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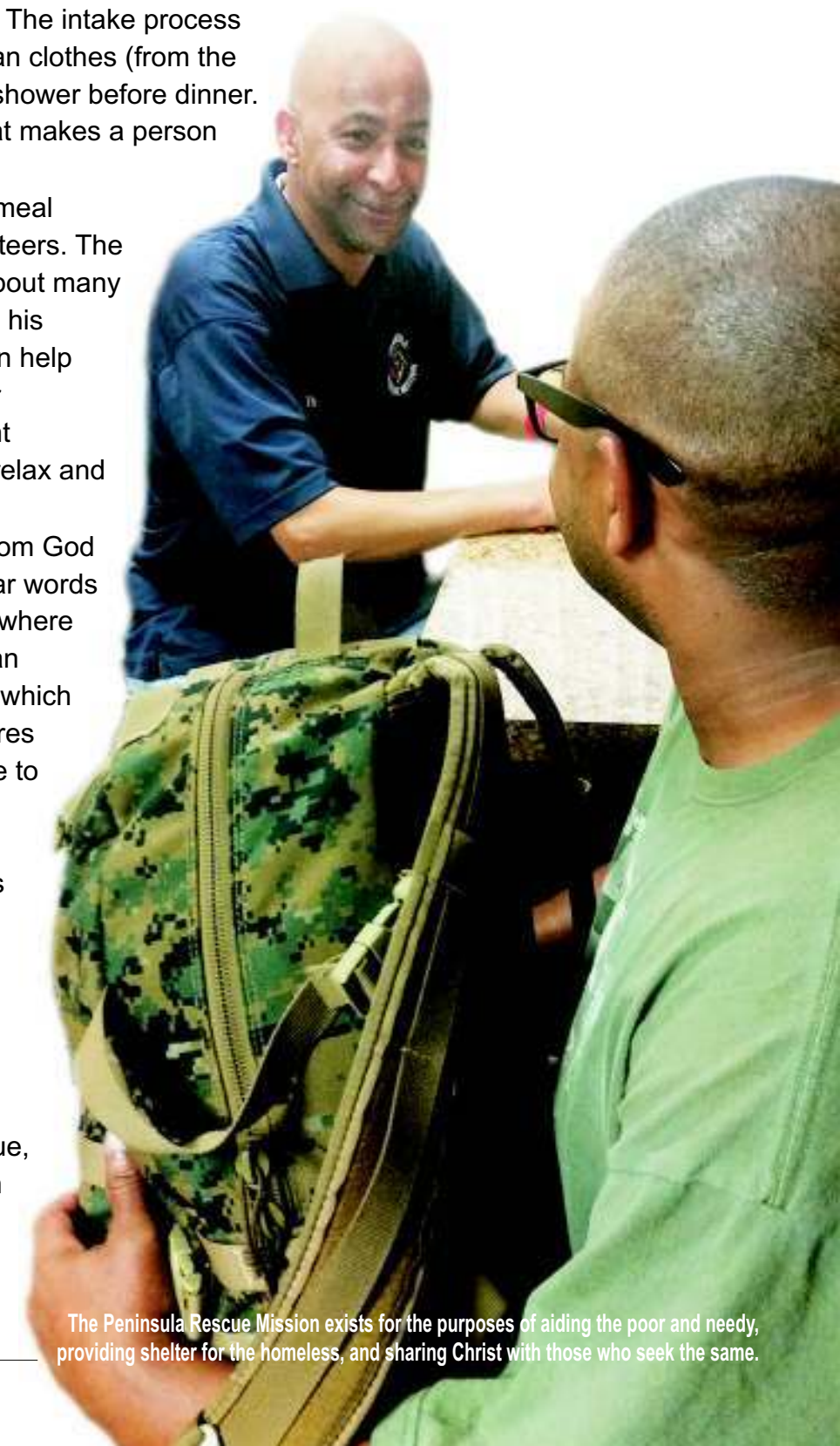
A Smile & A Kind Word

It is not the best day in a man's life when he shows up at the door of our shelter, but we hope the day gets better quickly. A WARM SMILE AND A KIND WORD greet him at the front door. The intake process concludes with a bedroll, the offer of clean clothes (from the skin out), and the opportunity for a nice shower before dinner. There's something about being clean that makes a person feel better about themselves.

Next comes a delicious, nourishing meal prepared by our staff or a group of volunteers. The conversation around the table may be about many things, but a man finds he is not alone in his circumstance. We find that "company can help minimize misery." A comfortable chair for watching TV or a cool breeze on the front benches gives a chance for tensions to relax and burdens to feel lighter.

