



“For Such a Time as This...”

During my devotion time, I was reading from *Exodus 20:24 (NIV)*. The Word overwhelmed me! This little nugget states: “...Wherever I cause My Name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you.” I can truthfully say that each and every day the Lord causes His name to be exalted, praised, worshipped, mentioned, and honored here at the Fresno Rescue Mission. The added promise of His blessing in doing so is quite evident in what God has been able to accomplish through generous supporters like you. We are sharing the blessings with you in this publication (2010 In Review). I truly believe God has maneuvered the Mission to receive His outpouring of abundance for “such a time as this.” The blessing of expansion and growth has been miraculous. He deserves ALL the Honor and Glory!

My prayer for the Mission is always centered on three words: humbleness, obedience and faithfulness. I pray that we are always humbled before the Lord in all our actions. I pray we are obedient to His Word, and that we are steadfast and faithful to the calling He has placed before each of us.

As you finish reading our *Lighthouse News* and our *2010 In Review* insert, please take a moment to thank God for His blessings on the Mission. Then ask Him how He may be calling you in a fresh, new way to experience His power *for such a time as this* as you partner with us in 2011. God bless you!!!

***Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!***
Psalm 100:1

Rev. Larry J. Arce, CEO
Fresno Rescue Mission, Inc.

2010 In Review



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Where We've Come

At the beginning of 2010:

- We didn't know... we would be saying goodbye to the Craycroft Youth Center by June 30.
- We didn't know... where our proposed women's and children's community would be located or when and how we would be able to obtain property.
- We didn't know... we would be considered as a location for the new Homeless Respite Care.
- But... we did know that God has a plan. Watching God open and close doors in the process, and waiting on His timing, has been paramount in whatever success we've achieved here at the Mission.

One year later...



Craycroft Youth Center Closed June 30, 2010

Overnight Shelter for Men

We experienced a slight increase in the number of men we served in 2010. By coming to the Mission, our guests received warmth, security and messages of hope through the Gospel each night. Our goal is to make a connection with everyone on their first visit here. We may have only one opportunity to hear their story and to share the hope of Christ with them.

Between *October & Dec* of 2010:
544 individuals stayed an average of
15 nights. 147 individuals were here
only **1 night.**

In 2010, the Mission served **105,947 meals** and provided **31,692 bed nights** to the men in our overnight shelter.



The Safe Area For Men and Women

We provide a safe location for those who are picked up by the Fresno Police Department for reasons of public intoxication. This saves the City of Fresno unnecessary booking fees and space in the jails for more serious offenses.

The Fresno County Jail booking fees are estimated in excess of \$378 dollars per occurrence. In 2010 **450 men/women** were placed in our Safe Area, saving the City of Fresno **in excess of \$170,100 dollars.**

The Academy

The Academy has experienced its share of challenges in the midst of growth and change. In 2010, new guidelines were negotiated with the courts when the program experienced a sudden shift in discipleship enrollment due to the City and County's need to release men from their terms of incarceration early. After sharing with them the benefits in requiring the completion of program participation once enrolled, they agreed to adapt their need for jail space and administrative personnel by mandating those released directly into programs. To date, the agreement is working well. We anticipate greater success in our graduates with their focus on the finish line!

The Academy is making use of expanded space as well. With preparations underway to move all women and children's programs to the new community, the men have taken up residency in the unoccupied Craycroft facilities. The men love the new environment and the added curriculum. Enrollment levels are now averaging 110 men per quarter in the residential phase of the program.

Food Services

Something happens over the sharing of food. A broken man realizes he's being heard and begins to open up. An abused woman finds comfort and starts to trust... to hope... to change.

So many new life stories are prefaced with, "I was at the Mission eating..."

We received more than **\$680,000 in food donations** in 2010. We regularly shared food donations with more than **42 organizations** throughout the year. We distributed over **1,500 food baskets** to individuals in need, through our community outreach connections.



There were **409 men** served in our 18 month recovery program (12 month residential/6 month transitional) during 2010 calendar year, accounting for **97,815 meals served** and **32,605 bed nights** provided.

- **32 men were baptized** with us. There were **16 men** who gave their life to Christ for the first time while in our care and chose to be baptized in their own home church... something we love to see! Of the total men served in the Academy, there were approximately **50%** who made recommitments to Christ.
- **38 Couples experienced significant change** in their relationships

We enrolled **63 men in Career Employment Services and 53 completed.** These men were given an opportunity to hone their skills and be clothed for career success. In addition:

- **7 enrolled in college** as full-time students
- **46 found gainful employment**
- **41 men** enrolled in GED, **26 men** enrolled in literacy training, and **12 men received their GED.** The rest are still in process.

In October 2010, we celebrated as **40 men** received their certificates of completion for the 18 month program.

Emergency Family Shelter

Currently, the Emergency Family Shelter offers temporary shelter (14-30 days) for families, including food, clothing, personal care items, referrals to other agencies that can assist them, and, most importantly, love and encouragement through Christ. Families are given additional supplies when they leave the shelter, to assist them in starting over in an apartment or low-cost housing.

In 2010, the Emergency Family Shelter served **33 men, 90 women** and **208 children**. They enjoyed **28,130 meals**, and **11,954 bed nights**, providing safe, sound sleep.



