

Good Samaritan Ministries - State of the Ministry for 2019

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Letter from Our Founder Pastor Vito Bitetto

We were blessed with many visitors enabling us to spread good news about our ministry. There were 43 organizations, including 22 churches and 21 civic organizations, comprising a total of 114 persons.

Two years ago our light was not shining but fast-forward, today our light is beginning to shine. These visitations bring unity toward healing broken lives.

For the churches that visited, I stressed I did not want them to think whenever we called, we would ask for money, that will not be the case.

I talked about a bridge and that it moves in both directions. The first bridge, a vertical one, Christ built for us to His Father. Our Father brings us grace and mercy and we serve Him. The second bridge, a horizontal one, we want to build with church families.

By the grace of our Father, we continue opening our door to the unwanted, those ravaged from substance abuse, discarded and homeless, suffering from mental illness, elderly, uncared for, and single parents threatened with the loss of their children to foster care and inmates released from jail. Our long term housing and care affords them the time and opportunity to clean their bodies, purify their hearts and clear their minds. They enter to be healed, recover from the darkness in their lives and thru the grace and mercy of our Lord, become new.

There is no other organization like ours in the Treasure Coast. God's plan is to cast a wide net over all types of broken lives. His plan is better than any plan man could conceive. By following His plan, one of diversity, broken souls, help one another for they have walked in their shoes. They love one another, pray for one another, comfort one another and counsel one another. Thus they assist each other during their path to recovery, becoming whole again.

To our church partners and individuals, you have been a blessing to our residents by helping them on their road to recovery. They become disciples of Christ and the light begins shining through them.

Joy and peace to all throughout 2020.

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Horizontal Bridge

There are two directions on a bridge. Church families could have sons, daughters, uncles, aunts, whomever that are suffering from substance abuse, mental disorders or seniors suffering from dementia and the affects of old age and they do not have the financial resources to find appropriate care. We open our door to all. Then there could be families that need landscaping services, trees cut, cars repaired and have no financial resources; we can assist through one of our five businesses. Now the other direction on that bridge is church family members could refer people to one of our businesses for us to present a free estimate.

I can share some events that portray this horizontal bridge.

A Michigan church called their local “sister church” explaining a member of their church family was in South Florida and needed assistance. A grandmother whose grandson had been working at a warehouse in Hollywood, FL was killed in a freak accident. The company did not have the proper paperwork to cover the hospital bill. The grandmother was dealing with hospital bills and cost of getting her grandson’s body to Michigan for burial. She filed a wrongful death suit against the company but had to be in Florida for court hearings. She had to drive many miles to different courtrooms, her car had a mechanical failure. She had no funds to get it repaired. We repaired her car and checked its drivability without a charge.

Another instance was a church called about an elderly widow who was moving from Fort Pierce to Jensen Beach into a senior apartment complex and needed assistance. She had very little furniture like headboard, foot board and frame for her mattress, no tables, chairs, sofa etc. We invited her to our Thrift Store to choose furniture she needed. When she was finished we told her the furniture was supplied at no charge. Then we delivered the furniture at no charge.



To support the daily needs of 190 residents including 41 children we need a staff of 34. Our staff consists of former residents that completed their 12 month recovery and wanted to stay on to pay-it-forward for their thankfulness for their recovery. This growth required opening three more houses during 2019; residents in recovery increased by 25%.

We continue to experience growth of broken lives throughout our community. Our door is open to all throughout the Treasure Coast. The word of our ministry has spread, we receive residents from other parts of Florida, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Ohio.

Children Activities

Our children activities would not be possible without the hard work of our ladies fundraising throughout the year. The first seven months of the year, funds are raised for children's summer activities. The next four months, for toys distributed not by a man in a red suit but our men dressed as Jesus and His disciples. Last year 375 children received 4-6 gifts each.



We reached our peak in numbers of children in the ministry in 2019 with 41. Our youngest currently is three months. 24 children are attending school grades kindergarten thru seventh grade. Parents have the choice of sending their child to a private Christian school or public school, 21 attend Christ Lutheran Church's school and we are thankful for their support over the years.

Summer was extra special this year as we take our children to places like the Navy Seal Museum, Rush, Flying Panda Children's museum, Skate Factory, Fountains, and Splash Water Park. There are other venues. This summer we were able to purchase our own "giant water slide" and "bounce house" which we inflate for our special events; it has been a blast.



The seminole event is the "summer's end" trip to Disney's theme park, Universal Studios. We took 27 children with 20 parents for four days and three nights. They all behaved, even the parents. So we were invited back again next year. These are memories children never forget and many times it is the parents first trip to Disney. We arrange the trip in a way that the children think their parents paid for it.

