

City Gospel Mission, Adult Programs Prayer Letter
October/November 2011

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers on behalf of both the givers and receivers of services at the Mission. How grateful we are that you are willing to continue your partnership with us through the year! May God continue to use CGM to pour out His tender mercies on needy individuals in our city.

*Yours in Christ,
The Staff of City Gospel Mission*

Praises

- Praise God that Exodus graduates William and Steven moved into their own apartment.
- Praise God for the women of *Having the Courage to Change* who are attending school and are doing very well and making the Dean's List.
- Praise God for the two women that left the program and relapsed have come back and are giving 100% to their recovery.
- Praise God for a successful Exodus graduation. Congratulations to Steve, Delmond, Don, Mike, and Keifer.
- Praise God for the ladies of *Having the Courage to Change* that will be graduating on October 6th: Deanna, Sue, Belinda, Megan, and Wynetta.
- Praise God for a successful 20th Annual Golf Outing!
- Praise God for several churches and groups that have stepped up to provide meals for our guest on days that were open.
- Praise God that our Poverty Training with our volunteers continues to grow in content and in attendance.
- Praise God for enabling our church partners to have a real impact in the lives of those who participated in the 2010 Holiday Partnership Programs.

Prayer Requests

October 1 – October 7

- Pray for the participants that left the women's recovery program prematurely and still need help: Karen, Brandi, Julie, Ashley, and Allie. Pray they submit to God's will.
- Pray for God's favor and blessings as we begin our new fiscal year.
- Pray that the men and women in our recovery programs do not abandon their process of recovery prematurely due to the holidays.
- Pray for the women that will be graduating our *Having the Courage to Change* program for continued success in their lives.

October 8 – October 14

- Pray that Tim, Exodus graduate, can find safe, affordable housing.
- Pray for a spirit of peace, love, and unity in the *Having the Courage to Change* houses; that the women would use healthy conflict resolution skills.
- Pray that Rick (Exodus graduate) can pass his GED and find permanent employment.
- Pray for the preparation of our Capital Campaign for the new building.

October 15 – October 21

- Pray for seven new mentors to help guide the men in our Exodus program.
- Pray that Steve's child support issues be resolved.
- Pray for renewal and refreshing for the staff members and volunteers and their families who serve the men and women in recovery on a daily basis.
- Pray for Ron to stop abusing drugs.

October 22 – October 28

- Pray for all the men and women that are in our programs that are battling health problems: Don, John, Holli, Rhonda, and Shari. Pray for healing and wisdom from God for treatment.
- Pray for all of our participants to grow and have healthy relationships with Christ, themselves, and others.

- Pray for the future plans of the Mission's programs; pray that the leaders hear from God in the decisions that need to be made.
- Pray for groups/churches to bring, prepare, and serve breakfast one Sunday, dinners for two Sundays, and one Saturday dinner of every month.

October 29 – November 4

- Pray for Terrence and Mac, who believe and are pursuing a stronger relationship with Christ but are struggling with sexual purity.
- Pray for safety and strength for Kye, Josh, Kellen, and Joe; they recently left the program and still need help in their recovery.
- Pray for Jeffrey to be approved for supportive housing.
- Pray that the strongholds will be broken from the new participants that have joined our women's recovery program; 1 from prison and 2 off the streets.

November 5 – November 11

- Pray that God gives Angela Taylor and Angela Allen (leaders of Holiday Partnerships) wisdom, grace, and clarity in their communications with church partners, participants, donors, and volunteers this fall.
- Pray for Dave, who is trying to restore his marriage.
- Pray for resources for Family and Marriage counseling for the Exodus men and their families.
- Pray for Del's transition as he prepares to return home after being in the program for over a year.

November 12 – November 18

- Pray that Don finds employment.
- Pray for the City Gospel Mission radio-thon on November 17th, pray that people will be touched and moved to help the homeless this holiday season.
- Pray that transportation issues will be resolved for our men in Exodus who have many off-site appointments.
- Pray for resources (monetary and volunteers) to meet the needs of this year's Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Store programs.

November 19 – November 25

- Pray for Fall Feast; in partnership with Give Back Cincinnati to serve over 3,000 meals on Thanksgiving; pray people feel God's presence and lives are changed.
- Pray for peace among the staff and volunteers of all our programs.
- Pray for John to be approved for short term disability.
- Continue to pray for total recovery for Charles Bowman's battle with prostate cancer.

November 26 – November 30

- Pray for protection among the women currently in the program as new women enter fresh from active addiction; sometimes this can be a trigger to relapse.
- Pray for Devin, he is having trouble communicating with his wife
- Pray that our participants let go of unhealthy relationships.

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“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8