“This Place is the Best”

When we finally caught up with Betty Fluker, she was preparing to host a large Christian Valentine’s Day party at her house. Betty is a great friend to the Mission since she lives “right down the street.” A fellow R St. resident for 21 years, Betty has been a regular participant and volunteer at Mission functions for many years.

Betty is a gospel singer and minister who evangelizes in the area and has a CD of her own songs. She ministers to Mission men and other neighbors on the street; “everyone knows me,” she said. She attends the Mission’s Seniors Luncheons every month, enjoying the programs and fellowship.

Every other Thursday, she ministers in song and shares a few words of encouragement to the Food Depot attendees. “I wanted to do something to help the Mission,” she says, and when we needed a worship leader, she stepped right up. For the last two years at the worship services, she has sung some of her own songs and led the congregation to join in with favorites like “People Get Ready,” “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “On Time God” and songs from Shirley Caesar.

A native of Alabama, Betty came to Washington, DC, to marry her husband years ago. She now has five grown children all living in Maryland.

Central Union Mission is special to Betty: “I’ve volunteered at a lot of places, but I haven’t seen another organization like Central Union Mission. This place is the best. The people here are loving and kind.” We’re thankful that Betty continues to be a part of our Mission community.

Share Your Harvest

Hey, gardeners! While you’re starting your summer garden, why not plant an extra row for Central Union Mission? Thanks to Johnson’s Florist and Garden Center and the Garden Writers Association Foundation and its “Plant a Row for the Hungry” program, those extra tomatoes can find a good home.

You can pick up a planting kit (including seeds, peat plugs and fertilizer) at Johnson’s DC location (4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016) this spring, and start growing some extra produce. Your donations will help our kitchen enhance the nutrition and flavor of our summer meals with otherwise unaffordable fresh vegetables.

Tuning in and Coming Through

You sure showed us some love on Valentine’s Day. With help from you and our friends at WGTS 91.9 FM, listeners provided almost 10,000 Winter Rescue Kits for the needy in our community. The Kits are used to keep people from suffering hypothermia by providing food, shelter and cold weather care items. Mission staff and radio DJs worked for six hours promoting Central Union Mission’s outreach to an appreciative audience: you provided 4,000 gifts beyond our goal, nearly doubling the love. We thank you so much for your compassion!
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Renewed Lives are Blooming

Besides enjoying the beautiful cherry blossoms of our signature Nation’s Capital springtime, we’re celebrating the new life that God is granting us this season.

We’re seeing formerly despairing neighbors enthusiastically embracing their new lives in Christ and finding jobs and permanent homes. We’re watching the Gales School renovations transform an historic old building into a state-of-the-art homeless shelter. Our Spiritual Transformation Program graduates are ready to take on their world—with God’s help this time. Our Camp Bennett is gearing up for a summer full of excited city children.

All these joyous events are due to God’s provision and your faithful ness in serving Him. Every offering of money, gifts, time and prayer is pleasing to Him as you help serve His treasured children. Thanks so much for your generous support and your God-honoring compassion.

Blessings,

Dave

Night, Night!

We need new bedding and towels to keep our guests clean and comfortable. Please donate new or gently used:

• Pillow cases
• Twin size bed sheets (fitted or flat)
• Bath towels
• Wash cloths

You can drop them off at the Mission’s front desk at 1350 R. St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Worship in Washington

with Charles Billingsley, Travis Cottrell, Marcia Ware and a 400-voice choir

with an appearance by the Central Union Mission Choir

June 9, 2013
7:00 pm

Sponsored by six area churches to benefit Central Union Mission

Hylton Memorial Chapel

14640 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Tickets: $20, proceeds benefitting Central Union Mission.

To purchase tickets, visit www.missiondc.org/worshipinwashington
**Our Renovation in Fine Shape**

Our excitement builds as renovations to the old Gales School at 65 Massachusetts Ave, NW, bring us closer to occupying our new facility. Would you like to hold a permanent place in Central Union Mission’s renovation?

Your **Gift of Love** can fund a floor tile or paving stone, or you can purchase a critically needed new bed. You can even give large gifts such as donating the kitchen, dental office or elevator. All Gifts of Love will be recognized with an attractive inscription displayed prominently in the new facility.

This recognition is a lasting testament to your selfless compassion and generosity toward the homeless and people in need. For Gift of Love information, see [www.missiondc.org/Gift of Love](http://www.missiondc.org/Gift of Love), or contact Jocelyn Harris at 202-745-7118, ext. 221.

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**In Grateful Tribute**

Central Union Mission is thankful for these tributes given this year:

- **Dedicated to my wife Christine and son Noah**
  by Todd A. Holowasko

- **In Honor of Ken and Mary Jane Rudeinski**
  by Leroy Bell, Jr.

- **In Honor of Peter and Nancy Carroll**
  by Sonia B. Carroll

- **In Honor of Mardelle Richey**
  by A.J. Clark

- **In Honor of Tom McLane**
  by Oleg Fedoroff

- **In Honor of Paul Westpheling’s birthday**
  by Michaela and John Hancock

- **In Honor of Robert R. Rich’s wedding**
  by June Liverette

- **In Honor of Robert Moye’s birthday**
  by Carleen Moye

- **In Honor of Mr. Louis Flythe**
  by Elsa Williams

- **In Memory of Nathalie Reid**
  by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

- **In Memory of my father Dr. Jafar Amini**
  by Javid Amini

- **In Memory of Cecelia Kennedy**
  by J. Bennett and Dorothy Easterling

- **In Memory of Carmen and Barbara Blondin**
  by Emily R. Blondin

- **In Memory of Herbert Harvell**
  by Colon L. Cheney-Harvell

- **In Memory of Nathaniel Geary**
  by Vivian D. Geary

- **In Memory of Andrew W. Allen, Jr.**
  by Judith L. Greene

- **In Memory of my wife Meseret’s grandmother, Yemenushal**
  by Ronald Lee Haines

- **In Memory of Floyd Hough**
  by Nancy Hand

- **In Memory of Esther Jubilee**
  by Jamison J. Jubilee and Norma J. Turner

- **In Memory of Elizabeth Lee Kirkpatrick**
  by Edwin Kirkpatrick

- **In Memory of Leslie Leiper**
  by Clarke Leiper PLLC

- **In Memory Rev. and Mrs. John Gravely**
  by Alberta Mayberry

- **In Memory of Lucy A. McArdle**
  by Frank McArdle

- **In Memory of Leslie Leiper**
  by Yong B. Rapaport

- **In Memory of Andre Booze**
  by Sanatone Reddix

- **In Memory of Nathaniel Renard Rushing**
  by Nanette Rushing

- **In Memory of Maxson and Helen McCurry, Kathy Henehan, Louise and Naney**
  by Louise L. Santivanez

- **In Memory of Mary F. Tayman**
  by Barbara L. Tayman

- **In Memory of David Allen**
  by Virginia Tischner

- **In Memory of my sister, Anitha Wijesinha**
  by Sena B. Wijesinha

- **In Memory of Paul Gardella**
  by Christine H. Withers

- **In tribute to our grandmother, Carolyn Bastian**
  by Amy Bastian

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**We Need a Few Good Men**

Know someone in need? We invite pastors, community workers, relatives or friends to refer men who are homeless or in need of guidance to our 18-month residential Spiritual Transformation Program. The Program offers supportive services such as life skills enhancement, wrap-around social service support and literacy and job skills training with a spiritual emphasis for those struggling with life-controlling issues like anger, drug abuse, homelessness, forgiveness, alcoholism or other debilitating challenges. For more information, contact Chaplain Donald Ross at 202-745-7118, ext. 232 or dross@missiondc.org.
Beginning Again

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Homeless people want to have a new start, too, but the struggle to stay alive on the streets takes all their effort and energy. That’s where Central Union Mission steps in: to be their safety net. We give them food, clothing and shelter so they can concentrate on getting their lives together, reconciling with family and learning about their God who loves them.

God provides for homeless neighbors through the faithfulness of His people. Thank you so much for your generous donations, and please pray for the Mission and the people we serve.

I Will Help

I want to help hungry and needy people in Washington, DC, get a fresh start. Please use my gift of:

- $39.60 to serve a nutritious meal to 20 guests
- $59.40 to serve 30 guests
- $89.10 to serve 45 guests
- $_________ to serve as many guests as possible

Please make checks payable to “Central Union Mission.” To donate by credit card, please see our website at www.missiondc.org.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________

Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.
We’ll send a receipt for your records. God bless you for caring.

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