

# 2011 Rescue Ministries Golf Challenge A Huge Success.

Golf is a great way to get ready for summer! The 11th Annual Golf Challenge on May 20 was held at the beautiful Apple Mountain Golf Club. The Golf Challenge sponsored by InCal Technologies raised over \$57,000 to help keep the dynamic ministry of the Saginaw Rescue Mission and the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in full swing.



**1st Place Team** – Tom Najawicz, Ben Wells, Ron Paluck, Al Christiansen and Ken Streeter



**2nd Place Team** – Eric Nordquist, Pat Lynch, Stan Sobol and Charles Lange



**3rd Place Team** – Larry Eischer, Andy Wiess, Tim O'Connell and Greg Lelo

**1st Place Team members:** Tom Najawicz, Ben Wells, Ron Paluck, Al Christiansen and Ken Streeter raised \$12,510.  
**2nd Place Team members:** Eric Nordquist, Pat Lynch, Stan Sobol and Charles Lange (missing from the photo) raised \$8,435.  
**3rd Place Team members:** Larry Eischer, Andy Wiess, Tim O'Connell and Greg Lelo raised \$7,181.

## Mark Your Calendar

### RESCUE MINISTRIES OF MID-MICHIGAN ANNIVERSARY DINNERS

**Monday, September 19, 6:30 pm**  
 Double Tree Hotel  
 Bay City

**Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 pm**  
 Horizon Conference Center  
 Saginaw

# the Connection

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## Hope for the FUTURE

By Pati LaLonde

When Jerrod Rattray headed to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission April 29, he wasn't looking to form any close personal bonds with anyone, including the Lord. He just wanted a place to chill. "I was in a stressful situation," he said. "I was staying with my ex-wife, trying to be friends. That didn't work out. We had another roommate and there was a lot of stress there. I came here. I was going to help her out financially."

That's when things began to change for the 28-year-old, who has spent most of his adult life in and out of mental institutions and jails. He also abused drugs and alcohol. When he stepped into the mission things begin to change, and it pretty much happened over night.

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Chris Overley, Director of the Men's Emergency Shelter, got the ball rolling by pointing out that before Jerrod could help anyone else, he needed to help himself.

Then along came Rick Brown, Men's Shelter Assistant. He and Jerrod began reading the Word and talking, and Jerrod began to get reacquainted with someone he had only let in his life sporadically over the years – the Lord. While he always knew there was a God, Jerrod says he spent a lot of time running from Him. When he did make an effort to find God, it didn't stick.

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## From the Director's Desk

Dan Streater

Webster's Dictionary defines hope as a desire with expectation of obtainment. June is a month of new hope. Many young couples pick June to start their married life together. Open Houses and gatherings abound for graduates having just completed high school. Many have some type of family vacation planned, and with the start of June, the anticipation of that vacation grows each day as it nears.

Imagine for a moment if your greatest **hope** for the summer of 2011 was to know you had consistent access to three meals a day.

Even with as bad as the economy has been in Michigan, very few of us

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He says, he always felt like the passage from Matthew about seeds falling on rocky ground. Although they sprouted quickly, there were no roots to keep them in the ground. "That was me," he said. "Before I had promised, but I blew away." After spending time with Brown reading the Word and talking, Jerrod decided to ask for one more thing – that God use him in whatever way he wanted. "It felt like a terrible burden had been lifted off my shoulders," he said, "I felt peace for once in my life."

On May 17, Jerrod got a confirmation of sorts from the Lord while attending St. James Church. "He said 'Let's start over,'" said Jerrod. "You have another chance." Jerrod jumped at the chance, and says this time his roots are strong.

know or can relate to that level of hope. We have an example in the Bible of a man of God who had everything taken from him – Job. Listen to the despair in his words during the depth of his struggle:

*"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,*

*And are spent without hope.*

*Oh, remember that my life is a breath!*

*My eye will never again see good.*

*Job 7:6-7*

Things eventually turned around for Job, but there was overwhelming discouragement that he faced each day and moment during his adversity. Many of the guests of the mission can relate to that depth of despair and struggle,

"I'm going wherever the Lord wants me to go and wants me to do," he said. "I would love to volunteer here. This mission was a blessing to me in so many ways. I'm excited to see where He is going to take me from here." So far that journey has included moving into an apartment of his own – a nice apartment in a nice area where he could serve the Lord. "It's a very nice apartment," he said. "I looked at it twice. The landlord is giving me a chance. I have a horrible criminal record, but he looked it over and gave me a chance. I'm so grateful, I don't know what to say or do. Although he is on disability, he is supplementing it with his new lawn cutting business. "I would like to get off food stamps and disability and make my own way," he said. "Working for myself has been a blessing. I'm grateful for that."

and when you're in the middle of the struggle it is hard to see any way out. Many times, that first meal, hot shower, soft bed, or kind word is the first glimmer of hope they have seen or experienced in quite a while.

