



NEWS

.....our 85th year of service

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Immediate Needs

Men's Wear
belts
dress shirts
shoes & socks
light jackets
underwear

Women's Wear
shoes & socks
light jackets
gloves
umbrellas
underwear

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Falling into the season...



Hundreds of men, women, and children come for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes

Fall brings so much beauty to us; the leaves change into warm and vibrant colors, as if they were giving us a final show before winter takes the stage. It is quite an amazing process and it is easy to appreciate the beauty, but much more difficult to live amongst it without shelter. As the leaves embark on their final display of the year, the winds pick up and temperatures drop. All traces of summer leave us until the next year rolls around.

This unique beauty brings hardship to many people we serve. Some grasp onto summer as if they can drag it back, while others somberly let it go and prepare for the coming season. Fall can be an ominous precursor to a cold and lonely winter. Through the power of God, Lighthouse Mission Ministries is able to be a light in dark places, so they may know warmth, compassion, love, and forgiveness.

Through our compassionate services we give our clients shelter, food, and hope. As our numbers are continually increasing, we ask for your continual prayers and support. God hears the prayers of the righteous, so please continue to pray for this ministry and the people we serve. Volunteers are also vital to this ministry. If you are interested in volunteering for a holiday meal or anything else, please call Marky at 360-733-5120 Ext. 107 or email her at lmv@inbox.com. Thank you for your loving support!

Please give a gift to fill empty hearts this fall



Just a thought . . .

Ronald Buchinski, Executive Director
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I'll Fight

While women weep as they do now, I'll fight; while little children go hungry as they do now, I'll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl on the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight - I'll fight to the very end.

-William Booth

A hero of mine, William Booth, devoted his life to assisting the poor of London. He and his wife, Catherine, were moved by the social concerns which were the plight of the poor in England. His first book called 'In Darkest England and the Way Out'. outlined a program to help the poor and needy, something he termed 'The Cab Horse Charter', claiming that in England, cab horses were better cared for than millions of the poorest people: "When a horse is down he is helped up, and while he lives he has food, shelter and work."

Despite opposition, his ideas had caught the imagination of several leading businessmen; and they helped to finance the project. The first thing to be set up was a labor bureau to help people find work. He purchased a farm where the long term unemployed could be retrained for work; a bank was set up to make small loans for workers to buy tools; and a missing persons bureau was started. Booth's book sold 200,000 copies in the first year. Nine years after its publication he had served 27 million cheap meals, lodged 11 million homeless people, traced 18,000 missing persons and found jobs for 9,000 unemployed people.

Booth lived to the ripe age of 83. He was a Christian activist who saw his twin objectives as the saving of lost souls and righting the social injustices of his time. He never lost his zeal for the Gospel, his love of his Lord or his heart-felt compassion for the poor. The quote above is an extract from his last public address given on May 9th, 1912.

Lighthouse Mission is fighting — and it is a fight — in Whatcom County for the poor men, women and children who are capable of changing their lives with the right support. Local cars have better housing than the homeless children we see daily. Please help us erect the new women's and children's shelter so desperately needed locally. Check it out at www.newagapehome.com and fight with us to make the Agape Home Expansion happen. You'll be glad you did!

Beauty for Benefits Fundraiser

On Saturday, August 30 Bellingham's Imagine Hair Salon and other salon's who are a part of Whatcom Hair and Nail Network (WHNN) put on a fundraiser for our Agape Home, as well as another local nonprofit, Rebound of Whatcom County.



They offered haircuts, manicures, and facials for a 20 dollar suggested donation for each service. Hagen donated hot dogs and water to be sold at the event. This fundraiser brought in over 800 dollars for the Agape Home. Thank you Imagine Hair Salon, WHNN, and Hagen for all the hard work of putting on this fundraiser!

Fairhaven Fitness will be doing a fundraiser for us this November. Contact them if you are interested in participating. If you want to do a fundraiser for the Mission or Agape Home call Susan at (360) 671-1562.

5 Reasons

Why you should help people who are homeless

- 1: Everyone deserves a Thanksgiving meal
 - 2: A meal at the Mission is a step towards a changed life
 - 3: Helping others makes you feel good
 - 4: You will be helping the homeless in a productive way.
 - 5: We cant do it without you!
- Thank your for your love and support!**

Your Prayerful Support Has Provided These Services

January - August 2008

BED NIGHTS PROVIDED

The Mission	19,402
New Life Center	1,902
Agape Women's Home	2,995
Total Bed Nights	24,259

MEALS PROVIDED

The Mission	31,273
Agape Women's Home	8,865
Community Meals	26,167
Total Meals	66,305

MY FALL GIFT

Yes, Ron, I want to help provide food and shelter during these colder Fall days and throughout the year. **Here is my gift of:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Please accept my credit card donation: (please print)

Card Type _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____

Account # _____



I am interested in learning about including **Lighthouse Mission Foundation** in my estate planning.

