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and you continue to touch lives one person at a time.

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I Chased after the Rainbow... but I never found that pot of gold



Straight from Scott's Heart



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A New Year Greeting...

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My name is Cathy. I came to Inner City Mission from an abusive marriage, where I was kicked, smacked around, hit with tire irons and with whatever else was handy. But that's not where my troubles started. I was in the drug scene as a kid. Early in my life I had guns pulled on me and I was cut with razor-sharp knives. I started out bad and things just got worse. I was a rebellious kid. The tattoos on my arms are a constant reminder of that early rebellion.

But the rainbow I was chasing had no end, and for sure there was no pot of gold waiting for me. Now as I turn my life over to God and His goodness, I still have to deal with the errors of my past. Alcohol and drugs just about killed me. I've been shot three times and stabbed repeatedly. I was a self-mutilator for years, tearing huge chunks of skin from my arms to relieve my pain and tension. It didn't hurt. *It actually felt good.* I hated my body. I once hated everything about myself. I even took all the mirrors out of my house so I wouldn't have to see what I really looked like.

I couldn't even kill myself

I don't even know how many times I tried to commit suicide by hanging myself and slitting my wrists. I couldn't even get



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that right. But now, even though my physical body is a wreck, I can finally see a glimmer of hope. Because of the caring people here at the Mission and *you* who provide our financial support, I'm finally

becoming the person God designed me to be.

Without the encouragement of Christian friends, I'd be naked and hungry — and lost. But I'm not lost. I'm alive...and I have hope. Thank you for helping me start the New Year right — for once. Thank you for caring so much.

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Inner City Mission wants to thank you for your support in 2009. Without your partnership, our ministry would not exist.



- 1) First of all, thank you for your prayers — without God's blessing on our efforts, we would have to shut our doors;
- 2) Thank you for your donations of food, clothing and other items to Inner City Mission. Our ministry depends upon these things daily;
- 3) Thank you to all who volunteered this past year. Whether you came by yourself or with a group, we were blessed by your presence and know that God used you to touch broken lives;
- 4) And finally, thank you for supporting us financially. We know this has been a tough year for many, and we are grateful that you have continued to support us. We are excited to begin this new year and anxious to see who God brings our way. May God bless you and your families as you serve Him faithfully in 2010.

Inner City Mission at Your Place or Ours

We would love to share the ministry of ICM with you this year. There are a number of ways that can happen. Give Jeff a call at 217-836-1225 or email him at jeff@innercitymission.net. Allow us the opportunity to make "ministry to the homeless" come alive for your church, group or organization.

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When friends ask me what I was most thankful for in 2009, I just say, *I thank a loving God we made it!* It was a tough 12 months. But because God used you so mightily in this ministry, we not only made it...we were privileged to have a front row seat to scores of lives that are being changed from the inside out.

Here's what I have observed over my years of working with the homeless: it's the moment that creates the momentous. It's the small things that matter. Some Christians need a tornado chasing after them to get their attention. But God also works in the quiet places. He touches people's lives in the deepest places of their hearts. No fanfare. No trumpets heralding His entry. It's just one great, quiet moment after another.

Thank God for the milk lady

One example of this quiet compassion is the "milk lady" who has brought milk to our residents every week for the past 16 years. "It's just milk," you might say. But she's done it every week for the past 16 years. That kind of "small" is GREAT, both in the eyes of God and in the eyes and hearts of our residents.

Now we're entering a New Year. It's a challenge even to write the numbers 2010, isn't it? But the end of a decade is upon us. And while the year is new, the issues that create homelessness are as old as the hills. That's why our mission will not change. With God as our strength and you as our faithful partner, we will continue to do what we can to help change the landscape of homelessness in Springfield.

Thank you for standing with us during 2009. I also thank you in advance for your future acts of kindness throughout the New Year. No gift is too small. No prayer is ineffective. It's not easy to live simply in an anxious world. Yet, this is what God wants us to do. Connie, the staff and I all wish you the best in the New Year as we continue to partner with you in this ministry of rescue.

See you next time, good Lord willing.

Your servant,

Scott Payne, a Minister to the Homeless

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A New Year Greeting...and a heartfelt thanks for your support in 2009

Pat Kelley, a major league outfielder in the '70s, was a committed Christian. One day Pat said to his manager Earl Weaver, "Aren't you glad I walk with the Lord, Earl?" Earl replied, "Pat, let me tell you. I rather you walked with the bases loaded."

Perspective! It's all about one's point of view. It's what's important to the individual that makes the difference. One person's commitment may not be the same as another's — and that's what we often see at the Mission. Not all our guests understand what awaits them when they enter our doors. Many come for a hot meal and a warm bed. And that's a good start. But as important as it is to meet a person's physical needs, we would be remiss if we didn't concern ourselves with their walk with the Lord.



"... our Mission remains the same: to provide a safe haven where people who are homeless and want help can be rescued."

You are the lifeblood of the work of Inner City Mission

The good news is this: your prayers, influence and financial support provide us with the opportunity to minister to the whole person — body, soul and spirit.

It's not headline news that 2009 was a tough year for all of us. But because the Mission made it through, so did hundreds of men and women who otherwise might have just been walking the bases *instead of walking with the Lord*.

Now as we enter the New Year, there will be even more — perhaps even greater — challenges. But our mission remains the same: to provide a safe haven where people *can be rescued*.

To give your generous gift today, please use the remit slip enclosed. You may also call Inner City Mission at 217-525-3940. Thank you for touching the lives of homeless families and individuals who are already struggling in the New Year. God bless you for caring.

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My New Year Gift

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YES, Scott, I consider it a privilege to share out of my abundance with men, women and children who struggle for life itself.

Please mail this completed form with your generous gift. Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt.

Here's my gift of:

- \$XX.XX to provide **XX meals** and other assistance
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- \$XX.XX to provide **XX meals** and other assistance
- \$_____ to provide as many meals and as much care as possible
- Please bill my credit card (see reverse side)

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