



**YOUR CLUNKER  
CAN PROVIDE  
HOPE!**

## **URGENT!** **Automobiles Needed**

Thomas currently lives at the Mission with his wife Classie and his 5 children. After losing their jobs and facing various health problems the family found themselves hopeless and without life's basic necessities.

Since coming to the Mission, Thomas regained employment as a security guard for a hotel in East Orlando. Every day, Thomas hopped from bus to bus and then rode his bicycle 3 miles to work. After his shift, the bus routes had already closed, so Thomas was left to rely on his bicycle and other means to get him back to the Mission.

However, the Lord has provided for this family in big ways! Recently, a supporter of the Mission generously supplied Thomas and his family with a van so he could travel safely to and from work every day. The family is so thankful for their new means of transportation and is continuing to rebuild their lives.

Many of the families at O.U.R. Mission Home are in similar situations and need reliable vehicles in good to excellent condition to get them to and from work each day.

For more information about vehicle donations, please contact 407-422-4855 ext. 112.

## *Prayer Requests:*

Be an Orlando Union Rescue Mission prayer partner!  
Please post this list where you pray.

Thank you so much for lifting up your heartfelt prayers  
for this ministry and those in need!

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For the men and women on our programs as they search for employment. Pray that the Lord would provide opportunities and would lead them according to His perfect plan.
- That God would continue to provide financially for the needs at the Mission.

### PRAISE REPORTS:

- Thank God for the generosity of the Mission's supporters who have abundantly blessed our children and helped them go back to school *prepared!*

## **Get The Inside Scoop**

DonorEdge is a new online tool presented by GuideStar and the Community Foundation of Central Florida that allows you to research your favorite non-profit organizations. Check out the Mission's profile at [www.cfcf.guidestar.org](http://www.cfcf.guidestar.org).

## **NEW Donation Drop-Off Locations**

In order to create a more efficient process of putting your donations to use, we ask that **all** gift-in-kind (non-monetary) donations be dropped off at one of the following locations:

**O.U.R. Bargain Store**  
911 W Central Boulevard  
Orlando, FL 32805  
407-841-7578

**Donation Center**  
3250 Old Winter Garden Road  
Orlando, FL 32805  
407-513-9944

The Orlando Union Rescue Mission is a non-profit, faith based organization whose mission is to provide those in need with food, shelter, clothing, education and other resources to help the homeless achieve self-sufficiency. The foundation of our work is Biblically based – to bring people to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

**FOR ONLY \$25.20  
YOU CAN PROVIDE  
10 MEALS OF HOPE THIS  
THANKSGIVING!**

P.O. Box 2791 • Orlando, FL 32802 • 407-422-4855 • [ourmission@ourm.org](mailto:ourmission@ourm.org) • [www.ourm.org](http://www.ourm.org)

# the *Light of Hope*

[www.ourm.org](http://www.ourm.org) • October 2009



Since 1948, bringing the hungry, hurting and homeless to a new life, new goals and a new future in Christ.

IN THIS ISSUE:

## **Hope for a Brighter Future**



**ORLANDO UNION  
RESCUE MISSION**  
Since 1948

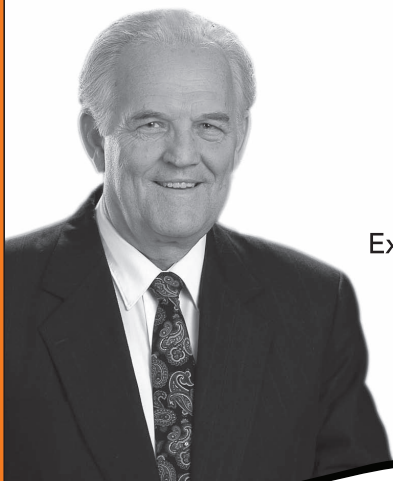
Jeremiah 17:7- "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is."

## Bringing Hope to the Hopeless

**Hope** – such a small word, but it has the power to dramatically change lives for good! For the nearly 10,000 homeless in our community, the Thanksgiving season can be a harsh reminder of the hopelessness and desperation these men, women and children feel everyday.

Downtrodden guests attending the Mission's Great Thanksgiving Banquet often come in searching for a hot meal, but leave knowing that they are loved and more importantly are given the hope for a brighter future through Christ.

Something as small as a meal can open the doors for greater changes in these broken lives. Your gift today stretches so much further than a meal, it has the power to change a life for good!