Samaritan Women

Since Samaritan Women came under the wing of the Fresno Rescue Mission, we have added new core curriculum, GED requirements, for women who were lacking this necessary milestone, and a Career Employment Services (CES) program to enhance a woman's ability to successfully transition back to society.

Samaritan Women has doubled the in-patient residential program by adding its second home, affectionately known as "T2" – Transitional housing for women active in CES and taking steps to transition back into society.

There were **392 women** served through Samaritan Women, both residential and outpatient programs (offering instructional training for women who were previously incarcerated), serving an average of **75 women per month**. There were **70 women who graduated from our parenting class**.

An average of **7 women** were enrolled in our residential homes in 2010, accounting for **5,123 meals served** and **1,739 bed nights** provided. Our clothing closet gave **22 women an opportunity to be clothed for career success**.

We had **8 women** make first-time decisions for Christ, **79 made commitments**, and **6 women were baptized**. We were also honored when **4 women graduated** Samaritan Women after successfully completing their recovery program.

Samaritan Women also serves women who are currently incarcerated. We made **418 jail visitations** in 2010 and **883 women received regular correspondence** from our volunteer *Pen Pals*, offering hope in a dark place.



Craycroft Youth Center

On June 30, 2010, the Craycroft Youth Center closed as the County of Fresno determined to transition abandoned, abused and neglected children from congregant care to a new family-to-family program. The Craycroft Youth Center served more than 11,000 children over a 15-year period. **Prior to its closing, the Center served 145 children in 2010.**

Rescue the Children... A Community of Faith, Hope and Love

In November, 2010, the Fresno Rescue Mission, along with our community partner, Domus Mitis, closed escrow on the former Vagabond Inn, on Parkway between Clinton and McKinley. The vision to create a community for women and children is becoming a reality as we continue to work on the renovation, with a goal of opening in Fall 2011. The Emergency Family Shelter and Samaritan Women will be relocated to this community. Rescue the Children, a new component, will serve as a longer-term program for homeless, abused, and at-risk women, and those who were previously incarcerated. Case managers will determine need for individual women and children; staff and volunteers will provide training in Biblical studies, life skills, and addiction recovery/relapse prevention... teaching mom how to be a mom, and providing a sanctuary for families to heal.

Volunteer and Donor Support



In 2010 we received amazing support from our donors (through both financial gifts and in-kind donations) and a great deal of valued time and dedication from over 900 volunteers. More than 500 of these gifted individuals performed recurring roles in *relational ministries*. Listed below is a sampling of what they did for us:

A **Sampling of Recurring Relational Ministry Volunteers** who served the men and women of our Academy and Samaritan Women programs in 2010:

- **72+** Volunteer **church ministry groups/pastors** (daily chapel service)
- **130 Mentors**
- **30 Teachers**
- **48 Literacy Tutors**
- **6 GED & Literacy Instructors**
- **1 Jail Interviewer**
- **10 Chaplains/Counselors**
- **67+ Pen Pals**
- **7 Case Managers**
- **15 Ministry Groups** (special instruction: *Marriage Encounter, Battle Zone, etc*)
- **18 Prison Bible Study Leaders**
- **11 College Interns**
- **4 Nutrition or Athletic Coaches**
- **30+ Miscellaneous Relational Ministry Volunteers**

2010 AT A GLANCE *

Total Services Provided in 2010

Meals Served	Beds Provided
251,933	80,223

Sources of Support

Individuals	63%
Businesses	12%
Churches	3%
Foundations	7%
Other	15%

Who We Served

Men	2,193	72%
Women	482	14%
Children	353	12%
Total	3,028	

How Your Dollar Helps

Program	85%
General Administration	5%
Development	10%

Annual Donations

Donations	\$ 2,881,760
Rescue the Children	\$ 2,057,957
Total Donations	\$ 4,939,717

* Each year the Fresno Rescue Mission participates in internal and external audits. The financial information included in this publication is unaudited and is provided to give you a glimpse of how your support is being utilized.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Fresno Rescue Mission Foundation - *What would happen if everyone would leave legacy gifts through their wills, beneficiary designations, trusts, or estate plans to a cause worth committing to? Donors have an opportunity to help build a stable future for the Fresno Rescue Mission through their estate plans. The Foundation remains committed to biblical principles of stewardship.*

Super Thrift Store and Cars -

One of the largest thrift store operations in the Central Valley and one of the few that offers previously owned vehicles for sale. Proceeds from sales will create a future income stream for the Mission. The store offers job skills training to men and women in our programs.

2011 – WE BELIEVE... THE TIME IS NOW!

Believing in God's provision, and looking forward to all He has for us, we are excited about new opportunities in 2011...

- Rescue the Children will become a reality. Our goal is to open this new community by early Fall... but we also know we have to wait on God's timing!
- Homeless Respite Care – Working in conjunction with the Fresno Medical Respite Care Center, a collaborative venture of Clinica Sierra Vista, Hospital Council of Northern and Central California, and the Marjoree Mason Center, we will offer respite care to homeless men who require post-hospital care or who would be medically at-risk without respite care.
- By moving women and children to the new community, we will be able to expand our men's programs at the G Street campus.
- What else does God have in store for us? We don't know... but we're carefully listening for His whispers.

Thank you for being part of the Fresno Rescue Mission. It takes all of us to move toward a healthy community. God bless you!