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Celebrating Education for Life

Operation Backpack Launches Children on a New Year of Learning

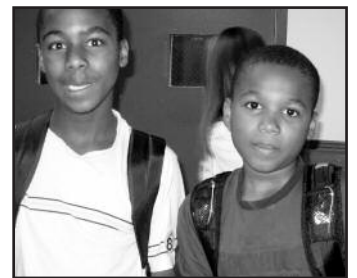


On August 19th, Central Union Mission's Children's Ministry will distribute hundreds of backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies to children who might not have been prepared to start the new school year otherwise.

Through generous donations from churches, individuals, families, and local businesses, children receive backpacks tailor-made for them. When families register for the Operation Backpack program, they provide the grade and interests of each child. Then we pass along that information to the donors, who fill a backpack with a specific child in mind.

Many of the children who receive backpacks also attend Camp Bennett with us this summer, where they learned valuable lessons about how much God loves and forgives them. After providing a formative and perhaps life-changing experience at Camp, Central Union Mission tries to affirm the importance of learning by

providing essential supplies to prepare children for the new school year. We wish all our camp kids and backpack recipients a great new school year!



STP Tutoring: Sharing the Power of Knowledge

Through the Central Union Mission's partnership with Literacy Volunteers of America, Leitha Wilson has joined the Mission's effort to provide quality educational services to men seeking to restore their lives. Using her 30 years of experience in education, twice every week Leitha provides instruction for Spiritual Transformation Program (STP) participants working to obtain their General Equivalence Degree (GED). Her students work together on math, reading, and general study skills in an effort to prepare them for success in learning and vocation.



Anthony, Davion and Ronald are three of Leitha Wilson's regular and dedicated students.



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From the Executive Director: Pursuing Transformation through Education



When Washington's Mayor, Anthony Williams, desperately appeals for help in overcoming the city's 37% adult illiteracy rate, he gets our attention. We find that among our clientele, figures are even more discouraging than those of the District as a

whole. Central Union Mission believes that education and consistent relationships are critical to long-term recovery, self-respect, and wholeness in Christ.

To help meet this very real need among those we serve, we are realigning our Men's Spiritual Transformation Program (STP) to start men on the multi-year road to true literacy. To prepare participants for the rigorous Bible study later in the STP, we are increasing our partnership with Literacy Volunteers of America. We are blessed to have such a competent partner in meeting this critical need. It is our hope that every man who graduates from the STP would achieve a 9th grade reading level.

Also included in our realignment is an increase in access to drug and alcohol rehabilitation. As we gain experience in the battle against drugs, we are convinced that we must confront the problem early, often and over a longer period than in the past. Even after graduation we continue relationships with graduates through internships, job training and placement, and transitional housing for those with jobs.

We are taking big steps to improve the STP through access to education and accountability for our participants. These are steps taken in faith, but we believe the goal is worthy. We're in the battle for the long haul, and with your help we will do all we can to help our friends win the battle against illiteracy and drugs. Thank you for allowing us to join the battle.

Blessings,

Sharing "Christ on the Mall"



Mission family members serve together at "Christ on the Mall"

Participants in the Spiritual Transformation Program and Overnight Guest services joined in Independence Day festivities along with hundreds of other Christians at "Christ on the Mall" on July 4th on the National Mall. Men and volunteers from Central Union Mission assisted with set-up, security, water distribution, and tear-down for the event which brought together Christians from all over the nation to serve the thousands of people who flock to the Mall in celebration of Independence Day.

"It is very important that the men in our programs experience the blessing of serving others, even as they are being served," said Director of Overnight Guest Ministry, Pastor James Lewis. "Christ commanded us to give those in need a cup of cold water, and we are teaching our guests that this is a command He gave for everyone and for all times."

You Provided!

From May to June 2006, Mission supporters touched the lives of struggling people in DC with...

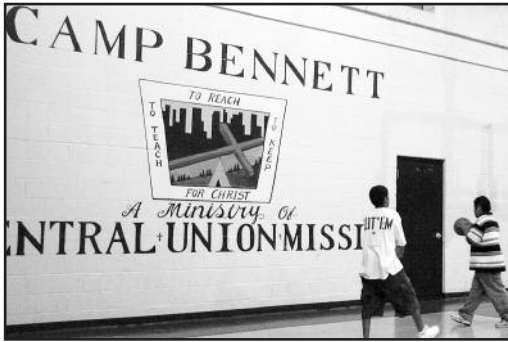
7,009 safe places to sleep	5 eye exams and glasses
16,501 nutritious meals	4 health orientations
660 Bible study opportunities	55 consultations at the medical clinic
357 recipients of clothing	19 tutoring sessions
418 counseling sessions	13 legal aid consultations
32 English-as-a-Second-Language sessions	



At Central Union Mission, people receive care for hurting bodies, minds and spirits!

