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Reaching Out
We stand out in the low-income and working poor community with services to ease their burdens and ultimately prevent homelessness
- Food and utility assistance and referrals for affordable housing
- Life-skills classes, job-readiness training and Bible studies
- Holiday outreach to children and adults, including meals, food boxes and Christmas gifts
- Tutoring, recreation and after-school activities at our Vanderburg Youth Center
- Working residential and summer day camps for boys and girls
- Free or affordable clothing and household items at our City Thrift Store

Recovery
We empower men and women to recover from addiction and other traumatic life situations through our long-term Christian Life Program for men and New Life Program for women and families.
- Bible classes, spiritual guidance and church attendance
- Individual and group counseling
- Life-skills, parenting, budgeting, super management and other essential courses
- Work-therapy assignments, career development and job-readiness training
- GED preparation and adult education classes in the Mission’s Learning Centers

Rescue
We rescue homeless men, women and children from the streets and other emergency situations.
- Safe clean beds in our Men’s Center and Family Shelter
- Three wholesome meals daily to strengthen and sustain them
- Showers, personal hygiene items, suitable clothing and necessary medical care
- Holistic for the Homeless which provides transportation, clothes and household items
- Case management, referrals and practical solutions to the challenges that brought them to our doors

Strengthening the Fabric of Our City for 90 Years
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1940s
"If I could get off gin and get a job, I’d be okay," shared a Mission veteran. Today, the Mission staff help those who enter a clean heart. On his knees, Ed continued to ask God for help and grace. He started working at the Mission for two weeks, and rose a pardoned man. He needed a clean heart. On his knees, the Mission staff told Ed he was forgiven. Quietly, the Mission staff for Executive Director Dan Doty and the Mission board of directors who are alarmed by the growing number who must be turned away due to lack of space.

1960s
"There was always a lot of conflict in our home. My dad had a drinking problem and my mom would bring home men from the bars. I didn’t feel safe anywhere inside. We could never stay. We'd live in hotels, and I didn’t want to go home." - Celsha, a resident of the Mission's Family Shelter

1980s
"The Mission met my physical needs, they counseled me, and taught me how to put my finances in order. I needed everything they could give." - Debbie, a mother of four who has been with the Mission for over 15 years.

2000s
"Seeing the men come into the shelter keeps me on course even when, because of what’s unstable in my life, I just hope and pray for the ways that God will get us inside of them and they will change." - God’s Child Life Program graduate and former member of staff member.
New Multipurpose Center Planned for Camp CUMCITO

A new multipurpose center on the campus of the Mission’s Camp CUMCITO near Warsaw, Mo., will enhance the summer camping experience for hundreds of inner-city children and families and offer opportunities for additional activities to be held at the site year-round.

The 14,000-square-foot facility will include a basketball/volleyball court, a dining room with seating for 220 people, a full kitchen, restrooms, showers, an infirmary and living space for two cooks and two nurses. Construction is scheduled to begin this year, and the Mission invites the community to help with donations toward the $1.5 million cost.

Please contact Chief Development Officer Dennis Chapman at Dennis.Chapman@cityunionmission.org or (816) 474-9380, ext. 1476 for ways to give to this important project.

The Mission may be able to offer tax credits for gifts of $5,000 or more to donors with a Missouri tax liability.

You Won’t Want to Miss These Great Events!

Visit www.cityunionmission.org for all the details.

Christian Life Program Graduation
FEBRUARY 11

Ladies Bible Study Easter Banquet
APRIL 15

Women Who’ve Changed the Heart of the City Luncheon
APRIL 15 • 11 A.M.
SHERATON CROWN CENTER HOTEL

Easter Sunday Breakfast
APRIL 20 • 7:15 A.M.
MEN’S SHELTER

Bikers With a Mission Run for the Homeless Benefit Ride
MAY 4 • 8:00 A.M.
MEN’S SHELTER

Camp CUMCITO
JUNE 23 THROUGH AUGUST 2
WARSAW, MISSOURI

City Camp
JUNE AND JULY
VANDERBERG YOUTH CENTER

Get Involved

Our work would not be possible without people who share a deep concern for the well-being of their neighbors. For 90 years, the Mission has relied on friends like you to bring relief to the homeless and less-fortunate members of our community. Here are five of the many ways you can get involved in caring for Your City . . . through Your Mission.

Financial Gifts Donations of cash are the most practical form of giving as they allow us to purchase goods and services the Mission uses on a daily basis. Giving on a monthly or other ongoing basis provides a steady and predictable stream of income for all Mission programs.

In-Kind Gifts Contributions of material goods including nonperishable foods, paper products—or items to meet seasonal needs like box fans—allow more of our budget to be directed toward our life-changing programs. Vehicles and collectibles can be converted to cash to provide an additional source of income.

Volunteer Opportunities Gifts of your time and special talents allow us to assist our residents, guests and struggling neighbors in ways that wouldn’t be possible if we had to pay for equal services on the open market.

Prayer Needs We believe there is power in prayer and ask that you pray daily for our staff, volunteers and the men, women and children in our care.

Ambassador Roles Be an advocate for the Mission by sharing our work and message with your family and friends, through social media and among civic groups you may be part of.

For more ways to help, visit www.cityunionmission.org!

Your Compassion by the Numbers
January–November 2013

Financial Update

Meals Served (daily avg.)
748

Homeless Sleeping Overnight (daily avg.)
450

Patients Seen (for medical issues)
8,382

Chapel Service Attendance (daily avg.)
266

Salvations and Rededications
614

FY 2014 Budget
(Oct. 1, 2013 - Sept. 30, 2014)
$10,545,130

Amount Raised
(Oct. 1, 2013 - Nov. 30, 2013)
$2,368,975