



The Outreach

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Please Help Me God . . .

I need a fresh start

Life was great for Carolyn. She had married Bill - her hero, lived in a cozy apartment and together they were very happy. But at the age of 45, Carolyn made a choice to try "crack". It would be her first time, but definitely not her last. After 3 or 4 months, the happy life that Carolyn and Bill cherished - CHANGED. They lost their jobs, they lost their home, they lost everything.

Homeless and jobless, Carolyn turned to prostitution to support their drug habit. Crack had taken over their life. Knowing they needed to get off this vicious cycle, the couple decided to move to Stockton, Maryland to be closer to relatives. Coming from Tennessee, they had no idea that the bus would drop them off "in the hood." Once again, crack stared them in the face and Carolyn did what she had to do to get it.

It was during one of those nights, a **HALO on the Street volunteer** offered Carolyn a meal and actually took time to talk with her. She felt genuine love.

Her habit kept her bound. Prostitution destroyed her self worth. Jail became the only home she knew.

Bill suffered a heart attack and was admitted to the hospital. Carolyn however found herself back in jail. When released from the hospital, Bill went back to Tennessee, Carolyn vowed she would follow. While in jail she met a lady who spoke of **HALO**. "Those people just love you, no matter what" Dina told Carolyn. Dina explained to Carolyn that although she had to face consequences for bad decisions, she found Jesus and her life had changed.

When Carolyn was released, she was determined to start fresh. But as she walked out of the jail doors, she had no place to go, so she went back to the only thing she knew. Crack once again had its victim.

A few days after she was released, Carolyn was on her corner when someone she met in jail pulled up.



Life was spiraling out of control for Carolyn

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Hope And Life Outreach

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HALO TRAINING DATES

3rd Sunday of every month - 2:00PM
HALO Café
119 South Blvd.

(corner of Eastern Shore Drive & South Blvd.)

For more information and to register, contact the HALO Office @ 410-742-9356.

Your Gifts Make It Possible!

JANUARY 2010 - JULY 2010

MEALS PROVIDED:

HALO Cafe - 10,779

HALO on the Street - 825

BEDS PROVIDED:

Code Blue - 7,360

Dear Friends,

I had the awesome opportunity to be at the HALO Café a few days ago. What I witnessed was amazing! Eleven volunteers were engaged in preparing food, packaging dinners (it was HALO on the Street night), making homemade blueberry bread pudding, washing dishes, loading vehicles, just non-stop going.

Then, all of a sudden, **everyone stopped**, a circle was formed and a beautiful prayer was prayed. It was a prayer for blessings to be given to those who would receive meals that night. A prayer that each individual that received a meal would know they were loved and their lives would be forever changed.

When the amen was said, everyone started moving. The bread pudding was filling the café with a delicious aroma, and the steaming vegetables were being put into the serving buffet. Those scheduled to serve in H.O.T.S. loaded up in their vehicles ready to take nutritious meals to those who were not in walking distance of the café.

That's when I realized Carolyn was part of the circle, she was part of the team that would go out on the street and serve the meals. (Her story begins on page 1) HALO served Carolyn on the street and now Carolyn is giving back by serving not only with H.O.T.S., but also in the HALO Café.

Throughout this newsletter you will see how God is using HALO to address the root of the emptiness, homelessness, unemployment, addiction and depression - as we guide hurting individuals on their journey out of hopelessness. It is because of God's Blessings – and your heartfelt generosity - that those who turn to HALO can find Hope and Life.

Love 'em like Jesus,

Celeste

Celeste Savage,
Executive Director



Celeste Savage with Carolyn Jenkins

What's in YOUR Lunch Sack?



Take the Brown Bag Challenge and Help HALO Feed the Hungry!

Watch your mail! Hope and Life Outreach is inviting all friends, partners, donors and volunteers to take the **Brown Bag Challenge!**

Here's how it works:

Simply "brown bag it" for a week with simple things like PB&J or turkey sandwiches. Then donate the money you would normally have spent on lunch for a week to HALO - to help us serve 10, 20, maybe even 50 people a healthy, hunger-satisfying meal.

You'll soon receive a Brown Bag in the mail with more information, you can't miss it!

OVER 10,000 MEALS SERVED AT THE HALO CAFE



On January 2, 2010, the HALO Café opened its doors to the homeless and hungry in our community.

Each night as the guest form a line around the café and sometimes extending outside, HALO volunteers know it won't be long before our guests will be fed and loved.



VOLUNTEERS - RENEE, LISA, KAREN & DONNA SERVING DINNER AT THE CAFÉ.

If you would like to volunteer in the HALO Café, please contact the HALO Office @ 410-742-9356 or email: volunteer@HALOministry.org

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HALO?

Join us for a Lunch and Learn Informational Tour.

There is no better way to get a feel for the real ministry that takes place, than to come for a visit.

See first hand the mission of HALO, volunteer opportunities and how lives are being changed.

Lunch is provided, so please pre-register.

3rd Wednesday of each month - 12:00noon

HALO Mission & Café

For more information, contact our office @ 410-742-9356 or email: marketing@HALOministry.org

Café Needs

- Canned Vegetables (restaurant size)
- Meats (hamburger; chicken, etc.)
- Chicken & Beef Broth
- Kitchen Spices
- Tea Bags
- Sugar
- Zip Lock Bags
- Plastic Wrap
- Aluminum Foil
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

These are just a few of the many items needed.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact the HALO office @ 410-742-9356



NO ONE IS TOO YOUNG TO HELP THOSE IN NEED!!

At only 8 years old, Allison Dayton already has a heart for those in need.

Allison heard that the HALO Café was in need of shelves for the food.

So for her 8th birthday, she took the money she received and donated it to HALO.

Thank you Allison . . .

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Carolyn, along with Geoff, another HALO Volunteer - serving meals to the homeless on the street.

Lisa told her about the HALO shelter for women. *"They really care about you there."* She invited Carolyn to come to the shelter. Although cold, homeless and hungry, Carolyn said no.

But God had heard her cry *"Please God, help me. I need a fresh start."*

Carolyn decided to give HALO Women's Shelter a try - at least she would be warm and fed. Not only did she find a safe place and a hot meal, she found what she had prayed for - *A Fresh Start!*

Through HALO's commitment to "love 'em like Jesus" Carolyn gave her life to Christ. She has stopped using drugs, has restored a connection with her family and is giving back to her community.

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TURN YOUR LOVE INTO ACTION!

Food is a big deal at HALO Ministries.

Why?

Because as our staff and volunteers minister to the physical hunger of our homeless and hungry guests, they often allow us to minister to their spiritual hunger, too!

Here are ways you or your group can support HALO Ministries through our food programs.

If you would like to help, contact our office at: 410-742-9356 or email: volunteer@HALOministry.org

HALO Café: Volunteer in the HALO Café by either cooking or serving the meal.

Meal Greeter Ministry: Men are needed to serve as a greeter and provide encouragement to our meal guests.

Food Donations: provide HALO Café with any type of food items, spices, dairy products, fresh vegetables, desserts, etc.

Plans are being made to open for breakfast in September.

All food is welcome!!!

WALK IN FREEZER IS NEEDED.

Great prices and amazing variety aren't the only things that bring people back to HALO Bargain Center.

BARGAIN CENTER HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday
10:00AM - 7:00PM

Saturday
10:00AM - 3:00PM
(effective 10-04-10)

Volunteer Corner

Throughout the past 3 years, Bob Bailey has volunteered in many areas of HALO. This winter, Bob along with his wife Janice faithfully volunteered at the Code Blue Emergency Shelter for Women and Children. Bob stated he loves to listen to the stories that everyone shares with him. Although he is saddened at times with what is shared, he is happy to have been a listening ear and a source of support.

With well over 100 volunteer hours already recorded this year, Bob once again has stepped up to help, this time putting his contractor talents to work remodeling HALO's new office space.

No matter who Bob comes in contact with, whether it is a guest, a volunteer, or a customer, he treats them with in a genuine loving manner. He loves 'em like Jesus. Bob believes the biggest payoff for him in volunteering with HALO has been continuing to do the work God has gifted him to do.

Thanks Bob, for your faithful service!!



Bob Bailey constructing HALO's new office space.



Laurel Wesleyan Youth Lend Loving Hearts and Hands

Students from the youth group of Laurel Wesleyan Church were busy helping HALO organize the Café Food Pantry. We are grateful for all of their help!

If your group would like to help, please call Teresa Schevel@ 410-742-9356



Bargain Center Manager Donna Crowwell, along with volunteers: Ramona, Brenda & Dawn

They also come for the "customer care."

Halo Bargain Center and Community Outreach Center serves as our thrift store and donation center. Revenue from HALO Bargain Center supports HALO Ministries programs and services. So whether you're shopping at our store or donating items that could be sold, you're helping someone in your community.

If you are looking for ways to give back to your community, meet extraordinary people and share God's message of love with those who need it most, then HALO's volunteer team is the place for you!!!

For more information on our Volunteer Opportunities, contact the HALO Office @ 410-742-9356 or email: volunteer@HALOministry.org