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Jericho Road  
Ministries Inc.

# NEWS *from the Road*

May/June 2010

*"I was a stranger and you took me in."*



## New Community Service Program

Here at the Mission jobs are few to come by for our clients. With unemployment in the double digits throughout the state and in our county, clients are finding it very difficult to find jobs. With over qualified applicants our clients find themselves after time at a disadvantage. Those clients with criminal records find employers not even wanting to take an application from them. Starting a new life has its challenges.

As a result, the leadership here at Jericho Road decided to launch a new program we are calling "Jericho Community Services." This program will employ clients and put them to work maintaining our Mission properties and working for individuals and businesses in our county. This program will begin with Jericho funding but will draw additional support from those who utilize Jericho Community Services for their maintenance needs.

In this issue of News from the Road you will find a complete listing of services we are offering. Please pray for us that God will provide our program the necessary resources to be a success for these clients and a benefit to our community.

In His Service,  
*Pastor Bruce*  
Pastor Bruce



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### PURPOSE STATEMENT

- To lovingly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the emotionally, economically and spiritually impoverished.
- To demonstrate our love by responding to basic physical and emotional needs.
- To promote spiritual growth, characterized by a productive and changed life.
- To provide assistance for individuals and families in need of short-term shelter, in order to help them regain self-sufficiency in our community.

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## Community Services Residential & Commercial

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Mowing                         | Fence Repairs          |
| Tree Trimming                  | Local Moving           |
| Pruning                        | Construction Cleanup   |
| Mulching                       | Painting               |
| Landscaping                    | Haul Debris            |
| Pressure Wash                  | Clean Gutters          |
| Mobile Homes<br>Drives & Walks | Parking Lot Vacuum     |
|                                | Office & Home Cleaning |

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# GOOD SAMARITAN

FROM NORMAL TO NIGHTMARE, BUT  
GOD WAS NOT THROUGH WITH ME



My name is Matt; I'm 22 years old. I had a pretty normal childhood. I had a loving family who cared a great deal about me. Everything about my life seemed to be going in the right direction.

After high school and boot camp, I started using pills and my life began a nightmarish spiral downward. I always felt like something was missing so I tried to fill the void with girls and drugs.

I came to Jericho in September of 2009 a broken man in every aspect imaginable. On that day, I realized I needed a change at the very essence of who I was. Every day since has been a step in the right direction. Thanks to the Lord, the fog has been lifted from my eyes and I can finally see clearly.

Psalm 51:3 says, "For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me." With the Lords help I look forward to growing from my past. With the spiritual guidance from the staff of Jericho, and my family, I'm looking forward to any challenge the Lord sets before me. I want to thank everyone for not giving up on me. ■

God bless everyone,  
Matt Corelli



## THE SEED TAKES ROOT!

Although the recovery program at Jericho requires a minimum of eleven months to complete not all clients will graduate. Some leave because they are unable to make the required commitment to change, others because of employment opportunities; still others because of pressing family issues. However, the vast majority leaves because their addiction continues to wield vast power over their lives. It is discouraging when a client leaves before completing the program but we know that God continues His transforming work, even if a client leaves for the wrong reasons.

A case in point happened recently when two former clients stopped by to thank Jericho staff members for the help and instruction they received while in our program. Each of these men had returned to their addictive behavior almost immediately after leaving our shelter. However, both found themselves so convicted by their behavior, they realized the only hope for them was to fall on the mercy of God and rely on His power to save them from the demons that were destined to destroy them. In both cases, they fell back on the lessons learned at Jericho and as a result, have been able to maintain sobriety for an extended period of time. Each has resumed daily prayer, Bible study and each attends church regularly. In addition, for one of them, God has brought healing to a broken family and led them to a new and godly relationship.

In the parable of the sower described in the thirteenth chapter of the book of Matthew, we learn that the seed is the word of God. Many times that seed may fall on fallow ground; however, we must always remember that God is the One who prepares the soil for the seed. As in nature, not all seeds germinate at the same time. Many times the seed doesn't take root until one faces a crisis in faith, such as happened with our two former clients. Our responsibility as rescue workers is to remain faithful to our calling. We must sow the seed. God prepares the soil and reaps the harvest.