Don Moody  
Executive Director

O.U.R. Mission:

**Back to School**

# Thanks for helping our boys and girls go back to school prepared!

## Bringing the Hungry...New Hope!

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, the Mission will host its annual Great Thanksgiving Banquet for nearly 1,200 hungry, hurting and homeless men, women and children in our community.

This year, turkey with all of the fixings are on the menu along with home-baked pies for dessert.

Your financial support is still needed to make this life-changing outreach possible.

**EACH GIFT OF \$2.52 PROVIDES 1 MEAL OF HOPE FOR A HUNGRY MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD.**

*Please help as many as you can!*



## Hope for a Brighter Future

The Story of Gail Fisher, Current Resident of O.U.R. Mission Home

"I never in my wildest dreams thought that I would be homeless someday," recalls Gail Fisher as she reminisces over the whirlwind she has survived these past several months. Even the thought of being homeless brought tears to her eyes, but looking back she now sees that "all things work together for good to those who love him and are called according to His purpose."

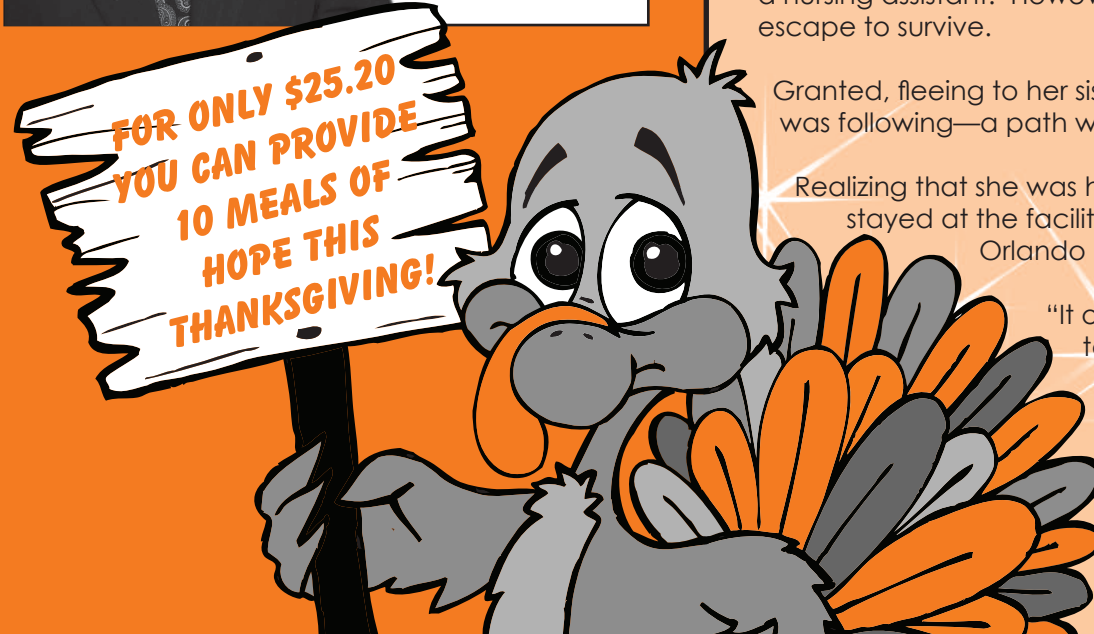
Gail had a promising future that seemed to crumble before her very eyes. She married at a young age and worked a steady career as a nursing assistant. However, her "perfect marriage" was anything but perfect—it was an abusive nightmare that Gail knew she had to escape to survive.

Granted, fleeing to her sister's home in Florida—her car stuffed with basic needs—was a risk. However, even more risky was the path Gail was following—a path where alcohol became her primary source of numbing the pain.

Realizing that she was headed for destruction, Gail decided to check into a local alcohol rehabilitation facility. For 4 months, Gail stayed at the facility and lost whatever remnants of possessions she had left. With nothing remaining, Gail chose to go to the Orlando Union Rescue Mission to get her life back on track.

"It offered me a whole new beginning," she recalls. For the past year, Gail has diligently worked to rebuild her life. She is currently working on completing her high school education with goals of pursuing a college degree to become a Radiology Technician one day. "I didn't have any hope before coming here. Being at the Mission has given me that dream that I had while I was younger—that I am going to be successful."

Gail's hope for a brighter future began by the Mission providing her basic needs, so that she can now focus on rebuilding her life for good. Visit [www.ourm.org](http://www.ourm.org) for more information about the Mission's programs for homeless women.



*"Being at the Mission has given me that dream that I had while I was younger—that I am going to be successful."*