We are grateful to Publix, Dollar Store, Walmart, Mulligan's, Big Apple, Bayshore Sunoco, Fort Pierce Chili, Bella Roma in Stuart, Vero Beach Shell gas station, and Denny's for allowing our ladies to set up a table in front of their store fronts to collect donations for our "kids" and explain the mission of our ministry.

Our businesses - for free estimates call 772-335-7677



Heavenly Cuts

Expert Lawn Service
Landscape Design
Sod Installation
Mulching
Shrub Trimming
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Heavenly Cuts Landscaping - this crew was a recipient of an anonymous donor enabling them to acquire another mower. This paves the way toward establishing a second crew to grow our business. We continue to balance our work week with maintaining our 24 houses weekly along with more and more contracted businesses.

Trinity Trees of PSL



Tree Cutting
Offset Clearing
Stump Removal
Full Lot Clearance
Site Pad
Development

Trinity Trees of PSL - A substantial gift from an anonymous contributor, enabled us to acquire more equipment, a grapple truck, an excavator and truck to haul debris and equipment. This helped us increase our revenue this year and positions us well for 2020.

Maids from



Retail and
Commercial Cleaning

Maids from Heaven - Our residential and commercial business has started to blossom in 2019. We now have six monthly residential contracts and one commercial contract soon to be two. Our crew of ladies has increased so we will be actively advertising soon.

Father-Son-Holy Ghost Flooring



Vinyl/Wood/Tile
Flooring
Painting - Inside and
Outside
Fan Installation
Kitchen/Bathroom
remodeling
Siding, Soffits

Father-Son-Holy Ghost Flooring - Our business continues to expand. We balance our workload with maintaining our 24 houses and new business opportunities.

Mighty Men Automotive/Truck Repairs



A/C Repair
Oil Changes
Engine Repair
Used Tires -
Sale-Installation
Balancing

Mighty Men Mechanics - it has been good year with plenty of growth acquiring new tools and other equipment. Addition to maintaining our 33 ministry owned vehicles, cars, trucks, busses, we have added more customers. We are blessed when serving low-income, needy persons like seniors, low paid hospitality workers

Grateful for our Church Partners and Individuals

We thank our church partners that added us to local missions they support. We have been recipients of donated vehicles, one bus and three cars. These are greatly needed as our 33 vehicle fleet is always in need of replacements. Our Mighty Men Mechanics are a gift to us in keeping our vehicles on the road but there are times a vehicle has to be retired from service.

Our thrift store has had a prosperous year thanks to our church partners contributing furniture, appliances, clothing, TV's.

We were able to add equipment to Heavenly Cuts Landscaping and Trinity Trees of PSL.



Mower



Excavator



Grapple Truck

'Our church family is blessed when pastor's from our church partners deliver a message at one of our weekly worship services. This enabled our family to establish a connection with the guest pastor's church. Through these visits from pastors we have established a roster of pastors that return to bless us at future services.



Pastors from Revive Church at our Worship Service



Rev, Dr. Brad Klostreich Palm City Presbyterian Church delivering a message at our worship service



Bishop Dwight Green guest pastor at our Worship Service

Donate

To participate in restoring broken lives here are some options

Many could be considering downsizing their house. You could be a blessing by donating your excess furniture and clothing to our thrift store. Then when your house is empty our Maids from Heaven could offer an estimate to clean the house. There could be an opportunity for our Father-Son-Holy Ghost Flooring company for new flooring and inside painting at your new residence.



Thrift Store

For items donated to our Thrift store, we can schedule a pick-up of donations by calling 772-335-7677.

For Weekly/monthly/yearly monetary donations (send checks to: Good Samaritan Ministries 1484 SE Village Green Drive Port St. Lucie FL 34952)

Residents room and board
\$137 weekly

\$550/month

\$6,600/year

In-Kind Donations can be dropped off at our administrative office 8280 Business Park Drive, Port St. Lucie (address works on smartphone driving apps)

House Supplies

- Cleaning supplies (409, Windex, etc.)
- Commercial carpet cleaners
- Commercial vacuum cleaners
- Dish & laundry detergents
- Disinfectant cleaners
- Disposable cups & plates
- Double Bed Sheets
- Interior/exterior brooms
- Mops
- Paper napkins & towels
- Pillows
- Trash bags (13 gal. – 33 gal.)
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex

Infants and Children

- Cribs
- Baby Wipes
- Disposable diapers
- Personal Hygiene**
- Deodorant, disposable razors
- Shaving cream, Shampoo
- Soap, Toilet tissue
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Towels, washcloths