



INNER CITY MISSION
helping the homeless find Home

A TIME TO GROW

Expanding Inner City Mission so the love of Christ can embrace and transform more of this community's homeless.



PRAISE GOD....

On behalf of the residents, staff, and board of Inner City Mission, as well as my wife Connie, and myself, I want to thank you for your vital contribution to Inner City Mission—a ministry that is now in its fourth decade. In that time, you and the Body of Christ have helped us provide 272,750 nights of safe and comfortable sleep for homeless children, their parents, and single women. We have also served over one million meals, and held countless frank discussions about God, His Son, life, and relationships.

While we rejoice in what God has accomplished through this ministry, it is also true that every day our shelter turns away families in need because of limited physical space. Our ability to work with and minister to the homeless is dependent on our ability to provide each family unit with a private room, and those rooms are consistently full.

After much prayer and planning, we are now confident that ICM has the support base and experienced staff we need to teach and minister to more of this community's homeless population. The plan outlined in this booklet is designed to add five additional family-unit rooms to our campus through renovation. We are coming to you now asking for prayer, relational support and financial support as we act to increase our capacity from sixteen families to twenty-one.

Thank you for letting us share *A Time for Growth* with you.



Executive Director
Inner City Mission



6,781
Bible studies
held since
1985

6,121
individuals
sheltered

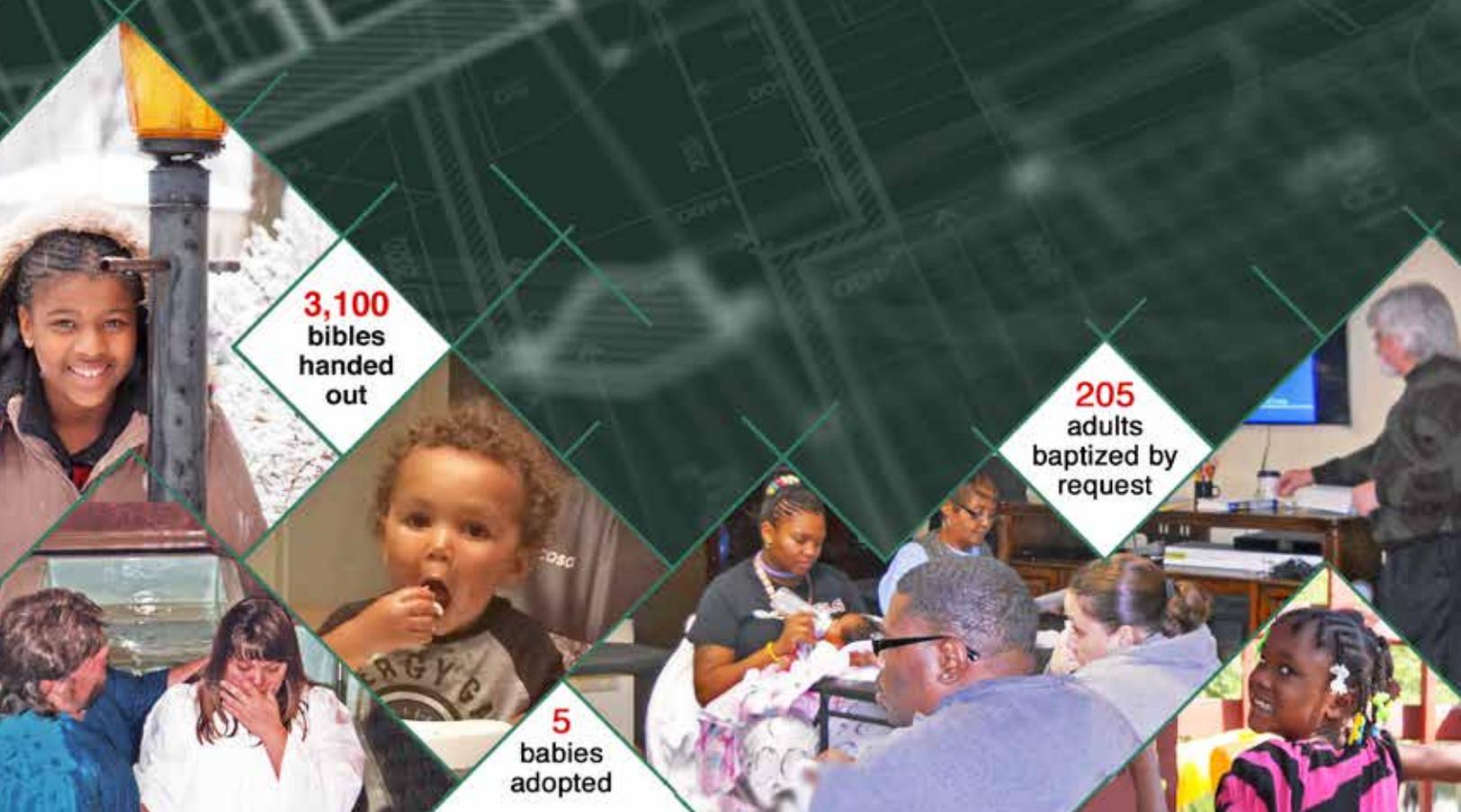
A BETTER APPROACH

Many government and charitable organizations address homelessness by providing people in need with housing and a steady income. They do this in the belief that once these resources are in place, an individual will thrive on his or her own.

In its earliest days, Inner City Mission followed this same model. As we witnessed outcomes over time, however, we began to see flaws in this approach. What we found is that the traditional path of simply supplying a person's needs—though compassionate—is akin to baling out a boat without repairing the leak.

Without an understanding of what a stable life is and how to maintain it, the person receiving benevolence will continue in the behaviors and decision-making patterns that led them to become homeless in the first place. Resources are squandered or even used for destructive purposes and must be replenished again and again. Relying on charity becomes a way of life that is passed from generation to generation.

ICM provides shelter, food, and other physical resources through the generosity of our donors. At the same time, we focus on helping the homeless build the relational and inner resources we all need in order to be productive, responsible, and joyous members of the community. In this way, we provide for the homeless but we do not perpetuate homelessness.



3,100
bibles
handed
out

205
adults
baptized by
request

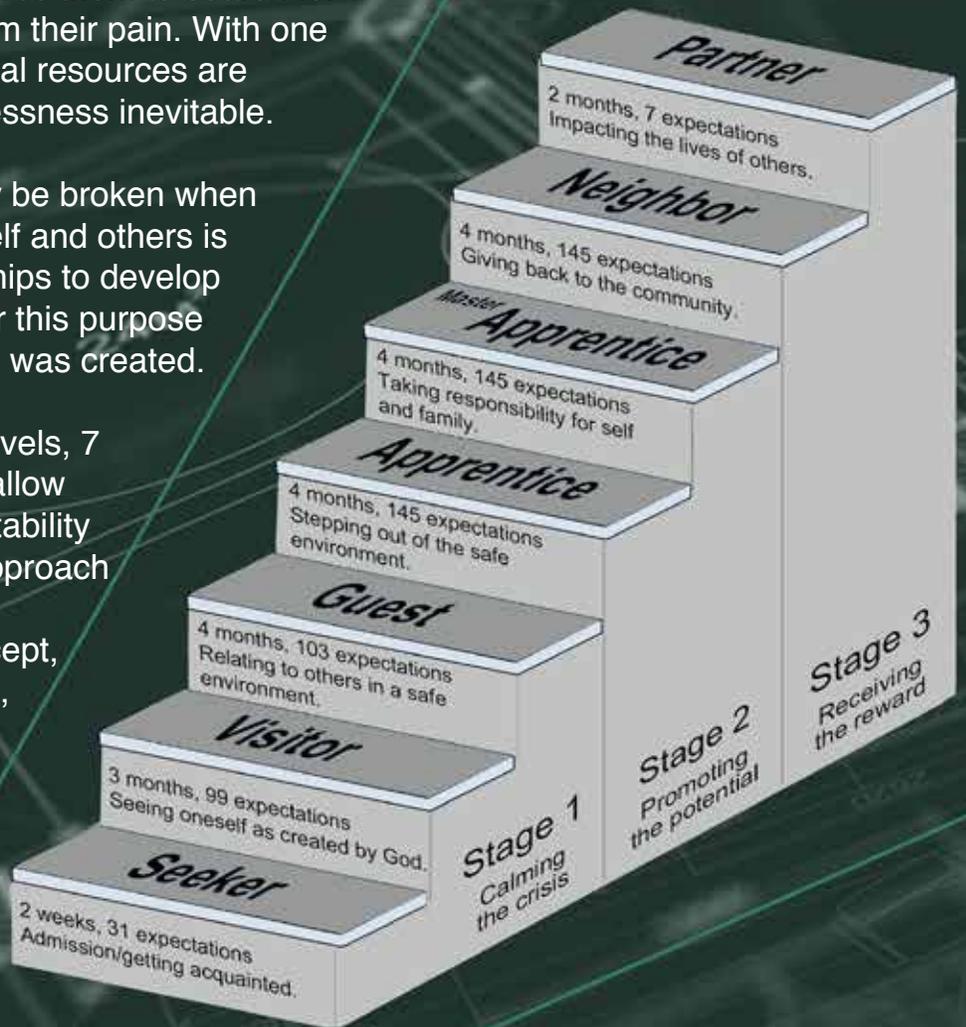
5
babies
adopted

OUR PROGRAM

Children who are raised in hostile environments, without any positive social development, are isolated by fear and mistrust. The pain and heartbreak of life drives them to search for anything that will provide relief from their pain. With one fix leading to the next, their physical resources are inevitably drained, making homelessness inevitable.

This parent-to-child cycle can only be broken when a Godly understanding of one's self and others is gained, allowing healthy relationships to develop and community to thrive. It was for this purpose that our program, Stability for Life, was created.

Stability for Life is divided into 3 levels, 7 steps, and 500 expectations that allow each person to progress toward stability at his/her own rate. Our holistic approach focuses on 7 critical areas of life: spirituality, relationships, self-concept, health, work/education, addictions, and finances. This provides the best opportunity for long-term change and a replacement of the cycle of homelessness with a Godly cycle of stability.



6,259
articles
of furniture
given to
those in
need

70%
of "Stage 2"
graduates

100%
of "Stage 3"
graduates

never become
homeless
again!

345,792
life lessons
taught



THE EXPANSION

Phase 1 (completed 2015): Our white garage was insulated, and a heater installed. The ICM clothing giveaway program was moved into that garage, opening up what we call "Miss Daisy's House" to be remodeled. Once Miss Daisy's house was emptied, volunteers came to the mission and helped us gut the house.

Phase 2 (completed 2016): ICM hired an architect to draw up plans for turning the two-bedroom house into offices. Once the plans were completed, we secured the services of a lead contractor to help us oversee and estimate the cost of the project. A side view and the basic floor plan appear on the next two pages.

Phase 3 (spring through fall 2017): Using volunteers where available and professionals as necessary, Miss Daisy's house will be remodeled and updated to serve as ICM's business and administrative offices.

Phase 4 (spring 2018): Once the offices are moved out of the current office building into Miss Daisy's house, we will rearrange the office building. Five new rooms that will be used to house level 2 and 3 residents. No major work will be needed to repurpose this building.

