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# NEWSLETTER

*Serving Yavapai County Since 1989*

*1 Chronicles 4:10 "Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request."*

One does not need to read the newspaper or watch the evening news to know the recession is hurting the Verde Valley. Every empty storefront signifies the loss of employment and, for Old Town Mission, more people that need help. People like Erica who wrote; "The Mission has helped me to stay full (not going hungry). The staff is always friendly with warm smiles and giving hearts. The free clothes have brought a big smile to my face, many times. Thank you SOOO much for helping the community. I appreciate all of you."

We continue to see an upward trend in the numbers of people requesting services and it is our sincere hope and prayer that we as a ministry will be able to continue to meet the challenge. We are working diligently to do this by expanding the capacity of our programs.

That is why it is such a blessing that we have hard working volunteers like Lyle, through whom we were able to acquire and install a gas steam table that will help us feed more people with greater efficiency. We also have purchased a small box truck to facilitate more food pick-ups as our need for groceries has grown exponentially. Thanks to Phil Kincheloe, who made this possible with our limited budget. Gratefully, God has also provided some new relationships with other grocery stores and food distributing agencies that has given us access to more food including produce, meat and other perishable items. We now are in immediate need to expand our facilities and equipment. We are in need of a walk-in cooler and upright freezer to help us to properly store and effectively distribute these precious foods. We currently utilize a number of old and inefficient freezers, the largest of which died yesterday. Fortunately we were able to act quickly and not lose any food. Our current square footage is being pushed to the limit so we are looking at possibilities of additional on-site space as well as off-site warehousing. We believe that God is preparing us and that if we begin to step out in faith toward these goals, the resources will come.

May the God, who provides all of our needs, bring you blessings and peace.



**Neighbors Serving Neighbors Since 1989**

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Old Town Mission is a Christian Outreach Ministry, which exists to share the love of God through the development and implementation of programs, services and businesses that address the spiritual, physical and vocational needs of clients and the community with excellence and grace.

Thanks to your generous support, the Mission has provided the following services thus far in 2010:  
**Day Resource Center Services - 6646 Lunch Counts - 4803 Bibles - 490**  
These are our local neighbors that have benefitted from your caring!

## Mission Thrift Store Celebrates 1 Year!

Time has gone so quickly. As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun!" What an exciting year it has been. We have learned much and God has blessed this effort with fabulous and faithful volunteers and staff. It is doing what we need it to do and that is to provide the financial security necessary to meet the ongoing need.

Mission Thrift Store needs volunteers! Come join the fun at Mission Thrift Store. We need people to help us sort and hang clothing. Please call Jeanie at 634-1644,

Located at 1400 S. State Route 89A, Cottonwood --

**Call To Schedule A Pick-Up!**



### What our shoppers say:

*"Love the music, friendly staff and relaxing atmosphere."*

*"This is my first stop when I shop with my friends."*

### We want to thank these local restaurants for the ongoing support of our lunch programs:

Taco Bell ~ Pizza Hut ~ Papa Murphy's ~ Hog Wild ~ Blazing M



John 6:39 *"And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given me, but raise them up at the last day."*

### Escrip Shopping Program Works!

Thank you to our supporters that have registered their Safeway shopping card with Escrip. We earned \$1091.84 for Old Town Mission in 2009.

If you have not yet registered, go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and register for Old Town Mission ~ Group Identification # 149415064.



### Our Clients Share

*"If it were not for the Old Town Mission I would not be clothed. I am beyond grateful to be able to go to the Mission. The help is a blessing."*

*"Along with getting much needed food, clothing, hygiene products etc. the staff and volunteers treat me as an equal rather than a homeless bum. One can tell that they truly care. The lift I feel from coming here is like weekday church. I am not just paying lip service. You people are the best! Thank you." -- Timothy*

### We saw it coming; we just didn't realize how big it would be.

Old Town Mission is seeing firsthand the need among the senior members of our community. As we begin our new food distribution of boxes for seniors this month, we are hearing their fears firsthand about having enough food to eat. They are under a lot of stress worrying if they will have vegetables or meat. About 90% of this group are single women and adequate nutrition is critical to their health. So Old Town Mission is stepping up its effort to follow the Biblical definition of our faith as written in James 1:27 which says: *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."*

We are distributing over 250 food boxes monthly to seniors and we will be encouraging them to become weekly clients so they can have fresh vegetables, meat and bread to supplement the box of staples. Our heartfelt thanks for your support and prayers, and if you know of a senior in need of food or clothing feel free to bring them down and we walk them through our services. They will appreciate your love and kindness.

**If you would like to help us with this monthly program,**

*John 8:31 "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*



### Improving Our Lunch Service

Our very own "Sweetheart of a Guy", Lyle Hetterly, spearheaded a campaign to raise money to buy Old Town Mission a brand new commercial steam table for our food service kitchen. To those of you who joined Lyle in that project we just can't thank you enough. This big upgrade from plastic folding tables to a real "hot" stainless steel steam table allows us to serve the clients food in the safest and healthiest way possible. This is a huge improvement. Lyle had the honor of giving the table its inaugural first use the day after Easter Sunday with roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans with the clients sharing a prayer of thanks with us. It was a big success and all the volunteers who are on lunch crews are loving it too.



*1Cor 15:58 "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

### Client's Needs:

Canned Tuna or Chicken  
Canned Fruits  
Ramen Noodles  
Toothpaste  
Deodorant  
Family Sized Shampoo

**Operational  
Need:  
Upright freezers**



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