

THE MISSIONARY

Central Union Mission



Fall 2005

Philip's life is under new ownership!

Before being rescued by the grace and healing of Jesus Christ, Satan owned Phillip.



In many ways, it looked like Phillip had a normal life. He grew up in a solid family with parents and sisters, enjoyed sports, graduated from high school, and attended some college classes. He got a job, became a follower of Christ, bought a home, got married and had two children. It sounds like a balanced, successful normal life. But sadly, Satan had a hold on Phillip.

When he was 12, Phillip was molested by a 15-year-old male friend. Phillip didn't know what to do or who to talk to. He didn't know where to turn for help. He didn't know how to get help. Phillip even wondered if he was a homosexual and had trouble having relationships with other men. He used drugs, especially cocaine, to escape from the pain, anger, depression, and sense of worthlessness.

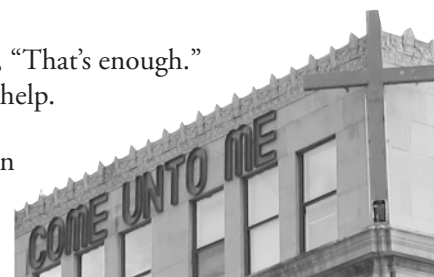
Phillip's pain was ruining his life and robbing him of relationships. Even thirty years after his traumatic experience, the memory of it consumed him.

Estranged from his wife and children, he moved out of his house. Phillip was using cocaine to escape, even depending on the aid of the drug on the nights his son was born and his mother died. His depression and anger made suicide look like a way out; only his fear prevented it.

Phillip tried to recover but he lost his job. Broken hearted, he used his last paycheck to purchase \$1,500 worth of cocaine—enough to last one week—and used it all immediately. Soon, his heart stopped. Phillip saw death face to face as he fell to the ground. As his heart missed one beat,

then another. God said, "That's enough." He knew he had to get help.

He called Central Union Mission. Although they were full at first, within days the

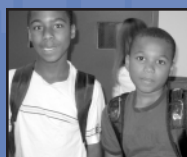


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Gala update

At our 121st Anniversary Fundraising Gala on September 23, we were overjoyed to celebrate God's goodness to the Mission while looking ahead to the future with faith. Luis Palau inspired us. Singers raised the roof with praise. Stringed instruments gave godly harmonies. The men of STP looked sharp in their tuxedos. The atmosphere was full of stars. Lights on the ceiling shone brightly.

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From the Executive Director



There is no greater reward:

There is no greater reward for those of us who love Rescue Ministries than to see a life changed by Jesus Christ. That's what this work is all about. This month, as we provide our annual report, I trust you will note the stories of lives

changed because of your support of the Mission through prayers, gifts and volunteer time.

Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma have certainly attracted a great deal of attention recently, and you should know that your Mission has both supported the relief efforts in the Gulf region and double checked all our preparations for any disaster that might hit the Nation's Capital. As you probably noticed in New Orleans, the poor are usually the least prepared for disaster and last to evacuate, so we must be prepared to offer aid as long as possible.

Also, this is the time of year for special thanks at the Mission. We're thankful for another great summer with our children at Camp Bennett and providing their back-to-school supplies. We're thankful for the increase in volunteer and financial support we receive as our friends return from vacation. We're thankful for a wonderful gala with Luis Palau, and for the opportunity to oversee the Compassion Ministry of the DC Festival. And we're thankful for the fall opportunities as we prepare for Veterans Day, The Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon, Thanksgiving, and finally our Christmas bags for the children.

Thank you for your faithful support as you bathe our efforts in prayer, stretch our resources by volunteering your time and enable us to minister through your financial support.

Blessings, *Dave*

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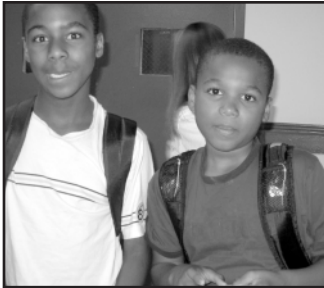
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Head of the Class: Annual Back to School



On August 20, Central Union Mission held its Annual Back to School Backpack Party for children in the D.C. metro area suffering from financial hardships. Each child received a backpack filled with grade-appropriate school supplies. The children also enjoyed a special dramatization by youth from

Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Virginia as they snacked on snow cones and prepared thank you cards for the donors who continue to make the program a success. Central Union Mission also donated a portion of the backpacks to displaced families affected by Hurricane Katrina through the Heart of America's Operation Buddy Pack program. With the generous gifts of donors, churches, and friends, the Mission served over 500 children this year.



