



Garden City Rescue Mission & Life Development Center

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The Sepperfield, Wilkes and Julian Families Prepare and Serve Christmas Dinner



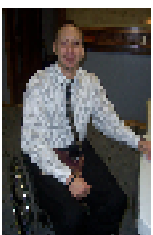
Brandon Morris



Mike Reese



Nick Kelch



Chris Dickert

GCRM Final Statistics 2009

Saved--- 78
Baptized--- 40
Transitioned--- 450
Nights of Lodging---15,755
Total Meals Served ---- 33,319

Special thanks to all the churches, individuals and businesses that provided great support to the Garden City Rescue Mission during the holiday season. Many local churches took the GCRM on as a ministry for the first time during this season and have committed to building partnerships with us. Our loyal supporting churches, some of which have been faithful contributors since we opened in April 2001, stepped up to higher heights with their support. Pastor Mike Edwards of Piedmont Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina and Pastor Steve Miller of Watermelon Creek Baptist Church, Blackshear, Georgia traveled the farthest with members of their congregations to assure that the Gospel was preached and Christian service was rendered to the homeless.

As of early January, the Men's Division of GCRM is nearing record numbers due to the extreme cold weather, the economy's downturn and other issues. Usually during the next few months, there is a significant decrease in support to Garden City Rescue Mission. As challenges to the homeless increase, we are asking you to help us turn that around in 2010.

On Christmas Eve every year the Women and Children's shelter hosts a party for all the moms that have stayed with us in the past. This year we had an excellent turn out with over 50 moms and children in attendance. During dinner the moms were popping up like popcorn testifying how the Garden City Rescue Mission had made a difference in their lives. Most of these moms are in their own homes and have their own jobs to provide for themselves and their children. It is amazing to look back and see what God has done through us in our community!

Also, the Women and Children's shelter has recently been able to add a computer class to our New Beginnings Program. Pictured below is our new computer lab that offers the moms a place to learn much needed computer skills.



Pictured to the left are four enthusiastic ambassadors for GCRM who are poised to share our ministry with your church or civic group. For more information on how to schedule one of them, please contact Amy Reese at 706-724-6960.

Please pray with us that two critical needs, a walk-in cooler/freezer and a generator for backup power, will be met during the first quarter of 2010. You can reach Executive Director, Jerry McFalls at 706-724-6960.