



Spreading Christmas Cheer!

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*** Volunteers Wanted ***

- Warehouse Laborers
- Kitchen Helpers
- Food preparation
- Drivers
- Food pick-up
- Intercessors to pray for the people, workers and ministry
- Musicians and worship leaders
- *Donations are always welcomed in lieu of Volunteer Time....Thank you*

On December 19th, 2006 Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle's school gymnasium was beautifully decorated and bustling with activity awaiting

song commemorated the birth of Christ, the true joy of Christmas. Many thanks to: Derek and Debbie Prezzano, Pastor Deborah Mitchell and the Saggio Family for sharing

Thank you Pastor Dave! We were also blessed with the powerful ministry of The Smithtown Gospel Drama Team, who shared messages of faith, hope and triumph



the arrival of some 200 guests from Hope for the Future Ministries in NYC and Hempstead, Long Island. And

your musical talents with us. Pastor Dave Harff and his children's ministry out-did themselves once again with

through silent drama skits and dance.



After dinner and theater, each guest was presented with a bag full, and we mean full, of gifts. It was touching to see how each child searched their bag for the one "wish-gift" they were promised. The look of sheer glee on their faces when they found it was priceless. Most kids left the bulk of gifts unopened in the bag, saving them for Christmas morning. Without those gifts many would have nothing to open! Each adult was also given a warm jacket, hats, gloves, scarves, thermal socks, and toiletry gifts.

what a night it was indeed! The food was beyond delicious and the fellowship was beautiful. Every heart was warmed as live music and

their fantastic puppet show for the youngsters. The kids and adults alike were entertained and got the Gospel message at the same time.

Pastor Rich Collingridge, SGT's mission pastor, gave a thought provoking message and challenged every listener both old and young, to make

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We would like to extend a special thanks to Phyllis at WNYG 1440 AM for helping Hope For the Future Ministry "get the word out" about how much God cares about the homeless. God bless you WNYG for helping the helpless.

*"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows but only empties today of its strength."
Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)*

Don't forget to watch Glory to Glory TV Show on Cablevision (Channel 20) every Tuesday 7:00 am(Nassau & Western Suffolk County) & Wednesday 7:30 am (Eastern Suffolk County) with Pastor Diane Dunne & Pastor Deborah Mitchell

We always enjoy our favorite Master of Ceremonies, Nick Melina, known to us as: **Saint Nick**. Of course this night could not have been the success it was without the tireless efforts of The Saggio family and Donna Allen and friends, for their efforts in coordinating and wrapping the gifts. They worked feverishly behind the scenes to make sure the gifts were properly sorted, wrapped and distributed... with a smile!

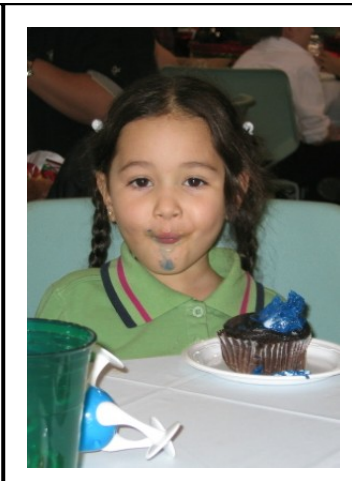


We would be amiss without thanking all the "behind the scenes" people who cooked, set-up, and cleaned up. Thank you, thank you, and thank you again!

The night ended with a presentation of flowers and a gift to Pastor Diane from her congregation. They expressed their love and gratitude for Pastor Diane's dedication and perseverance during this past year,

Perhaps you sponsored a child or a family this holiday season. Perhaps you wrapped a gift or shopped for one. Perhaps you prayed our strength or that provision would be plentiful! What ever your part was, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Ω

which was quite challenging and often difficult. Her refusal to give up and give in to the enemies plans has been a wonderful example to her flock, many of whom struggle to survive from day to day. "If she can do it, we can do it!"



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS. WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH YOU FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER!

FRED BASS ...A TRUE SALVATION

Meet our new Warehouse Manager Fred Bass. He has been on board, full-time for the past few months and all signs point to a match made in heaven! Fred has a beautiful 'rags to riches' testimony. He describes his life as a living hell before he came to know Christ.

There was no God, no and no future. I cave in around dominos, his life lost his job and cohol abuse. I signed myself rehab which salvation, liter-cepted Jesus as began to go to his Bible. It did-Fred to realize calling him to a vanthood. There to his new walk than just going to church and reading his Bible!



Fred said, "There accountability My life began to me." Like falling unraveled. He home due to al-Fred eventually into an alcohol proved to be his ally! Fred ac-his Savior and church and read n't take long for that God was life of ser-had to be more

Fred was introduced to Hope for the Future Ministries and it was love at first sight. He knew that this was the place that God had chosen for him. Fred jumped at the chance to serve. He performs his duties with great care, shows excellent leadership ability and has a positive effect on those around him. More importantly Fred is like-minded in his vision for HFTF. One of his goals in his new position is to help the ministry get to the next level! You go Freddie! You are a long awaited answer to prayer! Ω

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Jeremiah 29:11*



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A Word From The Pastor's Desk...

I had the opportunity during the holiday break to watch a Christmas movie called "Christmas on Division Street." It was about a 13 year old's family that moves to Philadelphia. The young teenager, upset about the move, has to make new friends, and attend a new school. Having to write a paper on Benjamin Franklin, he goes to the city library and meets a homeless man who calls himself the Minister of Education. He doesn't know the man is homeless, at first. Unbeknown to the teenager, the old man had a problem with alcohol because of a car accident he had, which caused the death of his 14 year old son. Through the years the alcohol took its toll and he wound up on the streets of Philly. The old man proceeds to give the young teen an education about homelessness, and the worth of a life. He takes him around the area of town where a pregnant woman with two children was living on the streets. This shocked the sheltered teen. He comments to the old man, "I've never seen homeless people like this before, especially women with small children." The old man says to him something that jumped out at me, "It's amazing how people become invisible when we choose not to see." He then went on to teach the young boy the valuable lesson that everyone has a story. When his parents found out that their son was hanging around the homeless they were very upset and didn't want him hanging around 'that element'. Their fears blinded them from seeing the worth of this old man. Towards the end of the movie the man dies tragically, freezing to death in an alley on Christmas Eve. His death was not in vain. That Christmas morning the teens' entire family went out to that alley to feed hot meals and distribute warm clothing and blankets to the homeless.

Every one has a story. This is crucial to realize. Everybody deserves to be treated as an individual with worth. God does. He assigns each of us our own DNA, fingerprints, eye retina patterns, and if these proofs aren't enough, He numbers the hairs on our head.

Our media has projected the homeless in such a negative light. I see some people pass to the other side of the street when they see the homeless are on line for food. It reminds me of that line in the movie... "It's amazing how people become invisible when we choose not to see." But when we are forced to see it do we think their value is diminished by their economic or social status? Why is it that we go out of our way not to see? But every one out there has a story. Some are more tragic than others, but they are all important to God. I want to thank you for helping us reach out and make the poor and needy more visible. Every time you pray or reach out in some way to help you give value to the individual and his story.

May the Lord richly bless you. ♥

Sincerely In His Service,
Pastor Diane Dunne