Gala Update

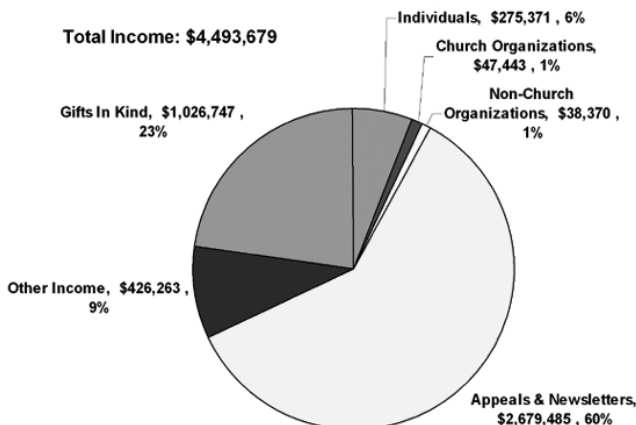
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Smiles of thanksgiving glowed with each moment of tribute. We are grateful for the support of all who participated in making this gala event one to remember!

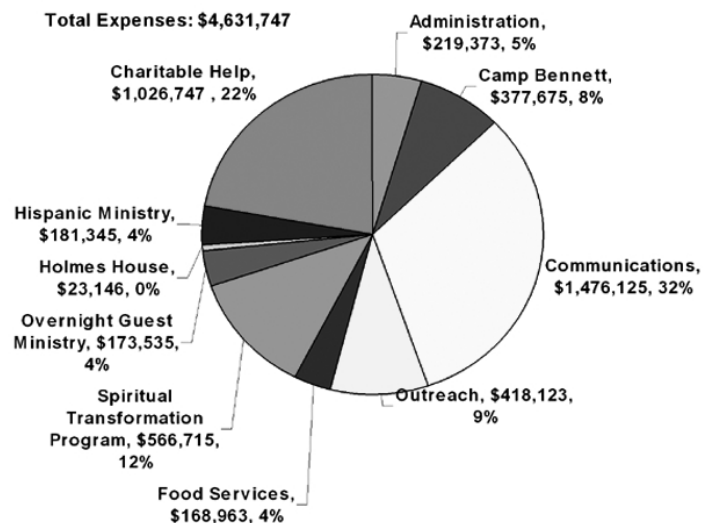


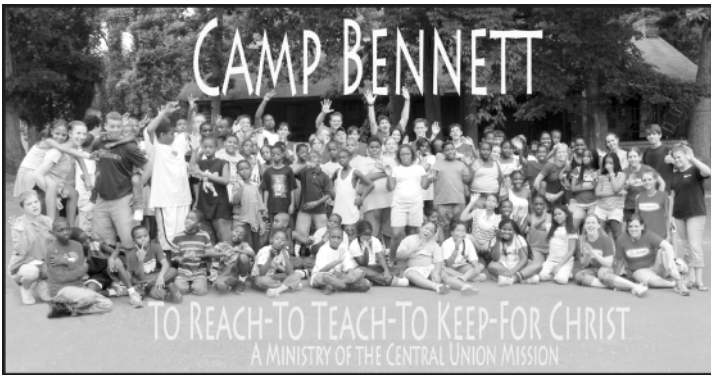
Central Union Mission 2004-2005 Operations

Total Income: \$4,493,679



Total Expenses: \$4,631,747





Children's Ministry and Camp Bennett

Back to School

In 2004 we matched 262 children with donors, who provided new back packs and necessary school supplies. Summer camp counselors performed skits and led the kids in summer camp songs. And in 2005 we grew to about 500 bags.

Christmas Bag Event – We matched 696 children to donors, who provided bags full of Christmas gifts for each child and Olney Baptist Church performed a skit which provided the real meaning of Christmas. Additionally, almost 500 additional children received Christmas bags through our Hispanic Ministry.

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Melissa Blauvelt, Children's Ministry Associate, Central Union Mission; Fred Johnson, District Manager, Office Depot; David Treadwell, Executive Director, Central Union Mission; Office Depot Store Manager

Thank you, Office Depot!

The Mission was privileged to participate in Office Depot's nationwide Backpack Donation, as a part of our Back to School Backpack Program. Office Depot's donation of 150 backpacks containing school supplies enabled us to distribute bags to many deserving families as they prepared for the new school year. Thank you for your generosity, Office Depot!

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Mission called with good news: Come on in. He was tired, broken, unemployed, estranged from his wife and children, and facing a divorce. But God had a plan.

Once he arrived at the Mission, Phillip surrendered his life to God. In the Spiritual Transformation Program, his healing started as he devoted himself to prayer and Bible study at the Mission. His old life disappeared and new life in Christ began to emerge. Upon graduation from the Program, Phillip was hired to serve as the Mission receptionist. He is now the "voice of the Mission."

