



Even Great Americans Become Homeless

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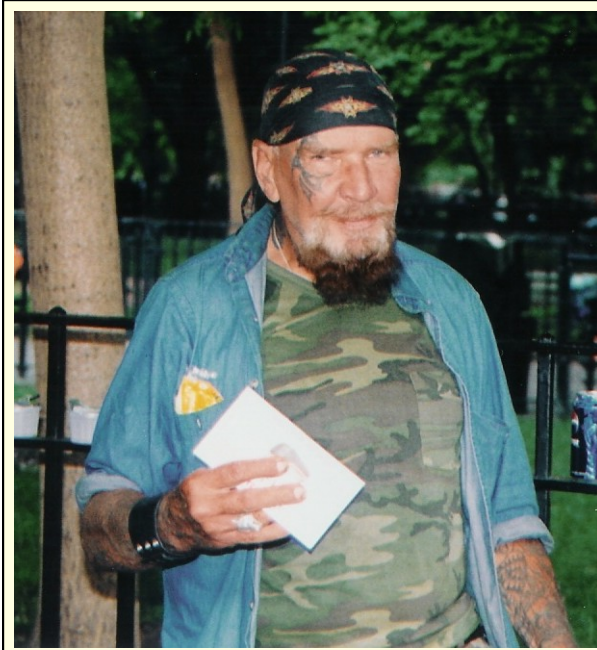
- Warehouse Laborers
- Kitchen Helpers
- Food preparation
- Drivers
- Food pick-up
- Intercessors to pray for the people, workers and ministry
- Musicians and worship leaders
- *Donations are always welcomed in lieu of Volunteer Time....Thank you*

When the teams of Hope for the Future go out to the streets to minister to the homeless, the attitude of the comfortable passers-by convey a certain disdain. If

one could read their minds by their expression and behavior it is as if they are mocking and disgusted by these helpless people, assuming the homeless and destitute are

lazy, non-contributive parasites, living off the fringes of society and charity. For the most part, nothing is further from the truth. In fact, many of the mockers may one day be on the

receiving end of this ministries generosity. You see, at this time in history, millions of Americans are in jeopardy of downsizing, outsourcing, and are but one pay-



check, tragedy, or freak injury from the homelessness plight.

Such is the case of Biker Billy. Though born in NYC sixty years ago, Billy is a Native American. His

mother was of the Dakota nation. He did two tours in Viet Nam, the first 13 months and the second was cut short to 10 months due to a gun shot to the head, which

left him less than the eager young American sent to defend the world from the Red Threat. He still has nightmares about Nam, and suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome. But that didn't

keep him from being an over the road trucker. He lived in Arizona with his wife. One day he defended his wife from an attack, and as a result he sustained multiple injuries including an

Sebastian's Gain is HFTF's Loss!

URGENT!!!! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ASAP!

Some people believe that during the summer months many come to volunteer. But the fact is this: many go away on vacation during the summer and that leaves us extremely short-handed. If you have any free time and you would like to make a difference... please consider joining our team. Your time and help are greatly appreciated!

**PLEASE CALL US
AND**

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

We need Professional Fund Raisers, Grant Writers, Graphic Artists, Warehouse workers, Office help and kitchen helpers.

**JOIN US TODAY.
Thank you~**

Anna Cruz attended a banquet fundraiser for Hope For The Future about six years ago and felt the work of the ministry and the Lord's hand in it was awesome. She had been working in a feeding ministry in her own church because she had a burden on her heart for the homeless and poverty stricken. Anna contacted her friend Evelyn and told her the Lord had given her a burden for Pastor Diane's cause, not to work on the street but to bring her secular experience as a health administrator and nurse to Hope for the Future.



Anna had never administrated any other ministry, let alone a feeding ministry but she observed the operation and saw the needs and rose to the occasion. Her secular experience led to providing the ministry its Practice and Procedure policy, grants, and even a grant from United Way and America's Second Harvest for the silver van that makes its way to the city and Hempstead. Thank you Anna.

Her experience in health care facilities proved to be greatly valuable in the running of the kitchen and the warehouse concerning Public Health issues. She lent her knowledge and savvy to the of-

office, from establishing procedures, to buying office supplies. She is a Board Member, initiated the recognition dinner for Pastor Diane, and even shops for Christmas. Anna Cruz feels deeply for Pastor Diane and her vision.