Experience has taught us that no one is beyond redemption, even those who have not been successful during their time with us. As the old saying goes, "some plant, others water, God reaps." ■

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Margaret (Peggy) Tolmie has been chosen as Jericho's Employee of the Month for April 2010. Peggy has been a volunteer with Jericho Road Ministries since August 1, 2000. Working at the Thrift Stores in various departments, Peggy is now comfortable working with the numerous pairs of shoes, purses and belts, which come in with our donations. Since becoming a volunteer at Jericho, Peggy has been in faithful attendance twice weekly, giving willingly of her time and sharing her joyful and pleasant attitude at the stores. The staff and clients at the stores and throughout the ministry would like Peggy to know how much she is loved and appreciated. Thank you Peggy for your many years of service and your dedication to the work of Jericho Road Ministries. You bring joy to the many people you work with and the clients you work so hard to help. May God continue to shower upon you the love and affection you show to others by your willing heart. ■

### PRAYER LIST REQUEST

Prayer - Our Most Powerful Resource

- Dan - Miracle healing for Cancer
- Adam - Attitude
- Tommy - Alcohol and drugs
- Craig - Drinking
- Vicente - Health and job search
- Garry - Job
- Connie - Surgery
- Brenda - Health and abusive relationship
- Matt - Help with addiction
- Gregory - Healing
- Jack - Deliverance and salvation
- Mary - Restoration of relationship
- Leo - Employment
- Misty - Emotional security
- Antoinette - Homeless
- Frederica - Return home
- Vicki - Strength, hope and faith
- Sean - Strength to get through boot camp
- Ron - Job and good health
- Mark - Help with stomach problems
- Steven - Safety in the Army
- Steven - Deliverance from pornography

# THANK YOU

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Jericho would like to thank the many men and women who volunteer at our Mission. The theme for 2010 is *Celebrating People In Action*. Truly the volunteers at our various facilities are "People In Action". Through their many efforts they make it possible for us to open our doors to the men and women of Hernando County. Again we would like to thank you for all you do to further our mission. ■

## PRESTIGE HOMES OF THE SUNCOAST, INC.

Bill Bourguignon of Prestige Homes of the Suncoast, Inc. has been a supporter of Jericho Road Ministries for many years. Bill and his team have recently donated labor and material in helping us renovate the barn at our Women's Shelter to accommodate the latest addition to Jericho's services to the community - the Food Pantry. Bill also serves as a volunteer Chapel Speaker at our Men's Shelter, helping our clients gain new life through Jesus Christ. We want to thank Bill for his many years of continued service to the ministry. As Bill and his company are helping Jericho, they are in turn helping us serve our community. ■

## SPRING HILL DENTAL ASSOCIATES

Spring Hill Dental Associates has undertaken to provide the clients of Jericho Road free dental care treatment. This company has for years provided all our clients with cleanings and any other needed dental work. We offer our sincere appreciation to the management and staff of that company for their labor of love and the warm and friendly manner in which they do it. Thank you Spring Hill Dental for all those pearly smiles worn by our clients. ■



# COMING IN JULY!



Over 10,000 people – men women and children – are homeless throughout the Tampa Bay Area. In an effort to reach out to these people Jericho Road Ministries will begin production of a street newspaper. It will be called: “Bay Area Street Newz”.

Vendors who are the poor and homeless of our communities will distribute the “Street Newz”. Articles, pictures and stories will focus on their lives, needs and hopes.

