

The Elgin Wayside Center **IN TOUCH**

A ministry update of Wayside Center's programs for the homeless of the greater Elgin area to keep friends and supporters informed regarding ministry development and opportunities.



Diane and Desiree
...enjoying time
together studying the
Bible at Wayside's
new facility.

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Have you ever been invited to go up in a small, private plane and after taking off and getting to cruising altitude the pilot looks over at you and says, "Would you like to take over?" The FAA may not be thrilled with such offers, but most would-be pilots sure are! Once the hard work of getting the aircraft off the ground is completed, the fun part can really begin.

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**- Phil Wood -
Director**

As the new Director, I feel like that co-pilot. Because of the past direction of Captain Gary Jenkins, Wayside Center is flying higher than ever. Now is the fun part.....as we go further than any of us could have imagined. With adequate facilities and a solid infrastructure, the primary thrust of seeing lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall remain paramount.

The cost of genuine transformation, however, is incredible. For people to be saved, Jesus had to die—it cost Jesus His life! For a life to be transformed, the person must be willing to die to self—and they too, must lay down their life. How can we expect to be part of this miraculous process of transformation and for it to cost us any less?

Your obedient servant,

Phil

COVER STORY

Tea for 2 ... or 12 ?

Does your small group, prayer group, or women's Bible study group have a heart to reach out to other women, but just not sure how? Did you know that ladies and ladies' groups are invited to spend their mornings or afternoons with the Women of Wayside?

Each day, Monday thru Saturday, both at 9 AM and 1 PM, a Bible study is held for all the guests at Wayside. There is opportunity for the women to break off into the comfortably appointed Achievement Room during those times and have a study of their own.

Whether it is a lady or two that will regularly take a time slot or a whole Bible study group that will come onsite once a month and incorporate our female guests into their study and fellowship, the desire is for our ladies to be around other God-fearing ladies. We would love to see our ladies sitting down in the company of godly women, sharing a cup of tea and the Word of God, and in general, being encouraged and maybe even a little pampered.

Mary and Desiree



Second Chance Is First Rate

What do you get when you put together freshly roasted coffee, The Elgin Wayside Center, and a company committed to giving people a chance to work? You get Second Chance Coffee, a new business with a big heart for what we are about. To learn more about this new enterprise and our proposed collaboration, visit www.secondchancecoffee.com.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ The four men living at Wayside's Discipleship House: Patrick, Sheldon, Bill and Akee
- ◆ Development of Church Partnerships
- ◆ Awareness of programs among the homeless community

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Drivers for AM pick-up and PM drop-off, especially Saturday
- ◆ Female mentor/discipler fluent in sign language
- ◆ I. T. Support

Wish List

- ◆ Copier or repair of Canon NP 4050
- ◆ Commercial refrigerator and freezer
- ◆ Awning and signage over front door



Sharon Clausen, Worship Leader



Mark Elfstrand, Emcee with Chris Cella, Committee Member



Mike Hurn, Speaker



Gary Jenkins, Former Director



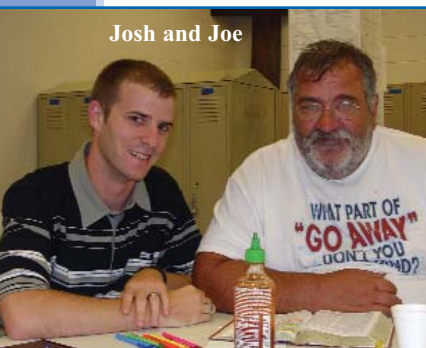
Phil Wood, Director

Annual Friendship Dinner Huge Success!

On Saturday evening, September 29, almost 300 guests gathered at Christ Community Church for Wayside's annual "Friendship Dinner." Aside from a delicious meal, guests were blessed by video testimonies...beautiful worship...a moving story from guest speaker Mike Hurn...along with an update on all that's been happening at Wayside this past year. Thank's again to all of you who attended...and for those who were unable to join us - we hope to see you next year!

MENTOR TRAINING

Mentoring at the Wayside Center offers the unusual and otherwise unlikely opportunity to come alongside a homeless person and be a close friend. It allows you to share the wisdom, the experience, the knowledge, and the love that God has invested in you with another.



Josh and Joe

There is often a "fear factor"

about mentoring and to address the apprehension, Mentor Training is offered twice a year. Taking place on two consecutive evenings, you will be trained in all the special circumstances involved with working with the homeless. You will also learn that you will become part of a team that is working together.

This fall, Mentor Training will be held at the Elgin Wayside Center and led by two of our veteran mentors - Carl Ball and Gary Jenkins. For information or to register, please contact Josh Bray at (847) 695-4405 x 5, or email Gary Jenkins at gjenkins@wayside-cross.org.

Sharon's Life Changing Story...

After the death of both her parents, Sharon lost her home and had no place to go. Depressed and confused she turned to the Elgin Wayside Center by day—and P.A.D.S. by night. During her time at Wayside she was a model guest, always keeping a good attitude and maintaining a positive influence on everyone around her. In spite of this, however, she remained scared to step out and begin building a life without her parents. After a year at Wayside, both the staff and volunteers were able to encourage Sharon to take the next step by applying at Lifespring, Wayside Cross Ministries residential program for women. To the glory of God, today Sharon continues to be a model resident and is growing in every way.



Things Are Really Heating Up In The Kitchen

In early October the Wayside Center was blessed with a commercial convection oven, courtesy of Elgin's Cuisine America catering and the company's owners, Jim and Mary Katherine Walsh. For years they have provided an abundance of food for the guests at Wayside. Now they have also provided a more energy efficient and time saving way to reheat and serve the food that they donated! FYI, Cuisine America was the caterer serving up the delicious victuals at this year's Friendship Dinner.



Kathleen

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WAYSIDE CROSS MINISTRIES

Early Christmas

Christmas will come a little early for almost 200 underprivileged children at the Elgin Wayside Center. On December 15th, children will enjoy a Christmas party and presentation.

New gifts, wrapped and tagged with identification for age and gender are needed and can be dropped off at the Center. Extra gifts will be distributed to children of inmates from local county jails.