But, alas, we will be loosing Anna to Sebastian, Florida, where she and her family will be retiring in a few months to come. There, she hopes to connect with another ministry and bring her secular and HFTF experience to the aid of the indigent and homeless in Florida. Hope for the Future will sorely miss her and her calm, quiet expertise, but bid her fond farewell and GODSPEED. Ω



*Don't forget to watch
Glory to Glory TV
Show on
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am (Nassau &
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County) &) with
Pastor Diane Dunne
& Pastor Deborah
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Even Great Americans ... (continued from page 1)

ice pick to the lung and severe injury to his hips. He was treated at the VA hospital in Arizona, Where Billy said the care was superb.

He went on to own a Harley-Davidson dealership and two used car dealerships. All was lost to a poor financial decision. Then his wife passed away, leaving Billy despondent and discouraged, and emotionally paralyzed. Pastor Diane met Billy, homeless and living in Tompkins Square Park, NYC. Note: Billy is drug and alcohol free and has been so for 13 years.

One Wednesday, Billy too crushed in pain, was unable to attend the food line. And the food ran out. Pastor Diane went about seeking Billy out, bought him a cheeseburger, and they began to talk. He told her he would like to return to Arizona because his peo-

ple are there and he could receive decent medical treatment at the VA hospital there. He told her about the "code" among truckers and told her if he could get to Stroudsburg, Pa he could hook up with truckers that could get him back home to Arizona. Only a \$28.00 bus ticket stood in the way. "You wouldn't want to buy me that, too?" asked Billy. "Sure I would", she answered. "If all it takes to help you get your life back together is \$ 28.00, I'm in!"

The next outreach was that Saturday and Billy was waiting there for Pastor Diane. What impressed Pastor was this: What a testimony it is to keep one's word. If we make a promise, we need to keep it! Billy trusted her to keep her word and she did. Perhaps others haven't always kept there word or

in other ways didn't gain his trust and Biker Billy had become cynical, especially of people presenting themselves as Christian. But this \$28.00 gesture brought Billy to tears and praises of profound gratitude to God Almighty.

Just before we went to print with this article we had learned that Billy's trip was delayed because of needing more personal identification for travel. A visiting team from Grace Brethren Church, in Wooster, Ohio was gracious enough to give Billy that ride he needed. By the time you receive this newsletter he will be back home in Arizona. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. Happy trails, Biker Billy.



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love God
while
ignoring the
need of his
brother?**

Frances J. Roberts

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A Word From The Pastor's Desk...

"A saint's life is in the hands of God as a bow and arrow in the hands of an archer. God is aiming at something the saint cannot see; he stretches and strains, and every now and again the saint says, "I cannot stand any more." But God does not heed; he goes on stretching until his purpose is in sight, then he lets fly. We are here for God's designs, not for our own." Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

During our ministry break in July (a well needed break), I was enjoying a quiet evening movie, when on came what was probably one of the greatest commercials I've ever seen. It was a commercial that was advertising giving; or should I say, "Almost giving."

It went something like this: A man hobbling up steps with the aide of crutches appears while the narrator explains; "This man almost learned to walk at a medical facility that was almost built by funds that were almost given." At the end of the narration for the organization it posed the question, "What does it mean to almost give? Probably the same thing as almost walking!" Now that was a great commercial. That week I saw a few different variations with the same theme: The kids that almost stayed out of trouble; the family that almost had a house; people who almost weren't homeless; families that almost ate. These were great commercials with a searching theme.

My friend gave me an article that described the Hebraic Biblical view of giving. Since it is commanded in the scriptures to give, and since we don't always want to give, the sages say, it is better to be obedient in giving, and if necessary let your heart catch up to your obedience later! I thought that was an interesting way to interpret it. God's heart is for the orphan, the childless, the solitary, the widow, the stranger, and the poor. I want to take this opportunity to thank my partners who have not forgotten us during these beautiful summer months and have been obedient to God's Word. Thank you for not "almost giving". Thank you for those times you have let God stretch you. Thank you for your willingness to follow God's design and not your own. You have made the difference in many lives more than you can know.

May the Lord richly bless you for your faithful support and prayers.

**Sincerely In His Service,
Pastor Diane Dunne**