“Street Newz” of the Bay Area will be hitting the streets in July! Watch for them and support them with your donations. ■

## CLIENTS AND STAFF RUN4SHELTER

It took us four years but we made it! Jericho's clients and staff for the first time took part in it's own annual fundraiser, Run4Shelter. The fun run has for years been graciously sponsored by individuals and businesses in the Hernando community, without whom this event could not take place. In a manner of speaking, we got our feet wet on April 10. For some of us it was a sad day as it struck home the level to which our fitness had sunk and for others it was a glorious day as they came away with medals. So many stories were generated within the minds of us all after those few short hours that it would be impossible to give highlights of them all. In celebration of those who earned themselves medals for their efforts, we want to congratulate Jeanie, Matt C and Dee, for attaining medals for the 1-mile walking race, and Israel for his accomplishment in the 10-K run, winning in his age group. Our Dispatcher, Beth, also earned herself a medal in the 5-K run. For the rest of us...what can I say? Maybe we would not decide a month from the date that we would take part in the fun run after having sat all year (not that anyone ever gets to sit still at Jericho!!!), but we will endeavour to train and prepare our bodies, as we do our minds in Bible classes, for this great classic that has become Jericho's Run4Shelter. ■



### SHELTER'S NEEDS LIST

- Laundry Soap
- G or PG Movies (No PG13)
- Christian Cd's
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Ethnic Hair Products
- Screen Door
- Fill Dirt
- Men's Pants & Jeans – size 30-36
- Men's Belts
- Milk, Eggs, Cheese, Butter
- Coffee, Coffee Creamer
- 8 ½ x 11 Copy Paper
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Tall Kitchen Bags
- Dish Detergent
- Plastic Wrap
- Weed Eater
- Cat Food, Cat Litter
- Mini Van
- Bicycle
- Christian Educational DVD's - Sermons, Series, etc.
- Weed Eater String
- 100' extension cord

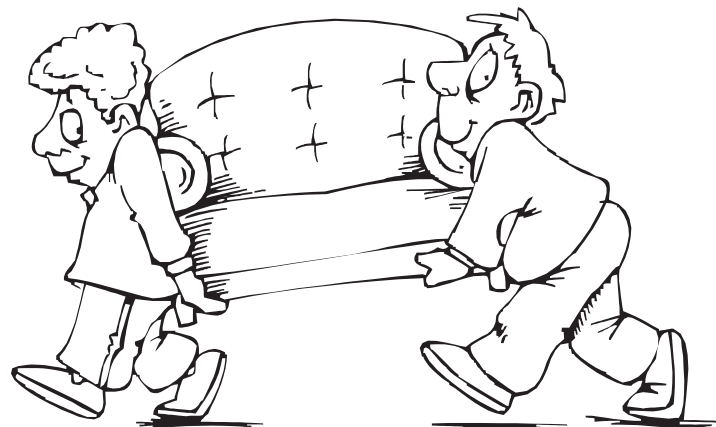
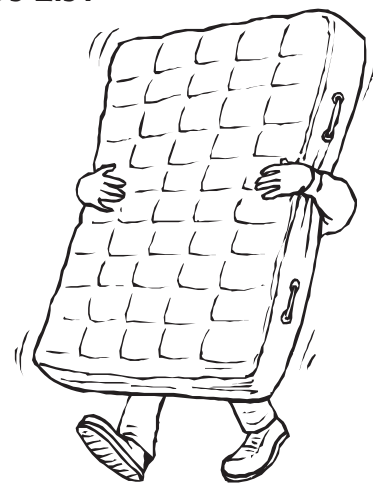
### FOOD BANK NEEDS LIST

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| • Dry Milk        | • Canned Meats      |
| • Peanut Butter   | • Pasta             |
| • Canned Fruit    | • Spaghetti Sauce   |
| • Boxed Potatoes  | • Toilet Paper      |
| • Tuna            | • Any Meats         |
| • Tomato Sauce    | • Stuffing          |
| • Dessert         | • Canned/Dry Soups  |
| • Baked Beans     | • Rice              |
| • Condiments      | • Sugar             |
| • Dried Baby Food | • Coffee/Tea        |
| • Cereal          | • Spaghetti         |
| • Large Jelly     | • Canned Vegetables |
| • Pork & Beans    | • Juices/Drinks     |
| • Mac & Cheese    | • Diapers           |
| • Box Dinners     |                     |

