



# Lighthouse News

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## Did You Know ....?

- ... the Lighthouse Guild was founded in October, 2002
- ... the purpose of the Lighthouse Guild is to support the Fresno Rescue Mission with community awareness, fundraising and service projects
- ... more than 200 women have attended a Lighthouse Guild Fellowship meeting
- ... we are currently looking for women who would like to get involved with our upcoming Silent Auction and other fundraisers
- ... we are currently looking for women mentors for women using our Emergency Family Shelter and spouses of the men involved in our recovery program
- ... God will use your gifts and talents through the Lighthouse Guild to help the least, the last and the lost. We can help you determine what those gifts are.

## CRITICAL URGENT NEED!

Due to rapid expansion of our Academy and other critical services for the homeless we need to upgrade our electrical system for the entire FRM compound - about \$31,000 (estimated PG & E costs). Your help would be greatly appreciated!

## From the Director



## A PROVERBS 31 MOTHER

Dear Friends:

*“She is clothed with strength and dignity ..... She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue .... Her children arise and call her blessed ..... Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all ..... A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised ....”*

**From Proverbs 31**

### Godly Values

“Values” are not something that happen overnight. I realize that many of the values I cherish now I learned at my mother’s knees.

My mother raised six children all by herself, financially supported by a welfare check that usually lasted the first two weeks of the month. The other two weeks were pretty slim around the house. Yet, we never went without. Many times, she would get up early to make a fresh batch of tortillas so that her family and the neighborhood kids would have some breakfast. There may have been no other food in the house, but we always had a warm, buttered tortilla. Regardless of our circumstances, my mother never stopped helping neighbors in need. The miracle was that the big container, where she kept the flour, never seemed to be empty.

### Widow of Zarephath

It reminds me of the widow of Zarephath in the time of Elijah the prophet (I Kings 17). The poor widow gave the last of what she had to feed the prophet and found to her amazement that “the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry.” God had miraculously provided.

Now, when I’m given the opportunity to help others, I can look back to the sacrifices my mother made when she had little to give. She always stretched herself out in faith - a faith that assured her God would take care of her children as long as she helped others. I thank God for her example to me over these many years. Her message of values was not about pointing fingers, but about offering a helping hand.

As we remember our mothers this month, let us also reflect on the examples they gave us that so richly illustrate Christ’s love.

Happy Mother’s Day!

In His Service,

Rev. Larry J Arce, CEO, FRM, Inc.



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## Moving... change of address... duplicates... discontinue?

Help us update our mailing list, so we can be good stewards with what the Lord has given us. Because our list is computerized, we will need the exact rendering of the printed label - just a name, partial address or a city won't do!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Present address: (street # and street,  
apt. #, PO Box, city, state, zip)  
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## Interested in touring our facilities?

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## "GOD, USE ME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

by Deanna Gaines, Volunteer

### "Dee"

My name is Deanna Gaines but I'm better known as "Dee." Being a part of the Fresno Rescue Mission and Lighthouse Guild has certainly enriched my life.



I actually started at the Mission through our church, Christian Life Assembly. Every other month on a Monday night we would come to the Mission to do a chapel service for the men. I would lead the group in praise as we prepared our hearts for God's Word to be delivered.

### Used of God

In looking out over the group, it meant so much to me to be used by God to share His Word and to sing His praise.

The needs were great... some wanting you to pray for their strength, to be set free from a life of alcohol and drug abuse, to be set free from the things that bound them and kept them from serving God, some wanting to reunite with their families, wives and children, some wanting a lifestyle change. What they needed most was a word of hope, a prayer or two, and to be recognized as part of society; not to be looked upon as worthless and incapable of change.

### Making a Difference

I would look forward to the time that we spent at the Fresno Rescue Mission and I constantly prayed that God would use me to make a difference. I heard on KRDU (11:30am), the radio station carrying the FRM broadcast, that a woman's organization was being formed — the Fresno Rescue Mission Lighthouse Guild. They were looking for women to join this organization, to volunteer to work alongside the FRM. I immediately called to find out when and how I could be a part of this group. I felt as if I was being called by God to join and to serve in the guild.