Phillip prepared a prayer list during this time. God answered every request on the list, one step at a time. His wife saw the changes in Phillip's life, and she stopped the divorce. As he learned more about God, Phillip rebuilt his relationships with his wife, children and sisters, and after living at the Mission for a time, he was welcomed home by his wife and children.

With his future assured in Christ, Phillip and his wife dream of having a business of their own someday. Until then, they stand together believing God wants Phillip to serve God where he is—at the Mission.

Yes, for a long time Satan owned Phillip, but now his life is under new ownership! Pain and suffering are gone! Serving with purpose defines his new life in Christ. His heart's desire is to share the light of God's love to all who come his way.



Hurricane Assistance Update

At the onset of devastation on the Gulf region following the hurricanes, the Mission provided transportation and labor to assist the DC effort to aid Gulf area evacuees. We are now entering the long term support phase of relief.

On September 30 we welcomed our first evacuee family: the Bolden's, including four sons, ages 7, 4 and 3-year old twins. Mission supporters are providing a beautiful condo for the family and a job as a soil tester has been located for Mr. Bolden.

Collaborating with Strong Families DC (who are responsible for placement of the families), we are expecting to receive additional families to help with the long term needs of the hurricane evacuees.

Social Work Director Shirley Johnson has been working with a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) manager responsible for placing the single population, both male and female. Currently, more single individuals than families have come to Washington from New Orleans and the HUD coordinator has requested that the Mission place at least 6 men at Camp Bennett. This number is likely to grow to sixteen very soon.

To join our support effort as a volunteer or service donor, please contact: Shirley Johnson, Director of Social Work, 202-745-7118. X225 or sjohnson@missiondc.org

Overnight Guest Ministry

In 2004-05 it was our privilege to provide 26,484 bed-nights while hosting over 2,500 different men overnight. By separating our overnight guests from our Spiritual Transformation Program men, we opened the door for Director James Lewis to focus on nightly Bible studies, recruit a highly qualified team of volunteer chaplains, and assist many of the guests with entitlements and services from the community and government. Partnerships with churches and service oriented agencies have enabled us to improve the lives of many hurting men. With the assistance of Social Work Director Shirley Johnson, James has led our efforts to provide increased health care, special AIDS and other training, and even weekend retreats to Camp Bennett for our overnight guests.

Food Service

In addition to serving our overnight guests, our Food Services Department serves seniors, single parents, the Hispanic Ministry, and our Spiritual Transformation Program. This year we served over 150,000 meals through:

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner served daily
- Food Depot: a free grocery program providing balanced meals for senior citizens, single parent families and the Hispanic community
- Special Banquets, such as our Great Thanksgiving Banquet and our Christmas Dinner.

Children's Ministry and Camp Bennett

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Summer Camp - We hosted 317 children in 2004 and 310 in 2005 for a Christian summer camp experience. These children came over a period of 6 separate week-long sessions. Camp Bennett has partnered with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Young Life, and Project Bridges in providing this summer camp experience.

Camp Bennett's gymnasium has been utilized by 31 local youth athletic teams. This usage of our gym builds our relationship with the community and helps Montgomery County youth leagues which are short on gym space. Many of these teams now contribute to the Camp's ministry!



Our camper of the year was **Delores Bryant (right)**. This honor is bestowed on the youngster who demonstrates godly character and personal growth while at camp. While attending camp this summer,



Delores made a significant and demonstrable stride in her relationship with Jesus and with others. By the end of her stay, Delores emerged as a leader among her peers, encouraging others to make decisions – whether large or small – which honors the Lord. Our theme this year was “Raising the Roof” in which children learned the importance of prayer, Bible reading, and Christian fellowship. Delores practiced what she had learned and actively sought to influence those around her in this way.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID

For the past year, the Mission's Christian Legal Aid Ministry has provided assistance in almost 200 legal matters. Every month, we assist in about 15 legal matters for men in the Mission's Spiritual Transformation Program, our overnight guests and walk-ins from our community.

Assistance varies with each case. In some matters, direct legal representation is provided. For others, our assistance consists of legal advice and referrals as well as additional legal support for persons represented through court appointed counsel.

This past year legal assistance has been provided by Staff Counsel Clark Hymes, volunteer area attorneys and law students from Georgetown and George Washington Law schools.

The Johnson's, a newly married couple, sought help from the Christian Legal Aid Ministry because they were having problems at the rooming house where they had just moved. The landlord was threatening to lock them out and keep their security deposit and rent, because he only wanted single people living in his house. The security deposit and rent were all the money the couple had.

Mrs. Johnson explained that prior to renting the room, she had told the landlord that she was going to marry in two weeks. The landlord gladly accepted her money, but later objected when her husband joined her. Mr. Johnson shared that they had found another place to live, but that they no longer had the money to pay for it.

