

Adullam outreach

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2011 Marked A Year of Growth!

With the arrival of January 1, 2012 we mark the passing of Adullam Outreach's 2nd birthday with complete amazement at all that God has done in and through our lives. We approach the New Year with eager anticipation of what lies ahead and excitement over the lives that will be touched with God's love and forever changed.



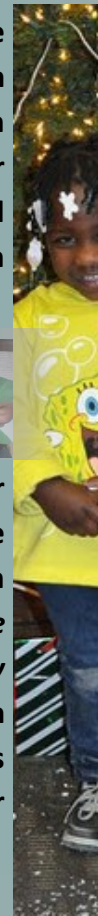
This is also an appropriate time to evaluate our efforts in 2011 and extend appreciation to those who have partnered with us over the past year in helping us carry out our goal of *"Serving the practical and spiritual needs of our community with dignity and love"*. This is the mission statement by which Adullam Outreach measures the success of our programs and outreaches. Our vision for this is summarized in Isaiah 61.

Progress in 2011:

- ▶ Gave beds to approximately 200 families and furnished numerous homes for previously misplaced families, Burmese refugees, and people coming out of prison
- ▶ Over 2000 hot, nutritious meals served to the hungry in our community
- ▶ Partnered with six outreach events to evangelize the city of Milwaukee
- ▶ Family Pastor, Donation Management, Meal Program Coordinator, and Intern positions filled
- ▶ Over 2000 bags of clothing given to individuals
- ▶ More than 50 truckloads of donations sent out through partnering ministries

MILWAUKEE is our Mission Field

- 2008 rated the 11th poorest city in our nation.
- NOW ranked the **4th most impoverished city** in the US.
- Listed as one of the top 5 **most drug infected** cities in the US.
- 42% of the homeless people in Milwaukee are **families** with children.
- Milwaukee's 53233 Zip Code has the **highest infant mortality** rate in our nation.
- Violent crime is 232% higher than the national average and



Meal Program: 4th
Tuesday of the
month

Weekly Prayer :
Mon 7 pm

"Katie's Closet"
open Tuesdays 1-3

Volunteer openings

Partnership with
local organizations

Teaching trades

Venue for outreach
events

A Time of Reflection

It seems like only a few weeks ago that I was sitting on the sidewalk in front of our warehouse equipped with nothing more than a Bible, a bag of donuts to share, and a couple of chairs. It was an adventure to meet our community one individual at a time, hearing so many stories of hardship and struggle, knowing that we have been called to grow where we are planted, and to reach out in love to bring hope and a fresh perspective towards a brighter future. I remember pulling our oversized landscape wagon loaded with bags of donated food to some of the homes in our community where many families not only have no food on their shelves, they often have no refrigerator, stove, microwave, cookware, dishes or a table and chairs.



Steve Grabosch: Founder of Adullam Outreach

My mind is still fresh with the memory of driving all over the suburbs picking up furniture and household items we found on Craig's List "free stuff" and one of our very first home visits where we delivered beds, furniture and various household items to a woman who had recently overcome a life of drug addiction and prostitution. Among the women we have met in our area that struggle with drug addiction, it seems that without exception prostitution is the means by which the habit is maintained.

Her daughter and her friends were all sharing a rundown home. They were living the addiction lifestyle, and the children were roaming the house and yard clothed only in overly soiled diapers. As we carried the items into the house we discovered a home with no furnishings other than an inflatable mattress in the living room and a very small pile of clothing on the floor in each bedroom. As I carried a mattress to one of the bedrooms I was asked by one of the young ladies if I would like to join her in breaking it in. When I shared with her who we were and why we were there, the shame and brokenness in her eyes screamed a message of hopelessness and pain. When our visit was over and we gathered in a large circle to pray, it was clear this was the first time that prayer and the accompanying healing of the presence of God, had ever been experienced in that home.

A Prayer for Growth

For 2012, we plan to continue and expand upon the currently successful ministry efforts and allocate time and resources to two incubator projects: our first house church plant and job placement/creation. Both of these initiatives are core components of our mission statement and vision. We have actively built relationships, pursued partnerships, and laid foundational groundwork during the previous year and hope to see first fruits begin to blossom in 2012. We are also actively pursuing more stable financial support to allow us to purchase the building that Vogel Bros. Building Co. is so graciously allowing us to use as Adullam Outreach base of operations as well as a hub location for partnering ministries and individuals uniting in the effort to reach a lost and hurting mission field with the simple gospel message and a demonstration of God's power to affect change in areas of need.