### "The Least, The Last, & The Lost"

I love the motto or purpose of the FRM, to serve "the least, the last and the lost." I feel as if this is where God has put me, and my desire is to be used by God to love, encourage, uplift and inspire others. It is such a joy and an honor to be a part of this organization. I have taken on many responsibilities, and with the help of God, I hope to be a part of the Fresno Rescue Mission for many years to come.

I urge you, women and men, to get involved in God's work! The FRM and Lighthouse Guild need your help.

What better way to accomplish what God has called all of us to do—to be a servant.

*"Shine the light, share your faith,  
Let your light so shine so everybody will  
see Jesus,  
Let your light so shine to glorify your Father  
in Heaven,  
Together you and I can make a difference,  
Be that beacon in the darkest night,  
Share your faith, hold it high, shine  
the light!"*

*"Let your light shine  
before men that they  
may see your good  
works and glorify your  
Father in Heaven."  
Matthew 5:16*

# AROUND THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE

- photos T Morgan



Volunteers - Where would we be without them?



Our 1<sup>st</sup> official customer - grand opening of the FRM's Thrift Store - 305 "G" Street, Fresno, California.

- JR Coleman, District Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes spoke at a recent Tuesday Businessmen's Luncheon



Pictures from last years anti-violence rally car show. The FRM is one of the sponsors - see calendar section.



-photos courtesy last year's rally

## Good Friday/Easter Celebration Dinner



Easter cards made by "youth" from the Peoples Church

## DONATE THAT CAR!

Free Pickup ♦ Tax Deduction

Also, receiving: RVs, boats, motorcycles, real estate, etc.

Did you know that the FRM will gladly and with great appreciation receive (or pick up) your donations and then resell them with the proceeds going to help the homeless of Fresno County?

**1-877-324-5869 & 559-268-0839 (for details)**

**FRM Online Christian Bookstore & FRM's Rescue SpiritBar**

[www.fresnorescuemission.spreadtheword](http://www.fresnorescuemission.spreadtheword)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**May 10 - 12:00 Noon** - Mission Partner Luncheon (No regular Community Luncheon)

**May 21 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
**Stop The Violence Rally For Jesus / Car Show/Carnival**

Holmes Playground (1<sup>st</sup> & Huntington)  
(Rev. Larry Arce, FRM CEO one of the speakers; FRM one of the sponsors)

**June 25 - FRM Chapel**  
**Lighthouse Guild Fellowship Meeting**

**July 30 - Coombs Riverbend Ranch**  
**"In God We Trust"** - Christian Music Festival with Point of Grace & Sandi Patty

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fall Celebration Banquet**  
"The Heart of God" at the **Radisson Hotel & Conference Center** (Ventura & M Sts, Fresno, California)  
Silent Auction - 5:00 pm - Banquet - 7:00 pm

**Every Tuesday - 12:00 Noon**  
Tuesday Community Luncheon

**Every Saturday - 6:30 am**  
Saturday Community Prayer Breakfast

**Sunday Morning Services - All are welcome! with Jim Taylor**  
10:45 am at the FRM, 310 "G" St, Fresno,

## LIGHTHOUSE TREASURES THRIFT STORE

305 "G" St., Fresno, Calif.

Open Monday - Saturday; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**10% Discount on purchase**

**Good until June 15th**

Copies not permitted; must bring original coupon

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305 "G" Street (2 blocks south of Ventura & "G" Sts), Fresno, California 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday



# READY TO USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS? THE LIGHTHOUSE GUILD SILENT AUCTION IS COMING!

The Lighthouse Guild will again host a Silent Auction at the Fresno Rescue Mission Banquet to be held on September 27. The Silent Auction team, headed by the members of the Lighthouse Guild Board of Directors, needs your help.



The Lighthouse Guild has just gone through the process of discovering spiritual gifts and identifying ways of using those gifts at the Fresno Rescue Mission. If you have the gift of administration, craftsmanship, creative communication, encouragement, faith, giving, helps, hospitality, intercession, or leadership, God is calling! Are you willing to step out in faith and begin to use your gifts? We would love to have you as part of the Silent Auction Team!

The Lighthouse Guild is also looking for Silent Auction items. Stuck for a donation idea? Here are some suggestions:

- Theme Gift Baskets
- Trips (Cruises, Hotel, Airfare)
- Vacation Rentals
- Cars, Trucks, SUVs, