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tragedy, love, loyalty, romance, of meaning in a drop of language," Greeks were prone to call it, "An ocean other themes in so short a space. As the sociology, human welfare, and so many for himself. There are travel, adventure, overcoming the problems man makes that short history of the grace of God in character, **Ruth**. So much is contained in book that bears the name of its main doubt familiar with the Bible's first "short story." It is contained in the little Most of you are no

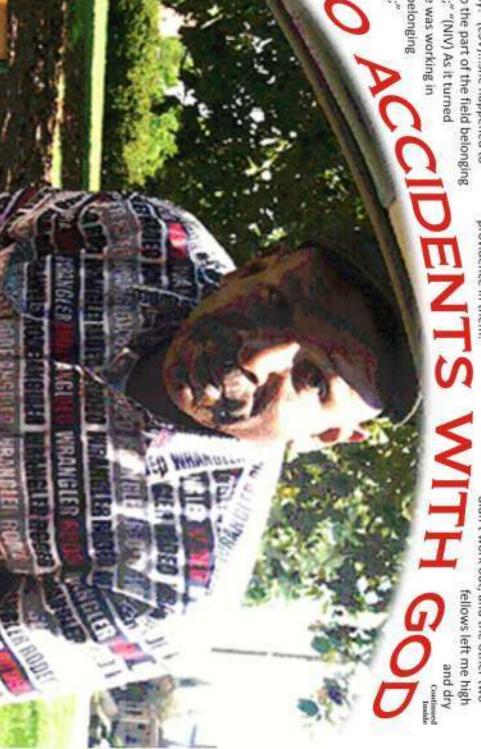
a field belonging out, she was working in to Boaz;" "(NIV) As it turned come to the part of the field belonging variously: "(ESV)...she happened to several translations it is rendered in the second chapter (verse 3). In casual reader's attention is found early One phrase that might escape the

> write several hundred years later). and He made her path straight (as a makes it look quite like "happenstance' descendant of hers [Solomon] would she landed there; she trusted the Lord indeed in the providence of God that Ruth to that particular field. It was was no accident of geography that led sovereignty of God understand that it Spirit's intent! Those who know of the Boaz. That certainly was not the Holy that Ruth went to glean in the field of belonging unto Boaz." The language hap was to light on a part of the field

related to the Rescue Mission (and to providence in them each other) have similar hints of Two twenty-first century stories

> Newport News." He began his story like back three of us came to Newport News to look for work in the shipyard. It this, "Danville is my home, but a while "I know you; I stayed at your place in might have known each other, he said, our surprise. When I asked how we referred to me as "Reverend," quite to the route we should take, he casually meeting" began. As he was describing ask directions, and the "providential gentleman walking down the street to we could not find it. We hailed a directed us toward a walking path, but we wanted to take a walk. A sign on a Saturday afternoon in April, and Barbara and I were in Danville, VA

didn't work out, and the other two fellows left me high



providing she la Rescue Mission exists for the purposes of aiding the poor and needy, ter for the homeless, and sharing Christ with those who seek the same. His people to support this ministry!! It's because you obeyed!! simple: in order to eat breakfast you must attend chapel. Since mealtimes at PRM are a highlight, the morning chapel services are of the One who offers them the ultimate freedom!! to happen first and then chapel. I'm quite certain chapel would be sparsely attended, and men would not hear not require that they attend our chapel (religious) service before being allowed to eat it. Breakfast would have simple....The Gospel is too important!! If federal dollars purchased the food that our men eat then we could many of the federal programs that would financially assist an organization like ours. The answer is almost perfectly attended. we have a morning chapel service Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM. Breakfast follows at 8:30. The longstanding rule is freedom to which I am referring is the freedom to share the gospel openly and without apology or shame! As you probably know we so often take for granted. high price. Our servicemen & women (past and present) deserve our respect and gratitude for their part in preserving the freedoms require men to attend chapel since we are a private organization. Over the years many folks have asked why we don't apply for So how is it that we have this amazing freedom? It's because God impresses upon the hearts of I am also very grateful for the freedom that we enjoy at PRM...and I never want to take this freedom for granted either!! The You see, since the Rescue Mission's founding in 1966 sharing the Gospel has been the most important thing we do. We can

As we approach July 4" we will, in various ways, celebrate the freedom that is ours as Americans. This freedom came at a

effort to ensure that our residents hear about Jesus while they are here!! We never wish to manipulate men or force the Gospel upon them, but we will make every

you for the freedom that each of you helps to provide -So, while reflecting on our freedoms, I want to thank

the news of the Savior of the the freedom to continue to proclaim

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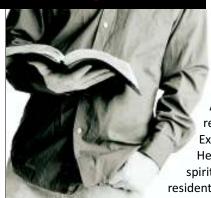
Memorials That Live to Serve Others

In Memory of	Given by
Alvin Justice	Brenda Robbins
Aunt Mary Oliver	William Whitaker
Beth Snyder	
Bishop John H. Bowser	
Carl J. Jester	-
Charlie Moore	
Chester & Margaret Baity	<u> </u>
Emma Moore	
Frances Howard Hall	
Dick Douglas	
Donald Blackwell	_
Doug Connell	
Dr. R. Furman Kenny	
Dr. Timothy E. Evans	
Ed Keesee	
Elmer Keatts	•
Harry Snyder	•
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Jim & Pat Langley	
June Mabry Burton	
J.W. Jones	•
Kristie L. McCrary	
Larry Emerson	
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Linda Spiker	
May Chamberlain	-
Owen Tazewell Reed	
Paul Adams	
R. L. Croom Jr	
Rachel Scouse	
Richard Clarke	
Rob Pullen	
Roger C. Rogers	George & Pat Summerfield
Ronnie Cook	
Roy Duckett	Alma Duckett
Stephen Neel	Tim & Kim DeBusk
Sue Walker Edwards	Mary Dame Broad
Susan, Dot, Shirley, Irene,	
Lou, Joanne, & Nita	•
Tazewell O. Reed	Charlotte P. Reed
Tom Rowe	
Woodrow & Carolyn Smith	Bob & Trish Williams

Worthy of Honor

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Deer Park Baptist Church	. Anonymous
Emerson Family Calvary Classical Ch	ristian School
Faith DeFriese, Joshua, James, & Joseph Marvin 8	Linda Hoffler
Jenn LathamChi	ristine Latham
Joshua Galli, 11th Birthday Pap	oa & Grandma
Karen, Kathi, & Robin	. Judith Davis
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Accepting Résumés



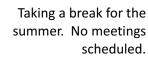
upcoming retirement and Rev. DeFriese's assuming the role of Executive Superintendent, PRM is accepting résumés for the position of Assistant Superintendent. The Assistant Superintendent reports directly to the Executive Superintendent. He is responsible for offering spiritual guidance to the PRM residents and program men as well

In light of Rev. Poteat's

as supervision of the PRM staff. Other responsibilities include maintaining

safety and security of all facilities, managing building and vehicle maintenance, and various other tasks necessary to support the day-to-day operation of PRM. He must be a man of strong Christian character. He will work with the Executive Superintendent and the Board of Directors to maintain the spiritual health and well being of PRM and to carry out its Mission to reach the least, the last, and the lost. If you or someone you know meets the basic qualifications and there is interest, please email résumés to: resumes@prm.info.

July & August



Pray for Camp Open Arms.





Pillows and Blankets

In my 14 years at PRM we have never replaced all of our pillows. As you can imagine most are in bad shape. We have 62 beds at PRM and would love to put new pillows on all of them. We also have trouble with our blankets disappearing – residents take them as they leave. We would love to put new blankets on all of the beds as well. Twin sized microfleece blankets work really well! Thank you for helping meet a really large need!! Alan <><

with no money and no transportation!
There I stood, all alone in a huge parking lot, wondering what I was going to do. Where would I sleep? What would I eat? Would I be safe?