After praying with the couple, we contacted the landlord. We informed him that the threatened lockout constituted an illegal eviction and that he would be liable for damages if he followed through. Within a week the landlord returned all their money and the Johnson's had moved into a new place to call home.

Spiritual Transformation Program

During the last year 76 men participated in the Spiritual Transformation Program, and 20 were able to spend over a year with us to complete the full program. Robert is a good example of what the program means to these men:

Robert wandered around the ghettos of Richmond for most of his life. Never completing high school, he was in and out of jail for five years. During that period he fathered a daughter. His relationships were lost. He hopped from program to program, seeking handouts. Each time ended in relapse and hopelessness.

By the time he staggered into the door of the mission, Robert was homeless and hooked on crack cocaine. That's when God grabbed him, saved him and helped him stand tall.

October last year he entered the Spiritual Transformation Program with a new hope. For the first time in his life, Robert was able to finish something. He graduated from the program and moved to the Transitional Program this month. He is active in church, submitting to the discipleship of Pastor William Bennett at Good Success Church.

Future plans include pursuit of a GED which looks promising thanks to the partnership of the mission and Literacy Volunteers of America, and he is preparing for a commercial drivers license. Robert has roots now, is growing in grace and looks forward to obtaining a Food Handler's License!



Program men go to the Gala in grace and style thanks to the generosity of After Six Formal Wear.



"Come unto me" window provides inspiration in the mission's prayer room.



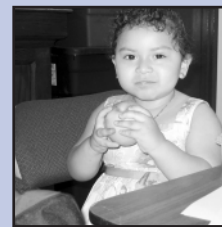
Maryland's Lt. Governor, Michael S. Steele, encourages men in the program.



Spanish Bible study with intense students



Pastor Jorge teaches from the Word of God.



The little children come to Him.

Hispanic Ministry

Central Union Mission's Hispanic Ministry serves low-income Hispanic families in metro DC. We served about 4,000 people, averaging 16 people daily, 80 weekly, 336 monthly. We have counseled 223 people this year. Also, the ministry has provided:

- Food to 2,340 families
- Clothes to 720 families
- Furniture to 155 families
- Christmas Gifts to 396 children
- English Classes to 35 adults
- Prepared job applications for 125 people
- Job search assistance for 122 people
- Translations/interpretations for 143 people

Mrs. Santos Blanco came to our office at the end of December asking for any kind of furniture. That was unusual, because people are, under normal conditions, more specific. When asked why she needed furniture she explained that her house had been completely destroyed by fire. Mrs. Santos, her husband and five children came from El Salvador more than ten years ago searching for the "American Dream," but when they reached the dream, it was destroyed by fire. Following thorough counseling, in May they received another house from the insurance company but it was completely empty. The Mission provided furniture from our Distribution Center, and we made a connection with another Christian organization that will furnish the remainder of their new home. During this trying time, Mr. and Mrs. Santos asked the Lord into

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Help Us Make a Difference

The fall season is a critical time for Central Union Mission. With the Thanksgiving holidays quickly approaching, we see an increased need for food, shelter, and clothing. As a result of the recent Hurricanes, we are expecting a decrease in our giving. We want our donors to anticipate the impact that this giving diversion might cause so that we are able to continue serving the needs in our community. While we fully support your decision to send your gift where you see an immediate need, we ask that you also remember your homeless neighbors, right here in the Nation's Capital. Everyday hurting and homeless men, in our own backyards, come through our doors in need of a hot meal, a shower, and a safe haven for the night. For only \$1.93, you can provide a meal or care for one of our guests. With your prayers, donations, and financial support we can continue to show the homeless and impoverished in the District that they are not forgotten.

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their lives. They are attending the Mission Bible Studies every Wednesday and Thursday and are attending an Evangelical church near their home. During the summer they sent three of their children to Camp Bennett for a marvelous experience away from the city. Mrs. Blanco was invited to the Luis Palau ladies lunch in October and where she expressed her delight with her new experience with Jesus.

Help the Homeless Walk A Thon

On November 19th, the Central Union Mission will be pleased to participate in Fannie Mae's 18th Annual Help the Homeless Walkathon. The Mission has been accepted as one of 180 beneficiary organizations for this fundraising event which encourages people from all over the Washington Metropolitan area to become involved in the fight against homelessness. If you are interested in supporting the Mission by participating in the 5K-walk, please visit www.helpthehomelessdc.org for details or to register as a walker. Be sure to denote that you are walking in support of Central Union Mission (organization code: CNUM). This is a great event for families, church groups, or friends! For more information, please call Brittany Noetzel at 202-745-7118 ext. 255.



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