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Our great Hope...Jesus

Luke 2:11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *V14* "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" ~NKJV

We here at The Sanctuary Mission and Grace house want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Check out our updated website!
www.sanctuarymission.org

Merry Christmas Jesus!

Sanctuary Work Programs

Men 4 Hire

John Laport
352-601-8025

Women 4 Hire

John Laport
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Recover Program



Women's Shelter

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Men's Shelter

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Shelter by God's Grace. Providing Help, Hope & Healing

Years End Newsletter 2019

MIKE'S NOTE:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good!"

A couple times a year we send out newsletters to keep our supporters in the loop on what is going on at the Sanctuary Mission. I wish I could tell you all nicey nicey things about the success of this mission that we work hard at every day to accomplish for our King; but it isn't all nicey nicey. The truth is along with our many success stories, we also deal with the loss of life, relapses, mental illness, uncooperative families / love ones, people detoxing, etc.. Thank God our staff and volunteers are drawing from the well that never runs dry.....Jesus said, "If you drink the water, I will give you, you will never thirst again." Paul wrote, "Look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." God brings us through our difficulties. We are drawing from God's limitless source. Keep the prayers coming. Heb. 7:25. Thank you all for your faithfulness to God's work. We have been growing here at the Sanctuary; we have gone from a very humble beginning to new growth as far as what we do; our thrift store has been a consistent means of support; churches in Citrus County have stepped up and become a part of our Budget through their donations; our regular donors have also stepped up their giving. Thank you all, we surely could not do what we do without your consistent help. Citrus County is a great community. Our Men for Hire program, which is part of our donation income, has grown; the wood program has consistently increased since it started; the store, which is about 80% of our budget, has remained solid and productive; new volunteers have come on board, etc.. We are making plans for the building of a new Men's House. I would think that building should start in 2021. God has blessed us to reduce the note owed on our thrift store expeditiously, and that is how we are able to proceed to the building of the new home or our Men's Program. We are also planning to build affordable housing for women with children on our residential lots; funding of that will primarily come from the churches in our area that are sympathetic to our ministry to the homeless. We would like to name the houses after the church denomination that provides the money; for example, "The 1st Church of _____." The approximate cost of one duplex, which would house 2 families, would be about \$140,000.00 (900 sq. ft. each). Along with all that we for the last year plus have become supporters of the Refuge at Jumper Creek, this is a homeless shelter in a country setting in Bushnell, Florida. We at the Sanctuary are actually a sister ministry to the Refuge because both of the missions were founded by Paul and Vicki Genz; that all started in June of 1997. At present there are 8 families (32 souls) out there. Our two missions work together to help the people that often times are cast off. Over the past 13 months we at the Sanctuary have sent \$26,000.00 there to help pay the bills. There are 8 trailers. Jim Krom is the Executive Director there and through his unreserved dedication and the power of the Holy Spirit, has resurrected that once struggling mission back to life. At present the Refuge is looking to purchase a large doublewide for a community building. Between the Refuge and the Sanctuary, we feed, clothe, and house 50 plus souls. Thank you Jim----thank you LORD! In closing I would admonish you to do exactly what the apostle Paul said, "1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."



Mike Awe Executive Director

MEN'S SHELTER PROGRAM:

Hello Citrus County Community:

My name is John Laport, I am the Men's House administrator. I also oversee the Men for Hire program. My job consists of managing the men's house, scheduling all the men's case management, and their Men for Hire jobs. I coach the men on how to reconstruct their lives to become productive members of society once again. I use my first hand knowledge of how God can set a man free from the inside out; it happened to me.

The Men for Hire program consists of the men of the men working for the Citrus County residents. They do odd jobs such as raking, trimming hedges, pressure washing, etc. The monies that the men earn goes to helping them get their drivers license back, helps to pay for a car and it's expenses, and for entering housing when they leave. Thank you all for all you do, and the trust you all have placed in this program.

John Laport, Men's House Manager



THIS ALL HAPPENS THROUGH YOUR DONATIONS!! THANK YOU

WOMEN'S SHELTER PROGRAM:

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Well another year has come and gone! Grace House is a place for women and women with children to get a new start. The ladies earn money thru our Women for Hire program. This helps them to pay off court fines, get or fix their driver's license, purchase a vehicle with tax, tag, and insurance. We also help them to get full time jobs and housing. If they do not have a high school diploma we help them to obtain a GED. We show them how God can change their lives and how to accept unconditional love. We teach them life skills thru God's word. Keep our ladies in your prayers.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers for your support.

Many Blessing,

Judy

AFTERCARE:

Aftercare is a multi-faceted way to keep in contact with mission graduates and help keep them accountable and cooperative with God in the “good work He has started” (Phil 1:6). We aim to have an “Aftercare Gathering quarterly, which is held at our home or Mike and Judy’s home. It is comprised of a pot luck meal, worship time, testimonies, and Biblical teachings. Often, if there are up and coming graduates, we include a graduation ceremony and foot washing. It is always a wonderful time of refreshments and fellowship with the mission staff, volunteers, and graduates.

