

## February 2012 Newsletter - Isaiah 61

- We had a fabulous time at our **annual Christmas Dinner for the homeless**. Over 130 served, one person decided to go to rehab that day, 11 men came from the Bethesda Mission's Helmsman's Program, 7 women attended from the YWCA, and 8 people accepted Christ. Christmas gifts were collected for 90 people! One of the teenage volunteers who helped with our Christmas dinner said: "Had a great time! I can't wait 'til the next dinner!" Here's what one of our Board members had to say: "If we can show them that they matter to us, then they can see that they matter to God!" Also, this from one of the clients we brought in from Bethesda Mission: "Thanks for inviting us - it was awesome!" Many thanks and blessings to all who participated in any way in the set-up, serving, clean-up, decorating, clothing room, transportation, music, organization and gift program. We couldn't have done it without you all!
- Each time you use **GoodSearch** they will donate one cent to Isaiah 61 Ministries, and each time you make a purchase using GoodSearch Isaiah 61 will receive a small percentage of your purchase amount. Imagine how quickly those pennies will add up if we all begin to use GoodSearch! This is an easy way for us to fund-raise. We can earn money in support of Isaiah 61 Ministries of Harrisburg through the simple everyday actions of searching and shopping on the internet. **Go to "GoodSearch.com" for more information, and enter "Isaiah 61 Ministries of Harrisburg" to set up your account.** "I used GoodSearch for some Christmas shopping and without even trying donated \$12 to Isaiah 61!" said one Board Member.
- If someone knows of someone selling a **bus** or has any leads for a contact they should contact me at my e-mail address. Our transportation needs are increasing, as seen by the many trips we had to make with smaller vans for the Christmas Dinner.
- Isaiah 61 is transporting about 20 people to church services on Sunday mornings at ExponentialTV.com. Lives are being changed!
- Our **first life group meeting** was held Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. 10 of our friends attended along with the Ocasio family. We used the first meeting to talk about the focus of this group which will be to discuss topics that are relevant to our everyday lives from a biblical perspective, to build community among the group and become able to support each other through tough times and to be able to have some fun together in a healthy and safe atmosphere. We will be meeting bi-weekly to start with our next meeting being Sat. February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. We will be starting with the book Facing Your Giants by Max Lucado. A special thanks to Howard Motor Co. for allowing us to use their facilities.
- Beth Leonard is hosting a **first aid class** for Isaiah 61 Board Members, Volunteers, and Clients on February 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30. If any volunteers are interested in attending they should contact April. Space is limited.
- We have plenty of clothing donations for **winter clothes** at this time, although we can always use jeans and are in need of a couple 2x coats. If anyone has items to contribute or questions, contact Mike or Teresa Sellers at [mtsellers5@verizon.net](mailto:mtsellers5@verizon.net). Thanks to all who have been so generous in donating clothing! Please be sure that if you are donating any clothes, they be new or gently used.
- Take a look at our **website** - "[Isaiah61Ministries.us](http://Isaiah61Ministries.us)" and our **facebook** page - "[facebook.com/Isaiah61Ministries](http://facebook.com/Isaiah61Ministries)"..... Check them out often for updates, pictures, etc..
- **Our biggest needs right now** are razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shampoo. Also looking for travel size toiletry items to give to our clients, including small sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and deodorant,. If anyone has these items to contribute, contact April.
- **We are also currently** looking for a futon and a twin bed in good condition for someone who just got an apartment. Also a dorm sized refrigerator for someone who is renting a room.

- **Please keep us in prayer** as we seek God's will for the ministry and those we serve. We are praying for a bus and a building downtown.
- Contact April at [crgirl@rocketmail.com](mailto:crgirl@rocketmail.com) if you are interested in further **volunteer opportunities**.
- **Monetary donations** can be sent to Isaiah 61 Ministries at 53 Union Church Rd Halifax, PA17032.
- If you have any questions about Isaiah 61 Ministries, please take a look at our website or facebook page. If your question is still not answered, feel free to contact April and we will be sure to answer your question.
- Here are some pictures from the Christmas Dinner for the Homeless held at Swatara Church of God on December 29, 2011







