support his family. Though he remains unable to walk or find a job, he still praises God every day. He is grateful to many folks at Mission Possible for helping meet some real family needs during tough times. He (and his wife) have been blessed to receive diabetes education, dental, vision, and physical therapy care over the course of the last several months. But the truth is, we have been blessed by the Padilla family too. We laugh, we cry, we hug, and we share scripture. But, Francisco's favorite part..."I love when you pray for me and my family. I am very grateful for the trust, friendship, and encouragement we have experienced here at Mission Possible"



From left to right: Francisco, Nora, Sharon, and Aaron

A Family Affair: As a result of experiencing the power of God's love through our practitioners, Francisco's children, Sharon and Aaron, were inspired to become regular volunteers at Mission Possible. They help to translate for some of our Spanish speaking guests even leading efforts in prayer and evangelism. Despite some deep family wounds and spiritual battles that threaten to take them off course, "The joy of the Lord" remains the "strength" of their family (Nehemiah 8:10). To God be the glory for His work in their lives!