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CONGRATULATIONS, KITO!

Kito will graduate from our Life Change program this month after an incredible year of transformation.

He will leave the mission with valuable job skills, the support of the mission, increased knowledge of the Bible, and most importantly - **a changed life.**

His next goal is to get involved in ministry, and he has already taken the first step by enrolling in Global University's Berean School of the Bible.

Thank you to all of those who have given their love and support to Kito during his year here!



Kito, performing at the 2010 banquet



Heroes Subs at Work

Changing lives one lunch at a time

It's just another ordinary day at the World Vision Café in Federal Way, WA. The cash register rings up orders, the smell of home-made soup wafts through the air, and food sizzles on the grill as employees come in and out to grab a quick bite to eat before heading back to work.

But the men working behind the counter are anything but ordinary. Mike and Kito are part of the Bread of Life Mission's Heroes program, a social enterprise business that offers box lunches and catering services, as well as being the sole provider of breakfast and lunch to World Vision's approximately 800 employees.

Not much more than a year ago, both Mike and Kito were living on the streets of Seattle without jobs, a place to call home, or even a secure area to store their few belongings. They were on a downward spiral and didn't know where to turn until they made a decision that turned their lives around.

They enrolled in Bread of Life's Life Change program and after a long road of recovery, counseling, and accountability training they ended up in the World Vision Café working for Heroes. It was here they gained beneficial work and relational skills, self-confidence, and new opportunities to help them transition back in to productive society and break the cycle of homelessness.

"I'm proud of being able to make something that people want and appreciate," says Kito. "I've learned a lot about food service I didn't know before, and the best part is that this all happens in an uplifting and encouraging environment."



Mike Walton, working hard and gaining valuable work skills at the World Vision Café.



"Everyone in the program should get a chance to work here. The people at World Vision really care about and invest in the Heroes guys," says Mike.

And this is not just a one-way street. According to Yvonne Grissom, Facilities Services Manager for World Vision, **"I get great joy in watching the men transform during their stay here at World Vision and seeing them move on to successes in life. They are also a blessing to us. We have gained new friends and at the same time are helping those in need."**

Heroes was started in 2003 and has been partnering with World Vision in their café since October of 2009. All proceeds go directly back to the Bread of Life Mission and are reinvested in education and training initiatives, housing support, and other critical services for the homeless.

- www.heroessubsseattle.com -

The worst of winter may be behind us and spring is on its way, but for those seeking help at the mission **the need for shelter and warm meals continues.**



Men and women come to the mission **7 days a week, 365 days a year** and we are committed to meeting their needs each and every day. However, this would not be possible without the love and support of our caring donors.

We would be so grateful if you could partner with us again and **provide help, healing, and opportunities for new life** to Seattle's neediest neighbors.

Shelter for a day costs **\$15.14**

Shelter for two days costs **\$30.28**

Shelter for a week costs **\$105.98**



Dear Friends,

The Easter season can be a strange time. While some are busy with festivities celebrating eggs and bunnies, others are rejoicing over the promise of Jesus' empty tomb. What a contrast!

This may seem strange to some, but the Christian celebration of the resurrection is inextricably bound to the worldly celebration of Easter. Even the King James translators once used the word "Easter" in reference to the Passover, which is all encompassing of what we celebrate at Easter – the triumph of the cross.

Because Jesus triumphed on the cross, the plan of salvation that began in Genesis was finished. Genesis 3 tells us that the "seed" of the woman, being Jesus, shall crush the head of the serpent. We are saved because of the blood of Jesus, not by human merit.

John writes, "You were slain and have redeemed us to God by your blood." (Revelation 5:9) When the Prince of Glory shouted, "It is finished!" (John 19:30) I became royalty, and so did you. We were adopted into the family of God.

The royal blood of heaven is flowing in our veins. We have the power and authority of Jesus' name to act as ambassadors of the living God. We need to act like it, seek like it, and talk like it.

We also have everlasting life. If there were no other message to the gospel than this, it would make this the most exciting message in all of human history.

Which reminds me of the song – "Because He Lives."

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone
And life is worth living, just because He lives.*

This is why we continue to reach out to our overnight guests, program residents, and all who come to our door – because he lives!

God bless you,

Willie Parish, Jr.
Executive Director

**He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you.**

Matthew 28: 6-7



Volunteer Spotlight by Paul Morris

I started volunteering at the mission in September of 2010 after hearing their Executive Director speak at my church. The mission sounded like a fantastic place, and I wanted to be a part of something like that.

This happened at a time in my life when I felt like God was moving me to help those in need. **People who struggled with crime and addictions had always been near to my heart, as I had been homeless and in prison 18 years ago.** Through Jesus Christ I was given a new life and able to overcome my past. I saw my life blessed and restored beyond belief.

Volunteering has given me an opportunity to serve others and live out my faith as an example of what God can do through a person's life.

I brought my wife and children to serve at the mission on Thanksgiving. Watching my kids as they gave out hugs, made new friends, and interacted with the guests was a reminder to live life more like them, because they don't judge and have stereotypes. **Every guest who comes through those doors is someone's son or daughter, and they matter every bit as much as my own kids.**

Paul and his family have been a wonderful blessing to the mission. They volunteer regularly during the week and have also helped out for many special events.



Paul Morris, volunteering with his family on Thanksgiving in 2010



Bread of Life's All Stars

The mission would like to thank **Redeeming Soles, West Seattle Christian Church**, and everybody who donated gifts this past Christmas. The items were much-needed and very appreciated by all our guests and program men.



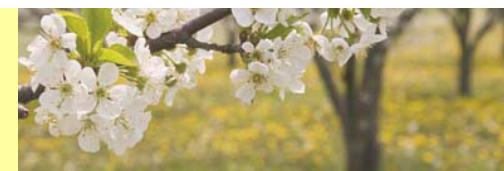
West Seattle Christian Church donated 100 new, wrapped blankets, jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves.



Redeeming Soles

Redeeming Soles donated approximately 100 pairs of new and lightly-used shoes.

And a **BIG thank you** to everyone else who helped meet all our guests' and clients' needs this winter season!



Spring Needs List

Commercial clothing racks

Ice machine

Coffee

Plastic coffee cups

Creamer

Sugar

Men's and women's jeans

Hygiene items

Interested in donating any of these items? Contact Katie at katieb@breadoflifemission.org or 206-682-3579, ext 108.