Another Summer of Fun & Growth: Thank You, Camp Bennett!

Thanks to our faithful and supportive donors, Central Union Mission was privileged to welcome over 300 children to Camp Bennett this summer. During seven weeks, lives were changed through the fun activities and strong teaching shared with our campers. Thank you for your help!



Campers love to play outdoors, but to beat the heat, our gym is the best place to be!



When campers take on the challenges of the high ropes course, they learn valuable lessons about confidence, trust and teamwork.



Campers gather in small groups led by counselors. Here, the teachings and experiences of camp are made much more personal.

Help With Your Estate Plan

For decades now, virtually every survey on the topic of estate planning indicates the majority of adults in America do not have a valid will, living trust or other plan for distribution of their resources upon death. In fact, well over 70% of the adults who die each year have no valid will.

The impact of death without a will is enormous. In addition to the obvious — the questions of asset distribution — there are potentially devastating issues surrounding guardianship of minors and their long-term well-being. And these only scratch the surface of potential issues.

In the face of this dilemma, we have compiled several articles to assist you in developing your own estate plan that cover these potential issues and more.

To receive one or all of these articles, please use the response form provided.

Clip and Mail

Dear Mr. Treadwell,

- Please send me the article ***Eight Reasons People Don't Make Wills.***
- I would like to learn about a Living Trust by reading the article ***Four Reasons You May Need a Living Trust.***
- Please send ***How to Help Your Lawyer and Yourself*** — a guide to help you gather information before you meet with your lawyer.
- Please have the mission's Estate Planning Advisor contact me to help me get started on my estate plan.
- Please e-mail the articles to me.

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*Place the completed form in an envelope and mail to:
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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, August 19

Operation Backpack Event • 10:00 a.m.

Central Union Mission is busily preparing hundreds of backpacks for needy children this fall. If you would like to help prepare a child for school this year or volunteer at our event, please contact TaJuanna at 202-MISSION.

Thursday, October 5

Ministry Celebration Banquet • 7:00 p.m.

Join us at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Virginia for an evening of celebration and thanksgiving for God's work at Central Union Mission! Come share a delicious dinner with us. Learn about the Mission's Hispanic Ministry and hear from those whose lives have been touched by this vibrant ministry. A love offering will be taken. Reservations and information at 202-MISSION or online at www.missiondc.org.

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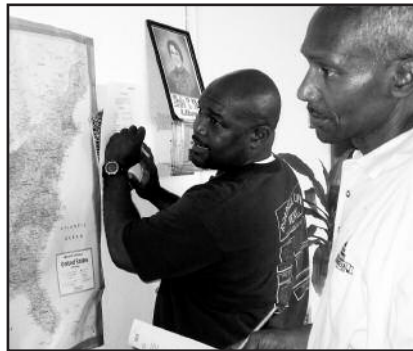
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Give the Gift of Learning and Provide Tools for Success and Wholeness

In Proverbs 18:15, we read, "The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out."

Scripture and experience confirm the importance of developing healthy habits of learning throughout life. Yet for many, the value of education is muddled in the midst of debilitating poverty, addictions of many kinds, broken homes, and urgent



In their GED tutoring, STP participants work together to improve literacy and general study skills.

struggles for survival.

At Central Union Mission, individuals and families find much-needed food, shelter, and care for a variety of problems, but we also believe that there is much more to be discovered beyond immediate assistance. As we share spiritual truth with people in need, we also try to give them the skills to be lifelong learners.

From literacy classes, vocational training, and GED courses in the Spiritual Transformation Program to national health observance seminars at seniors luncheon to character building at Camp Bennett and the back-to-school backpack event, we are constantly seeking ways to help build people up to fight and remain free from poverty and pain.

When you support Central Union Mission, you are not only providing essential services for people in need, but making it possible for us to pass along the skills and education needed to succeed. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). Please consider partnering with Central Union Mission to provide the tools for people in our community to overcome adversity through the power of Christ, to truly experience fullness of life.

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