

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Newsletter

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Annual Report for 2011

'I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Corinthians 1:4

The year of 2011 has passed rather rapidly and many would say that this is because of it being a full year, a busy year. We can validate and support that being the case. Over the course of the year we have reached many lives with a meal. Many have entered our doors for only a short time while others have come to us consistently each week to receive a daily meal that will sustain, support and provide for them. We are most grateful for their being a part of our lives.

There are some who were merely passing through in an effort to get somewhere else. In some cases it was just down the highway to the next place, while others were caught without the resources needed to go home again. We were fortunate enough to help them get back on the road whether through a Greyhound bus or connecting them with someone traveling in the same direction. God was intentional in putting us as the means of connecting people together.

During 2011 we served 253 of the 365 days, with 39,502 trays, averaging just over 3,290 people each month. We have assisted people with clothing needs due to generous donations of clothing, bearing no cost to the recipients. Referrals to services in the community have been more common and we see people making decisions to improve their situations. Access to the Lima News helped them to be informed of their community and matters of importance to them. Some of our patrons were linked with orientation on enrollment for attending Rhodes State College.

Congregations have played a significant role in assisting us in the lesser thought of items (i.e., cups, napkins, garbage bag liners, etc.), which is a blessing that our budget feels throughout the year, as we manage on the gracious donations of so many. There are steadfast contributors who provide their tithe regularly which sustains and assures us of covering our costs effectively. We also receive generous contributions from foundations, estates, individuals, and congregations that give us the ability to cover the utilities and payroll for both Scott (Site Manager) and Stephen (Executive Director). Just as Jesus spoke of the woman who gave all of her 'want' in contributing the two copper coins, we value each and every gift as if it came from God above.

During the year of 2011 our financial support through Direct Public Grants accounted for 43% of our income contributions, while 56% of our support came through Direct Public Support. Our success in being provided some grants this year through local foundations was of tremendous help to us. Likewise the local individual and corporate support received throughout the year has been a true blessing. We are encouraged

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by the support of this community and region that has demonstrated that their belief in what we are doing each day has value and significance in the lives of those we serve.

Just as important as a location by which to minister to people and the means of supplies to minister to people would be the multitude of hands and feet that assist in serving them. Churches from all over the region have come from near and far to assist each day in a rotating schedule of being in the kitchen and dining room. Their regularity and commitment to helping us is invaluable and priceless. We encourage our partnerships with these congregations to remain communicative and would offer that we are available to share throughout the year the events that transpire within the operation of the kitchen with your congregation. Contact us if you would like this made available for your church.

Wish List

Paper Towels	Napkins	Tin Foil	Saran Wrap
Noodles	Mayonnaise	Salad Dressing	Prayer
Canned Fruits and Vegetables		Ream(s) of Paper	or
HP 56 Printer Cartridge (Black or Color)			*Bold are with a greater need

"if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10

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