Putting Faith into Action



Out of state youth groups work on second floor

Summer missions trips brought close to 400 youth to Adullam from all across the United States and Canada for week long urban missions training opportunities. Many of the leaders and sponsors have since been in contact with Adullam to share stories of young lives set on fire with a passion to make an impact in their own home communities with the simple grassroots initiatives experienced at Adullam. During 2011, active partnerships with suburban churches and outreach organizations brought in regularly scheduled “work day” event groups ranging in size with up to 80 people per event.

Partnering organizations provided service and material grants, to keep our Outreach Center construction project moving forward. Together we accomplished the following repairs and improvements during 2011:

During 2011 we provided hands-on ministry service opportunities for just under 1000 individuals.

Roof Repairs & Stairwell Roof Replaced	New Stage - 2nd FL
Downspout Installation	Office s Roughed In - 2nd FL
Elevator Maintenance & Repairs	Walls Painted - 1st/2nd FL
Window in Elevator Shaft Replaced	Electrical Circuits Repaired
Graffiti Removed Twice	Security System Upgrade
Plumbing Repairs Done	Concrete Drive Poured
Toilets & Sinks Installed	Clothing Racks Constructed
Water Heater Installed	Shelving Built
Shower Installed	Truck Repairs Completed
Bathroom Remodels - 1st FL	Shop Area Set Up
Prayer Room Remodel	Café Walls Built - 1st FL
Furnace Installed - 2nd FL	New Breaker Box Installed



This list of accomplishments is a miracle, considering the total operating budget of Adullam Outreach for 2011 was under \$25,000!

This is a true testimony of God’s power in providing for all that we need regardless of our own limitations.

Youth volunteers from “Next Step” ministries raising framework for a second floor wall (left)

Special Thanks To...

Collaborating Churches & Organizations

Life Church	Adonai Employment	Catholic Charities
Redeemer EFC	God's Kidz in the Hood	Groundwork Milwaukee
First Reformed Church	Next Step Ministries	Rocks Cry Out Studios
Crossway Church	YouthWorks	Seeking the Face of God
Oak Creek AOG	BASICS in Milwaukee	City on a Hill
Elmbrook Church	God's Touch Photography	SHALOM Ministries
Christian AOG in NY	The Paragon	Soles for Jesus
All Saints Catholic Church	Community Advocates	The New Man Project
Casa de Oracion Adoni	Salvation Army	Hope Street Ministries
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Faith in Action Life Groups	New Blood Covenant
UM of Macedonia, OH	HeartFire Ministries	Zion House Social Services



We would like to personally thank everyone who has labored for the sake of the lost with us. We are all brought here to accomplish the goal of bringing hope to the hopeless. We absolutely could not do it without you!

Love,

Steve & Priscilla Grabosch

Individuals

Phil and Emily Bender	Herb and Kris Zabel
Greg and Theresa Clark	Eike and Dorie Heinze
Lloyd Termott	Don and Joyce MacLean
Arn Quakkelaar	Jacob & Vanessa Berghuis
Jon and Eunice Geweke	Jake Wirth
Margarethe Zabel	Jamon Lewis
Kristina Betzold	Jennie Branagan
Siegfried and Barbara Grabosch	Maria Burant
Hector and Elizabeth Claudio	Melissa Bach
Katie Doss	Sinatra Foote
Tina Spruell	Vince and Freda Weidmeyer
Robert Doss	Kevin and Noel Miller
Tracy Love	Telvin and Odetta Jeffries
Bernard Beyer	Ludys Ebratt
Willie Wells	Marc and Ana Weins
Krystin Kirsch	Bill and Kelly Drescher
Jodi Porter	Jenni Block
The Trombley Family	
Kim Monacelli	<u>2011 Bowlers and Sponsors:</u>
Brian Wiese	Dick Clark
The Imp Family	Greg Clark
Sam and Sally Korb	Steve Grabosch
Eric Cross	Jenni Block
Randall and Hannah Cartwright	Brian Wiese
Art Beaudry	Bill Imp
Artie Zabel	Shawn Szalewski
Fred and Linda Zabel	Krysten Kirsch

Businesses

Vogel Bros. Building Co.
GTS Electric
Priority Driving School
Honett Engineered Systems
Vinny's Flooring
Team RPM
Metro Snow Patrol
OCG Construction
Milwaukee Concrete
Habitat for Humanity's Restore
Diversified Insurance
International Customs Services
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
The Pfister Hotel
Mama Mia's
Septic AirAid
Orphan Longboards
Home Depot
Olympic Lanes
Papa John's Pizza
God's Touch Photography
Sam Schaefer Trucking
The City of Milwaukee

And all those that donated time, skills, finances, furniture, clothing, toys, gifts, household items, food, building materials, and more.

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