Please be praying for us as we seek to complete this expansion project by Good Friday 2018.

Phase 5 (2019 and beyond) ICM will continue to seek God's guidance in providing ways in which we can serve His Kingdom by expanding our ability to shelter more homeless families.



357,700
Cups
of coffee

2,938
Children
have lived
with us

962
Medical
Prescriptions
paid for

5
Babies
Adopted

WHY NOT REBUILD?

The Inner City Mission campus is located within the area covered by the Enos Park Neighborhood, which has one of the most active neighborhood associations in Springfield. Remodeling turn of the century houses in the neighborhood is a top priority for Inner City Mission's neighbors. That is why ICM's Board of Trustees voted to remodel Miss Daisy's house instead of taking it down and building new.

Remodeling will be a tad more expensive and create a few more challenges, but it will allow us to take a solid old house and breathe new life into it for years to come. That fits right in with what we try to accomplish for our residents at ICM.

MISS DAISY'S HOUSE

(Artist's rendition of how the renovated house will appear.
Exact style and color not yet determined.)



FRONT VIEW



REAR VIEW



FLOOR PLANS

The new office building will feature a homelike setting, providing a family friendly first impression for those who are seeking our services. The remodel will include a reception area and four offices, along with storage, kitchen, and a wheelchair ramp.

The projected cost of this expansion project is \$114,505. A detailed list of costs and items needed is available upon request. If your church is able to participate in this project, opportunities include purchasing materials, putting together a work team to help in the construction, providing prayer support, or writing a check to help with the overall cost of the project.



\$50,205
General
Materials

\$15,000
Furnishings

\$25,000
Labor

\$24,300
Mechanicals



Thank you for reviewing *A Time for Growth*. Inner City Mission is fully funded by the body of Christ. This work will be completed only with God's blessing and your prayerful support.

If your church feels led to contribute to this project, if you have further questions, or if you would like a more in-depth presentation, please contact us:

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