

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” John 6:35

A Bright Future!

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Through the people that she met at The Storehouse and NLCC, Louise encountered God in a life changing way. “I was so damaged, I didn’t think I deserved His love; I never knew that all I had to do was reach out.”

Louise explained “prior relationships were all people taking from me. God embraced me and so did the Storehouse, a group of people that I now consider family. I can reach out to anyone here, like a giant light house in the midst of the storm,” she continued.

Today, Louise is happily married, free of an alcohol addiction and serves in the church. During this year’s Vacation Bible School, sponsored by The Storehouse, Louise volunteered to assist with snack preparation and help with clean-up. What she didn’t know was that God was about to use children to change her life forever.

“It was about half way through the week when God spoke to me and said ‘Louise you are my child! You can come sit next to me, YOU are welcome,’” Louise shared.

“It was like I was one of those children to God,” recalls Louise. As tears flowed from her eyes, she remembered Him welcoming her to sit in His presence. It was at that moment Louise felt that she had something to contribute, that her life mattered.

“God showed me that I finally have a purpose in life, and it is not in a bottle; I don’t have to wear a mask nor hide my pain anymore.”

Now, Louise wants to work with youth. “I want children, especially young girls, to know that they don’t have to go through what I went through. **My future is a lot brighter than my past,**” proclaimed Louise.

Written by Glenn Connors, Sr.

Events

Food Pantry

Wednesday & Friday
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Groceries, inspirational
teaching and new friends.

Broken Bread Lunch

Last Friday of each month
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

EOV Community Center
FREE community meal
offering food for the body,
soul and spirit.

Back-To-School

Sunday, Aug 24
10:00 am
NLCC

School supplies for local
families in need.

Louise Owens moved to Norfolk twenty years ago in an attempt to leave behind a life of hurtful addiction in New York. “My background was full of pain and abuse. All I knew to do was to get high or drunk,” she explained.

For the last ten years, Louise lived just a few blocks away from The Storehouse and New Life Christian Center (NLCC). During that time, she attended various community events and food distributions sponsored by The Storehouse but always shied away from actually coming in.

“I was convinced they didn’t want someone like me,” she said.

Louise was becoming what she feared most: an older woman reduced to hiding alcohol throughout her house. That’s when she decided to walk through a door she had never opened before.

“Restoring Community and Changing Lives”

The Storehouse is known in our community as a resource for food and assistance, and most importantly as a place of love and healing. We have seen countless salvations and physical and emotional healings. Our staff and dedicated volunteers believe in the power of prayer to restore lives, families and neighborhoods.

Thanks to our community and partners our outreach has grown to support 80-100 families with weekly groceries, distributing 5,000 lbs. of food each month.





Vacation Bible School 2014

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) was an overwhelming success! This was in large part due to the energetic team of volunteers, comprised of 15 adults and 10 youth leaders. They ministered daily to children located throughout the neighborhood, ranging in age from six to twelve years old.

The central theme was "SHINE." It challenged all participants to answer the question "Are you a glory giver or a glory getter?". This taught the importance of self-sacrifice, honoring God and esteeming others higher than themselves.

VBS 2014 ran for five days straight and ended with a community wide picnic in celebration of the July 4th holiday.

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14, KJV



What's Our Responsibility in Helping the Poor?

By Ken Gerry



If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart

nor shut your hand from your poor brother, but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8 NKJV

The Bible is very clear that God wants His people to be a blessing to those who are in need. This lending to those in need was to be done even as the seventh year approached, the year of release from all debts.

Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,' and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the LORD against you, and it become sin among you.

Deuteronomy 15:9-11 NKJV

In other words don't be afraid you won't be paid back because the Lord gives us a promise!

He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given. Proverbs 19:17 NKJV

You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to

God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand. For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15:10-11 NKJV

God will not only pay us back for helping the poor but because of your obedience to His word, He will "bless you in all your works"!

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 NKJV

God will test our hearts in our giving to those that are in need; those who respond rightly to the test are promised His blessing on all of their efforts to prosper. This newsletter is an opportunity to give to the poor within our gates.

Will you consider giving to The Storehouse?

The needs of the people, especially children, have **increased**. We don't believe more government programs are the answer. We believe YOU are the answer. Would you take a moment and ask the Lord if he would have you help us to help others?

May God Bless You as You Pray!

Take Part: GIVE a Healthy Start!

Did you know that as little as \$25 per month can help us provide healthy meals for an entire family? That's less than \$1 per day. If you haven't already, consider partnering with us today!

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