

# MISSION POSSIBLE

## A Gospel Ministry

*“Go and tell (them) what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the gospel is preached to the poor. And blessed is the one who is not offended of me.” Matthew 11:4-6*

*These words will be completely fulfilled when Jesus returns, but, in the meantime, we are so very excited to get glimpses of His glory as we continue on His mission in Aurora. Here are just a few ways that we’re seeing eternity here on earth.*

### Teaching God’s Word



What a blessing to see a room full of people hungry for God’s word. Every Thursday at 5:30pm, Gary leads an intense discussion group centering on the teachings of the apostle Peter. Verse by verse, line by line, they chew on the meaning of each word to gain a deeper appreciation of the morsels of truth found within the book of 1 Peter. And, every Tuesday at 7:30, we gather to listen to entire books of God’s word being read by Max McLean. In an ancient practice called *Lectio Divina*, we find there is no better counsel for practical matters than applying His word to our lives today.

### Dental Waiting List Grows



We are overwhelmed by the need for free dental care in our community. We now have over 170 patients who qualify to receive much needed care. With our current staffing, this translates into a 6-8 month wait list. Slowly, but surely, God continues to grow our team one person at a time. Welcome to our newest local missionary partners: Alayna Cherington, Tanya Arnold, Juli Pealstrom, Janell McCann, Renee Stucki, Joanne Degelman, Tanya Riva, Dr. Palmer, Tina, Dr. Tonner, Lisa Seamson, and Jeanette Herbord. Thank you for your care, dedication, expertise, and service to the King!

### MP Bible Training Program



Now with permission to use the Wheaton College library for research, the students of the MP Bible Training Program were able to get their hands on a lot of good resource material to help them complete their final papers. Now into their second term, these students are seeking to bolster their knowledge of the Bible to better equip them to do personal ministry. If you don’t have the finances to attend college, but feel called to ministry, call Gary to see if you might qualify to join the next session that will start in the fall. An interview and essay are required. Classes meet on Saturday mornings.

### Medical Services Expand



Finding a way to obtain inexpensive lab testing for our medical patients has been a struggle since we opened the doors. However, with the help of God and one of his faithful servants (Rich Huls), we are excited to announce that we can now perform EKG tests, obtain glucose histories on our diabetic patients, and test for cholesterol and liver function. Oh, how our God loves those in need! Within an hour of Rich bringing and training us on the EKG unit, we used it to rule out a heart attack for one of our patients that would have otherwise been transported to the emergency room. Thanks Jehovah Jireh!

### Sharing The Gospel



One of our favorite things about Mission Possible is that you just never know what is going to transpire once we open the doors. But, every night, God has something special in store. Some nights are fun, some sad and painful, some challenging, and some are so ridiculously rewarding that we have to pinch ourselves in astonishment that we “get” to do this ministry. One night, one of our volunteers had a whole crowd of teens spell bound by the gospel message. Using her favorite evangelism tool, the wordless book, Nancy had them captivated for nearly a half hour. No texting...really!

*“The resurrection means we can look forward with hope to the day our suffering will be gone. But it even means that we can look forward with hope to the day our suffering will be glorious.” Tim Keller*



**Come Garden With Us:** *Individuals are welcome to come serve with us in the community garden at 169 S. LaSalle Street. Come join us Saturday mornings from 8am-noon. No experience or tools required. Bring your hat, sunscreen, and a water bottle. Check our calendar on our website for weather updates.*

**One Dollar Provides Five Dollars of Care:** *Your donations continue to be vital to support our ministry. Because of our volunteer workforce, each dollar that you donate provides five dollars of free medical care. Would you consider even a small donation to provide care for those in need?*

**Interpreters Needed:** *Are you bilingual? Whether you make phone calls from the comfort of your home, serve regularly, or come as needed, we need your help to care for the Hispanic community. Gracias!*

**Just Thinking Outloud:** *Is anyone willing to pay \$750 to help us bring the mobile food pantry truck to our community garden so that we can distribute fresh and shelf stable food to 300 families on the east side of Aurora? This would ease the burden on the only two food pantries located on that side of town.*

## Community Impact

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### Garden of Hope / Jardin de la Esperanza:

Though God planted "seeds" for the community garden last year, we lacked funds and bandwidth to execute the vision. This year, with permission to use a vacant City of Aurora lot and a "Fit for Kids" grant to buy equipment and supplies, the project is well underway. In a short couple of months, this empty plot at 169/171 LaSalle Street will become a fresh food pantry for the east side community. The benefits are almost too numerous to count...garden fresh vegetables, healthy eating, community, families serving together, and God's creation! Our most important gardening, however, will be planting hope in the hearts and souls of the people we serve.

**"Put your HOPE in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption." Psalm 130:7**



**On Common Ground:** *Uniting for the sake of Christ, we are excited to partner with a variety of churches on this community garden. Thank you Hammerheads for building our benches, raised flower beds, sheds, and storage bins. Thank you St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the construction space. Thank you Terra Care for grinding tree stumps. Thank you Christ Community Church, Community Christian, Community 4:12, The Edge, and Redemption Fellowship for working with us in the garden and in the community.*