Then comes the morning - a word from God in the chapel service, perhaps the familiar words and tune of an old hymn, can give hope where hope was lost. Breakfast is followed by an introductory interview for newcomers, in which the resident finds that someone truly cares about what's happening to him. A chance to tell his story often helps puts things in perspective - seen in the light of that conversation, maybe things don't look as bleak as they seemed.

In that meeting, the gospel is almost always shared, and the homeless man hears about a permanent home in heaven and a God Who truly loves him - so much that He sent a Savior to rescue him from sin and hell. The smiles continue, and the kindest of words can put them in a good frame of mind for the day, and perhaps for time and eternity. We are blessed to be here to share A SMILE AND A KIND WORD.



The Peninsula Rescue Mission exists for the purposes of aiding the poor and needy, providing shelter for the homeless, and sharing Christ with those who seek the same.

A Note from Alan - A Morning Visit

Alan DeFriese, *Superintendent*

I recently visited with three men who had checked into PRM the night before. At the end of our fairly short meeting I challenged each of the men to use their time at PRM to seek the Lord. We understand that none of these men planned on ending up in a shelter. However, a circumstance like this can often cause men to begin asking big questions about life - and we always want to be there with the the Word of God and the Gospel to help provide answers to life's big questions!

As our meeting wrapped up, one of the men asked if he could stay longer and talk with me. This large man was well dressed, articulate, and wore a neatly trimmed flat-top haircut. When we were alone, he began to share a little bit of his story.

As a licensed realtor he has done very well in years past. He recalled accepting the Lord when he was 8 or 9 years old. However, he wept as he described his pattern of living with women to whom he was not married. He knew it was wrong but found ways to justify his decisions. Over time these bad decisions took their toll, and he lost everything. He said, "I now spend my days helping people find new homes, while I don't have a home myself."

I was impressed that he took full responsibility for his circumstance. He has reached the point where he never wants to go back down that path again. He knows God has a better plan, and he is willing to wait on Him. For now, he simply wants to get back on his feet, to be able to support himself, and to walk with the Lord.

He cried some more as we prayed to finish out our meeting. I am so thankful that God is not finished with us when we choose badly. I am also thankful for the unique way He works in the life of men who find their way to PRM.



Mission Needs.



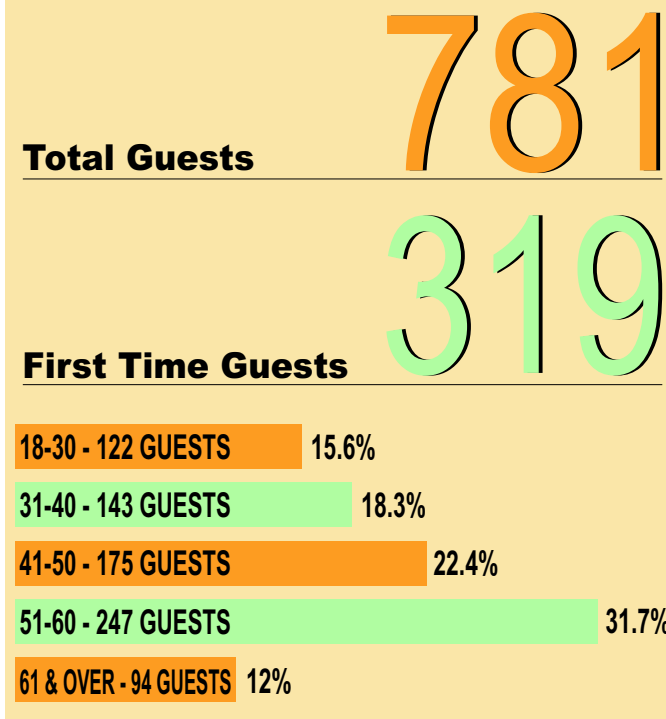
Camp Open Arms 2016 has come to a close, but it's not too late for you to be a part! First, pray for the kids as they take their new or strengthened faith into a difficult world. Secondly, we can still use your financial support to fully fund camp, you can donate online or mail a check. Finally, look for next month's special COA newsletter! Thank you for making it all possible!

MEMORIALS that live.