Regardless of the temperature outside, people still come to the doors of the mission everyday needing a place of hope. So before getting wrapped up in all of your personal hopes of this summer, consider taking a few moments to help provide a summer of hope for neighbors in need.



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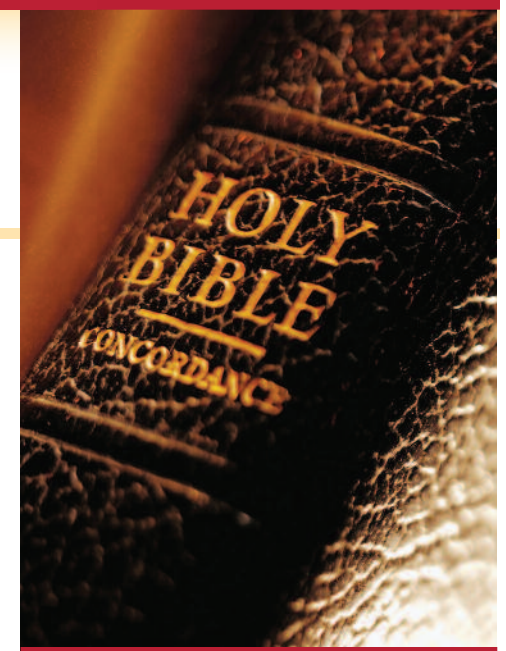
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*"Expressing God's love by reaching out to the hurting and homeless of the Bay area by providing shelter and care, by developing a community of support, and by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ."*

# Hope & Peace

By Pati LaLonde



Growing up in a logical family who believed in evolution, Kelly Schweinsberg didn't really have a handle on her faith. That all changed when she met the staff at the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. "I talked about it," she said. "I've always been open to it. I had a few questions. Sometimes when I pray, I feel almost like I'm not worthy. I didn't want to feel that I was talking to nobody. Like, 'is there somebody listening?' It's hard to have faith in something I can't see."

Kelly found that something on Jan. 12, on what she labels a very tough day in her life. Heading to court for a parole violation, she was nervous and crying, she was wondering what was going to happen to her. Being close to having her five children back with her, a parole violation would have made this dream farther away. As she was walking out of the mission, Judi Bash, Family Shelter Director, took the 36-year-old aside and prayed for God to give her peace.

I was a quarter of the way there when I noticed I wasn't as worried as I had been," she said. "As soon as I felt that peace I remember Judi saying 'give her peace of heart.' She asked for this and

she prayed with me. I walked there in peace." Once she got to court, things worked out as well. I think a lot of people prayed for me and were genuine about it," she said. "I think a lot of people want to see me succeed. It's amazing, the people who care for you." One of those people was her probation officer, a woman Kelly felt wasn't on her side. "She came over to me, so sweet," Kelly said. "She told me, 'This is what I'm going to do for you to let you get ahead. I'm not going to violate you. I'm giving you a second chance.'

"I've been given so much grace lately I need to make sure I succeed." This attitude is a turn-around from the first time Kelly stopped by the mission. Kelly came to the mission because she had nowhere else to go. Due to substance abuse, Kelly had lost her home and her children. Bash says that first stay, Kelly wasn't ready to do what she needed to do to get herself housing. Kelly admits she wasn't ready that first time. "I wasn't motivated. I had so many things to do. I needed my state ID and birth certificate to sign up for HARP. I didn't know where to start. My head was going too fast."

Kelly checked out only to turn up on the mission's doorstep about a month later – with a new attitude. This time Kelly was open to the help and the faith that was waiting. Sitting down with staff member Sue Mitchell, the two made out a list of things Kelly needed to do to get her life back on track. However, Bash says the biggest change in Kelly was spiritual. "She came in on the second shift, not knowing where she was going to go if she died," Bash said. "I showed her in the Bible how she could go to heaven and since then she wants to do what's right."

"They make it so nice here and they don't have to," she said. "We need them. They don't have to go that extra mile, but they do."

## Yes! I Want to be a Partner in Hope

- My \$\_\_\_\_\_ gift for the mission is enclosed.
- I would like to volunteer. Please send me a volunteer application.

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