Graduates are encouraged to get “plugged in” to a local church where they can benefit from a supportive community of believers. Regular church attendance is God’s idea! (Hebrews 10:25) While they are residents at the mission they are afforded

the opportunity to attend a variety of churches in the area, and thereby should have a pretty good idea of their “church of choice” when they graduate. If graduates are not attending a mid-week service at their church they are invited to attend the Wood’s weekly Bible Study on Thursday nights. The Bible Study is another good way to keep connected and learn and grow in the Word of God. Our study group visits the mission twice a month, so it’s a good place to share with the current residents what God has done in their lives and offer hope and encouragement . Finally, phone calls and visits to and from the graduates are always welcomed for support and ongoing counseling.

We have a Facebook page where graduates, staff and volunteers can post encouraging posts, praise reports, and prayer needs. Visit us at Victorious Sheeple.

The goal of aftercare is to provide support and encouragement after graduation, and help graduates develop a deeper walk with God through personal Bible Study, prayer, church attendance and fellowship with other Christians.



OPERATIONS MANAGER’S CORNER:

Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

You guessed it, it brother Mike back at you. This is another hat I wear. John Laport and myself see to it that the lawns are cut, the equipment is kept up, and all that is involved in the actual operational aspects of our ministry are accomplished. We monitor mowing, vehicle maintenance, chopping the wood, maintenance of all equipment, the tools, the store and both resident houses, etc. It is a 7 day a week job! Just keeping tract of the paperwork involved in all this is a job.



SANCTUARY THRIFT STORE:

Unbelievable, who would have ever thought it, "But God!" We are so pleased to announce our store is doing great. We have a great team of staff and volunteers that are committed to this ministry. Our profits from this store are used to support our 50 plus residents. Thank you so much for your donations, which is the catalyst that drives this store. We are open Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm. Donation Drop Off time is 9:00 am till 4:30 pm. If you need donations picked up please call the store at 352-503-2008.

The holidays are upon us! We are ready with lots of nice holiday decorations and items throughout the store to chose from. Please come check us out! Lots of sales in and throughout the season.

Again, thanks so much for your support and may God bless you and yours!!

Sanctuary Thrift Store
 3989 S. Alabama Ave.
 Homosassa, FL 3448
 352-503-2008

- *Free In Home Pick-ups of Donations
- *Tax deductible receipts available
- *Local Delivery Services are available

We are accepting Donations of Housewares, Furniture, Clothing , Bicycles, Electronics, Appliances, Boats, Vehicles, Tools, Lawnmowers, Building Materials, and more....
Thank you for your Donations & Caring support



God sent His Son, they called Him JESUS!

Repent for the kingdom of God draws nigh!

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

MEN 4 HIRE:

Hi! My name is John Laport. I graduated from The Sanctuary Mission in 2016. The program put much needed structure back into my life. They also showed me how to budget money and so much more. In November of 2017 I was asked by Mike Awe to work for the mission running the Men 4 Hire program. What the Men 4 Hire program consist of is the residents in the program work for people in the community doing all kinds of odd jobs such as weeding, raking, pressure washing, help moving etc. All tools are supplied by you the home owner. We charge an hourly rate and you will need to pick up and drop off the resident that will be working for you. Our work therapy program is very effective in helping the men to pay off fines or tickets in order to get their license, a car, stable housing and helps keep a man humble. I would like to thank the community for making our Men 4 Hire program successful, without your support we could not do what we do.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the LORD, not for human masters.

COLOSSIANS 3:23 [NIV]

Thank you, Johnny Laport

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Thankful for family and friends

Thankful for my sobriety

Thankful for God's blessings



Thankful for God's grace and mercy



Thankful for knowledge, family and love



Thank you got the highs, lows, trials and tribulations



Thank you for the Sanctuary Mission and Grace House



Thankful for a safe place and continued support

WHAT A GOD BLESSED YEAR!!

Your Legacy

What will be your legacy? Want to help us build transitional housing for mothers reuniting with their children? We have the property but we need financing to make this happen. If you are interested in passing it forward and leaving something of eternal value, then contact Mike Awe at (352)-697-1373 to make it happen.

There is no other mission that we know of that graduates clients with restored drivers licenses, employment, medical and dental needs met, monies for first, last, security and electric deposits to move into a place to live and transportation and employment needs met. We focus on case management here and this takes many hours of work.

End of Year Giving

Did you know you can give to our mission via your IRA?

The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals age 70 1/2 and older to make direct transfers totaling up to \$100,000 per year to 501 (c)(3) charities, without having to count the transfers as income for federal income tax purposes.

If you would like to make a donation please contact your financial consultant.

We would like to extend to an invitation for you to have a personal tour of the Sanctuary Mission and Grace House Women's Shelter . If you are a church , civic group or an agency that would like to have someone from our Mission come and give a presentation, feel free to contact us anytime and we will set an appointment to come and share with your group.

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