In Memory of...	Given by...
Alice Newell Bull	Lee Bull
Barbara Hudgins	Doris Lassiter
Betty Nobles	L.R. Nobles
Beulah Kaiser	Denbigh Christian Church
Bob Faison	Sheryal Moore
Calvin D. Haywood	Nancy Fenton
Claude Tatman	Marilyn Carol Jones
Daniel Autry	Shirley Autry
Donald Blackwell	Constance Blackwell
Donna Taylor	Frank & Marguerite Allario
Doug Connell	Arlene Connell
Edna Hamby	Betty Neher
George Coltrain	Parlie McCrary
Grady Hatchett	Shirley Hatchett
Jeanette Harris	Julia Talbert
Jim Cross	Betty Cross
Jim Faris	Betty Cross
Jim Faris	Dad & Mom
John W. Dawson	Christine D. Latham
Joyce F. Blasingame	Nancy Fenton
Lerelene Jones	Anna Nash
Lloyd R. "Sonny" Sorenson	Nancy Fenton
Lorraine Ingram	Barbara Kephart
Lorraine Ingram	Beverly Strickland
Lorraine Ingram	Jerry & Sandy Morgon
Lorraine Ingram	John & Michelle Twigg
Lorraine Ingram	Karen O'Leary
Lorraine Ingram	Margery Stallings
Lorraine Ingram	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Cole

Mission Stats.

The following statistics indicate the homeless guest occupancy of the Mission, July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.



Worthy of HONOR.

In Honor of...	Given by...
Bethany & Eric Vick	Pamela Milliken
Dave, Father's Day	Andrea Ross
Eric & Bethany Vick	Rachel Ferrell
Father's Day	Calvary Baptist Church
Judy Means	Brenda & Sherri
Marie Adams	Morning Glories of Menchville Baptist
Mary Joyner, Birthday	Margaret-Ann Phillips
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Hertzler, 50th Anniversary	Nancy Fenton

In Memory of...	Given by...
Lorraine Ingram	Paige & Hester Ingram
Lorraine Ingram	Robert Laufer
Lorraine Ingram	Ruth Walker
Lorraine Ingram	The Laufer Insurance Agency
Mary Anne Parker	Hope SS Class of Menchville Baptist
Mary Shepard	Elizabeth Whistler
Mother's 100th Birthday	Vince & Nancy Snidow
Mrs. C. Headrick	Marjorie Lambert
Otis Edwards	Janice Edwards
Paul L. Means	Judy Means & Family
Ralph Johnson	Linda Johnson
Randolph & Lorraine Keene	Karen Keene
Richard Clarke	Mary Clarke
Rob Pullen	Mom & Teri
Robert Crasno	Paige Ingram
Ted Cross	Betty Cross
Ted Cross	Jimmy & Bettie Faris
Wayne & Pearl Johnson	Karen Keene

Blake's Block - Your Support Matters

Blake O'Brien, Director of Thrift Store Ministries

There are many days in a given month that our truck looks like the picture shows: full! This particular picture shows the truck full of fixtures from a store going out of business that a generous couple donated to the Rescue Mission. Those fixtures will be used in the thrift store so that we can display more items to sell. I talk to people every day who do not know how much their donations of



items mean to the mission. Along the same lines, we appreciate the customers who purchase items from our store. Many people are not aware that every penny made at the thrift store stays in-house to pay expenses, keep our doors open, and helps us continue to be able to share Christ with everyone that comes our way. The thrift store also offers a positive and productive work environment for the men participating in our Overcomers Program. In short, your donation, whether it ends up on our truck, or is in another form, is much appreciated, and it goes a long way to help others. Thank you for your continued prayers!



John's Journey - Fear Not

John Twigg, Assistant Superintendent

President Franklin Roosevelt famously said "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself" during his first inauguration. He continued the sentence by defining fear as "nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

During a recent chapel I shared with the men from Isaiah 41:10 where he commands us to "fear not." I believe Isaiah and FDR are describing the same thing - the variety of fear that grips us, takes our eyes off the Lord, and keeps us from trusting Him. That morning we celebrated Isaiah's promise that God will be with us, strengthen us, help us, and uphold us. This is how we fear not - through His strength and not our own.

An after-chapel conversation with Patrick, a first-time guest at PRM, gave me insight into the life of a young Christian man



living out this very command. He shared about the many losses in his life, from losing his freedom, his job, and his home, to withdrawing from a promising college career when he could not afford to buy food. In the face of these challenges he has continued to rely on God and not allow fear to send him into retreat.

Patrick is very thankful to be at PRM, where he can rest safely and be renewed in his walk with the Lord. Thank you for the support that makes this possible!