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All donor information is confidential. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

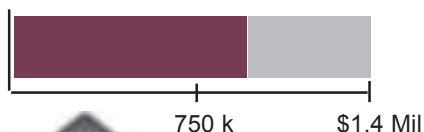
Agape Walk 2008



Just under 20 teams registered to walk, and numerous individuals gave their support. The Walk went off without a hitch; it was a good time to visit, play games, listen to music and rejoice about what God is doing through Lighthouse Mission Ministries.

This family fun event was able to raise more than \$ 10,000 for the new Agape Home! Thank you for your support of the Agape Walk! Get ready for next year; it will be the best yet!

We have a little over half of the money raised for Agape 2008! Please continue to help us while we work to meet the needs of women and children in our community!



■ Given (\$950 K)
■ Need (\$ 1.4 Mil)

Double your Dollars

If you contribute to Lighthouse Mission or Agape Home, through payroll deduction or by writing a check, your employer might just double the amount of your gift!

Ask your Human Resources if they have a matching gift program. Then just send the necessary paperwork to us and we will take it from there!

Some businesses who recently supported in this way:

- Alcoa Primary Metals Intalco
- Anvil Corporation
- Bank of America
- BD Matching Gifts
- BP Foundation
- ExxonMobil Foundation
- Puget Sound Energy
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Memorials and Gift Designations

Memorial and honor donations are gladly accepted here. When you send in your memorial gift, just include the name of the deceased as well as the name and address of their next of kin, if you would like us to send them a card.

Honor gifts are much the same. Just include the name and address of who is being honored. We will send them a card.

Donations can be designated in any way you wish, just write a note in the memo portion of the check. Send your check to: PO Box 548, Bellingham, WA, 98227.

The Mission and Agape Home aren't on the United Way list, but you can designate your gifts to the United Way to be used for the Mission or Agape Home.

Fall Events



Free Public Dessert Socials all beginning at 6:30 p.m.

- October 20, Grace Lutheran Church, 702 G Street, Blaine
- October 21, Summit Park Church, 12700 Thompson Rd., Anacortes
- October 22, Lighthouse Mission Drop-In Center, 1013 W. Holly St., Bellingham
- October 23, Birch Bay Bible Community Church, 7039 Jackson Rd., Blaine
- October 24, Sumas Christian Reformed Church, 700 Sumas Avenue, Sumas

Sweat 24 at Fairhaven Fitness

- November 2-231, 800 McKenzie Ave., Bellingham (Contact Fairhaven Fitness for info)

Thanksgiving Holiday Meal 12-2 p.m.

- November 28, Assumption gym (Call Marky to volunteer: 733-5120 Ext 107)

Call Susan Sutton at 360-671-1562, or check out our events page on our website (www.thelighthousemission.org) for more information. We 're looking forward to seeing there!



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In Memory Of:

- Agnes Mead
- Andy Koster
- Arthur Hanson
- Barbara Garcia
- Bill Hatch
- Cecil Alvord
- Clarissa Kathleen Simpson
- David Kuyper
- Dennis Hindman
- Elvera Bair
- Eugene Richard Hoekema
- Frederick Anthony Veroske
- John A. Karber
- Leon Bloom
- Lewis Eugene "Lew" Hovde
- Maxine Kraft
- Oliver Hanson
- Phyllis Davis
- Raymond MacDonald, D.C.
- Renier James Elenbaas
- Robert H. Pattee
- Ronald Lind
- Ruth Tieman
- Sherry Gray
- Steve Poteet
- Thomas Vavrosky
- Tuenis Bode

When the time comes to honor a loved one, why not remember those who are in need. A monetary gift to the Lighthouse Mission in memory of your loved one who has passed away, or in honor of a loved one, is an appropriate way to do this. We will send a card of notification to the family, or individual, if requested.

A Tribute To:

- "Bob" of ABF Trucking
- Margaret Berthold- 92nd Birthday



**WESTERN FAMILY
 REBATE**

The Western Family Rebate program continues to bring needed revenue to the Lighthouse Mission and Agape Home for Women and Children.

For each Western Family label donated, the Mission receives one cent. That may not sound like much, but it adds up.

There is a wonderful volunteer who processes the labels that are sent in. So keep those labels coming.

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Mission Statement:

*For the glory of God,
 Lighthouse Mission Ministries
 desires to minister to needy
 men, women and children
 through the provision of com-
 passionate resources and
 services in the Name of Jesus
 Christ.*