I looked up, and there was a sign that said 'Rescue Mission.' I walked in, and you folks took care of me until I could get on my feet and get back home."

As it turns out, Mr. Jason Murray stayed with us for almost nine weeks. That comes out to 62 nights' lodging, over 120 meals, some laundry care, lots of showers, and not a few chapel services! Now he is back in his home town, and it was clear that he is a happy individual. It was no accident that his friends left him in a parking lot adjacent to the Peninsula Rescue Mission. Nor did it just happen that Barbara and I took that particular exit off Hiway 86 South looking for a walking path to stretch our legs. Mr. Murray needed to

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say "thank you" one more time, and we needed a story to lift our spirits and remind us of the value of the ministry God has given us.

Nor is it by mere chance that you are

reading these words. Perhaps you needed a reminder of the value of your support in gifts, prayer, and volunteering with us here at PRM. And I needed another chance to thank you for your assistance in all those and other ways. No, Ruth didn't just "happen" to glean in the field of Boaz; God sent her there. And God sent Jason Murray to us as surely as He directed our path to encounter him over 200 miles from where we first met five years ago this month. What a thrill it is to serve a God Who is intimately involved in our lives, Who guides us in seemingly insignificant things to accomplish great ends. Truly, there are **NO ACCIDENTS** WITH GOD!



Experience Israel

Would you like to "Experience Israel" in 2014? Lindsay & Barbara Poteat are taking a tour group in late February and early March. Call or email them for information. It is the trip of a lifetime for a believer! When a person visits Israel, the Bible takes on a new dimension. The black and white text takes on color, and the flat page becomes three-dimensional. Visit the Land of the Bible, and be assured that "you'll never be the same!" This will be the Poteat's 16th trip to the Holy Land. Come join them.

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Malachi 3:6: "I, the LORD, do not change..." - "Change and decay in all around I see; O, Thou Who changest not, abide with me." Those words, written by Henry Lyte a century before my birth, are as applicable to the world scene now as they were then. In fact, if Mr. Lyte could see the current rapid rate of change, he would be overwhelmed! Here is some of the history of change at PRM. 1966 - the Mission is founded under Rev. Jim Lindley as the Peninsula Division of Norfolk's Union Gospel Mission. 1972 - having come "of age," autonomy is granted, and the name becomes "Peninsula Rescue Mission." 1983 - Rev. Lindley is called home to heaven, and Rev. Poteat is called to carry on the ministry. 1999 - Alan DeFriese joins the ministry team and is groomed to lead. 2013 - 2014 - Rev. Poteat steps back from the leadership role and moves (January, 2014) into a part-time support position. Rev. DeFriese becomes the third Executive Superintendent of the Peninsula Rescue Mission.

So, with all this change over these nearly 50 years of ministry, what are some of the **constants** that undergird the work.

There is, of course, the unchanging need. People will always need Christ, and as He said to the disciples, "The poor you have with you always, and whenever you will, you may do them good." The need goes also deep into the soul of mankind, and people need the Lord! Then there is the unchanging Word of God. Whatever else we do, we will ever sound forth the message of God from Scripture. Nothing else can change a person from the inside out. We have an unchanging task before us to provide goods and the gospel for the needy. For over 47 years this ministry has lent a helping hand to bodies and souls of the needy. While many things have changed, we continue to serve nourishing meals, provide comfortable beds, and share the life-changing truths of God's Word. The same unchanging God who led Jim Lindley here and provided for his watch has done that for Rev. Poteat, and He will continue to undergird Rev. DeFriese as he steps up to carry on the work. As we have always done, so now we count on the help of your unceasing prayer for our ministry. We are grateful for every "constant" in a very "inconstant" world and age. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither

turning."
(James 1:17)

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Superintendent's Corner - A Year of Transition - Part 4