# THRIFT STORES

### THRIFT STORE NEEDS LIST

- Sofas
- Chairs
- Recliners
- Televisions
- Bed Frames
- Mattress Sets
- Dishware Sets
- Cookware



### CONGRATULATIONS ROSETTA!



After two years of faithful service as a cashier at our Winchester Plaza Thrift Store in Spring Hill, Rosetta has been promoted to Sales Floor Manager at that location. Serving also as the Night Manager at our Women's Shelter, Mary's House, Rosetta's hard work and faithful service has earned her the recognition as an employee willing to go the extra mile and certainly deserving of the new position. We thank God for Rosetta and her willingness to do His work in Jericho Road Ministries. May God continue to bless and prosper you as you walk daily in His grace and love. “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16) ■

### RENOVATIONS NEEDS LIST

As the job market continues to decline, the need for the services that Jericho offers is growing fast. To meet the needs of the men and women who are seeking help we must expand. In light of this growing demand for services we are currently seeking to expand our Women's Shelter. We are in need of the following supplies to do so, and would greatly appreciate any donations in regards to this matter.

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| • 3 - Shower Stalls           | • Shut Off Valves                  | • Bags of Concrete  |
| • 3 - Commodes                | • Toilet Paper Rollers             | • Doors             |
| • 3- Floor Flanges            | • Mirrors                          | • Lights            |
| • 3 – Sinks                   | • Metal Studs                      | • Wire – 12 – 2 GRD |
| • 4" 3" and 2" PVC SCH 40     | • Drywall                          | • Receptacles       |
| • Supply Lines                | • Insulation                       | • Light Switches    |
| • P – Traps                   | • 2"x4"                            | • Boxes             |
| • Faucets                     | • 1"x4"                            | • Breaker           |
| • Basin Tops and Backsplashes | • 2"x4" s Pressure treated         | • Paint             |
| • ½" Copper                   | • Drywall Compound, Tape and Beads |                     |
| • ½" CPVC                     |                                    |                     |

# JERICHO COMMUNITY

## NEW LIFE PROGRAM PHASE GRADUATES

Congratulations to Judith (Judy) Johnson for graduating Phase 2, and also to Tiffany Reynolds for having graduated Phase 1 of the New Life Program. Judy entered Phase 3 on April 1st, and will continue on as an employee of Jericho Road Ministries. Tiffany entered Phase 2 on March 4, 2010 after being hired to work as Jericho's Outreach Coordinator in our Stewardship department. Both of these ladies are doing a great job in their positions with the ministry and we are very proud of them for their success in the program thus far. Continue to pray and encourage these ladies as they move on to Phase 3 and graduation. Again, congratulations and may God bless you, ladies, as you walk this road to a new life. ■



## PHASE I GRADUATE EDWARD MEEK'S NEW LIFE

In October 2009 my life was in ruins from years of alcohol abuse. Since coming to Jericho I have learned what a relationship with God is truly like. I am getting closer to God everyday. I now have a future, and dreams I've never had before. I want to thank Pastor Fred, Bryan, and Carlton for all the support and encouragement they have given me. ■



## FLORIDA INTEGRITY TRAINING



*Matthew Jones, Matthew Corelli, Edward Meek, Jeremy Bowen, Israel Goris, and Charles Barker*

Staff at Jericho would like to give recognition to those clients at our shelters who have recently completed the following courses of the Florida Integrity Curriculum (FIT): Anger Management, Free to Grow, Personal Insight, Godly Parenting and Financial Recovery. It has been a privilege to be a part of the work that God is doing in each of their lives. Seeing them accomplish this goal of finishing their classes is only a stepping-stone to what God has ahead of them, as they remain committed to their journey with the Lord. Always know that our prayers are with you all and that with Jesus Christ nothing is impossible. Congratulations ladies and gentlemen for a great accomplishment! ■

## MORE FIT CERTIFIED STAFF

Fred Parker, Vocational Counselor at our Men's Shelter, recently attended the Florida Integrity Training certification held on April 10, 2010. Fred will be teaching the clients the curriculum's module on parenting called Dads Coaching. ■



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