

August 2012

Prayers for Portland Rescue Mission



“And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in Him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high and how deep His love really is.”

–Ephesians 3:17-18

August 1–4	<p>Pray for men and women in recovery as they reconcile with important people in their lives such as children, parents and other relatives. Reconciliation with family is a process that involves prayer, wise counsel and steps of faith at the right time.</p> <p>One resident in our recovery ministry hasn’t seen his son for many years and is in prayer about how to move forward in relationship with him. Pray for healing in this relationship.</p>
August 5–11	<p>Pray that more cars will be donated to the Mission to help provide meals, shelter and recovery to men, women and children. Pray for the mechanics who carefully restore the cars to be resold, that they may do their work well and with joy.</p>
August 12–18	<p>Praise God for our faithful volunteers! People such as Garth and his wife Cindy serve cheerfully behind the scenes. Garth hooks up and pulls our new trailer to take debris to a wood recycling center. Cindy makes homemade cookies for our weekly outreach to homeless women, showing the women they are loved and valued. We thank God for this couple and for many other volunteers who make the work of the Mission possible.</p> <p>The Partnership Team hosted a barbecue at the start of the summer to show appreciation for our many volunteers. Nearly 100 volunteers attended!</p>
August 19–25	<p>Pray that Portland Rescue Mission will be the winning recipient of grants to help update our facilities. We plan to renovate the showers at the Burnside Shelter this month, improving the service and care we provide to homeless men every day.</p> <p>Pray also for our expanding partnership with other social service agencies downtown to better serve our homeless guests.</p>
August 26–31	<p>Praise God for the many church groups that have come this summer to help at the Mission. Students help improve our facilities and learn how to compassionately serve men and women who suffer from homelessness, addiction, hunger and abuse. Pray for the young people who come to bless Portland Rescue Mission, that their service will be life-changing for both them and the people they serve.</p>

Prayer Focus for August

Many homeless men and women believe the lie, “I’m unworthy of love.” They are more comfortable with rejection than acceptance. Pray for freedom from bondage and that God’s love will radically transform their lives. Pray that His presence and love will be incredibly evident as volunteers embody grace and share truth with our homeless.

We’d like to pray for you! Send prayer requests to Prayer@PDXMission.org, call 503-MISSION (647-7466) or mail it to us at P.O. Box 3713, Portland, OR 97208-3713. Visit www.PortlandRescueMission.org for more current events and prayer opportunities.

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**Father, grant the Portland
Rescue Mission board and staff
wisdom and compassion as
they work with hurting,
homeless men, women and
children of our community.**

Answered Prayers

- The garden at Shepherd's Door is thriving, providing fresh lettuce and produce brimming with vitamins and health. Most exciting is that the women in recovery have grown and harvested it themselves. They are learning the disciplines of planting, watering, waiting and harvesting God's abundant blessings.



Ron (volunteer) and Donnalisa (recovery resident) harvest fresh lettuce for dinner at Shepherd's Door.

- The young son of one of the women in our recovery program recently prayed to receive Christ. Praise God for His work in the lives of the kids at the Mission.

- We are thankful for a recently donated utility trailer to help haul debris to a recycling center.

- Praise God for new staff in several positions at the Mission. We thank God for talented, passionate people to help restore the lives of hurting people.

PRAISE GOD!