When Jesus saw His ministry drawing huge crowds, He climbed a hillside. Those who were appointed to Him, the committed, climbed with Him.

—Matthew 17:4 (NIV)

In Matthew, we’re told that when Jesus saw the crowds growing, He climbed a hill and those who saw the potential and vision for His ministry climbed with Him. As the “crowds” of men, women and families whose futures are jumbled by homelessness, substance abuse and tragic life challenges increase by the day, I’m grateful for friends like you who have chosen to “climb the hill” with us by making your mission your reason.

Through your gifts of time, talent, and financial gifts, we’re making our programs more effective, our community outreach more extensive, and are creating new opportunities that empower men and women to build stable futures. Because of your partnership, once broken individuals are leading godly lives, strengthening family relationships and making meaningful contributions to our community.

I pray you’ll continue to “climb” with us. The ascent may be steep and long, but together we can continue to make progress in our efforts to help our struggling neighbors transform their lives. Please make our mission your mission by making a gift today.

Rev. David D. Devey
Executive Director

FOR OUR MISSION:

• Serving as a Student Impact Volunteer (tutor), you can help boys and girls excel in their classes and build bright futures.

• A Charitable Gift Annuity enables donors like you to receive an enhanced charitable gift annuity, providing an additional benefit for your life.

• A Back to School gift of $50 provides a shirt, slacks, underwear and socks.

• By becoming a Bed and Bread Club monthly giving partner, you consistently provide money for our programs and services.

• A Back to School gift of $50 provides a shirt, slacks, underwear and socks for a student in the Kansas City Public Schools.

• Serving as a Student Impact Volunteer (tutor), you can help kids with their lessons and build bright futures.

To learn more about these and other partnership opportunities, check the box on the enclosed reply card before returning it with your gift, or visit cityunionmission.org.

—Casey Foreman, Office of Mission Statement

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THANK YOU FOR...

Making Our Mission Your Mission!

These local businesses are just a few of the generous partners who share in unique and generous ways to make our mission possible. We’re grateful for their dedication and support.

Huhtamaki

—Casey Foreman, Office of Mission Statement

Lee Jeans

—Nicki Jenkins, Project Manager

Furniture Mall of Kansas

—Jeff Winter, on behalf of the Furniture Mall of Kansas Family

Florell’s Jack Stack Barbecue

—Casey Foreman, Office of Mission Statement
After struggling for a decade with alcohol abuse, Rick knew the only solution was a long-term program where he could rebuild his relationship with God. His pastor suggested our Christian Life Program at our Opportunity Farm near Warsaw, Missouri. He graduated in March and says the Lord has provided above and beyond what he could ever have wished for.

With his college degree, his background as the owner of a custodial business and his humble Christian demeanor, Rick secured a job at a medical clinic. He says one of the questions asked in the interview was one he had practiced answering in the Mission’s career development course: What makes you different from the other candidates? “Because of my Christian work ethic, everything I do is for the glory of God,” Rick replied. “And that benefits you and me as well.”

Next he needed a place to live, and through contacts at his church, he was referred to a couple trying to sell their RV. The owners financed it at a rate Rick could afford, and his co-workers at the clinic showered him with household items, from a microwave oven to a TV.

“If that’s not enough,” Rick says, “then came the car.” While at church, Rick noticed a man walk up and whisper in the pastor’s ear. “The pastor called me up and shared my story,” Rick continues. “He told the congregation the only thing I needed now was a car, and then he handed me the keys to a 1998 Toyota Runner. The owner of a local dealership gave it to me. Unbelievable! Not in God’s world!”

Rick is grateful for what God has done through friends who share our mission. “Everyone I’ve met since walking into that place—City Union Mission—has had my best interests at heart. They’ve all been a wonderful help.”

Scholarships Help Mission Guests Learn Marketable Skills

Guests of the Mission’s shelters and participants in our long-term life-recovery programs now have the opportunity for training in welding, robotics, warehouse and logistics, and computer-integrated machining and manufacturing, with scholarship grants made possible through Missouri Workforce Innovation Network Grants (MoWINS) and Metropolitan Community College (MCCC).

“All of these positions are in high demand in the workplace and employers are looking to fill them,” explains Steve Sahl, the Mission’s career development specialist. “These training programs have been in existence, but before the scholarship program was initiated, the cost was prohibitive for a person struggling with the cycle of poverty and homelessness.”

Barb Friedman, manager of outreach for the Metropolitan Community College Institute for Workforce Innovation and one of this year’s Women Who’ve Changed the Heart of the City honorees, introduced the program to the Mission earlier this year. MCC not only provides the training, but also handles the paperwork and behind-the-scenes coordination required by the state of Missouri, assists the Mission with transportation for the students and provides job-search assistance for program graduates. “We want to provide as much support as possible for our men and women going through the training and are grateful for MCC’s comprehensive partnership,” Steve says.

Currently five students have completed training and another 18 are scheduled to begin. “The feedback has been universally positive,” Steve says. “The training is rigorous but doable and the teachers are very professional. Because of that, we will be seeing more of our residents and guests take an interest in this program in the future.”

New Facility to Offer Specialized Care for Disabled and Aging Guests

Set to open later this year, City Union Mission’s Minor Care Center will provide accessible shelter and specialized programs and services for homeless men challenged with special needs or aging. The renovated facility, located at 1112 E. 10th Street in Kansas City, Missouri, will be equipped to care for 40 to 60 individuals age 65 or older in a Christ-centered environment and on a longer-term basis than in our Men’s Shelter.

The Mission assists more than 75 men each night who have disabilities ranging from mental illness to physical handicaps. “Currently they stay in the general population, which is not conducive to their care because we can’t focus on their special needs,” explains Robert Strong, the Mission’s chief program officer. “For example, someone with a chronic mental illness may require constant monitoring to ensure he’s taking his medication properly. A man with diabetes may come to us from the hospital and need medical treatment to ensure his wounds are healing.”

The Mission will coordinate care with local social, medical and mental-health service providers—including Truman Behavioral Health—to help guests stabilize their physical and emotional conditions. Then similar to residents of our Christian Life Program, men will have the opportunity to take part in a long-term program of Christ-centered counseling, along with appropriate education and training, toward the goal of preparing those who are able to eventually transition to their own living arrangements.

Moving guests with special needs to the Minor Care Center will also free up additional beds in our Men’s Shelter, allowing us to welcome even more homeless individuals. “This facility will provide blessings throughout the Mission’s outreach, and we’re grateful for the donors and partners who are making it possible,” Robert said.

The RIDGE Opens at Camp CUMCITO

On May 15, City Union Mission celebrated the grand opening of The RIDGE, our new multipurpose center located at Camp CUMCITO. In addition to serving campers in annual summer sessions, the facility will be open to the public for retreats, meetings and other events. “We’re grateful for the generous support that made The RIDGE possible, and we’re excited about the many ways it will benefit our community,” said Executive Director Dan Doty. Groups interested in renting The RIDGE can contact Sara Brown at (816) 329-1423.

Your Compassion by the Numbers

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Financial Update

FY 2015 Budget

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Amount Raised

$8,062,402.12

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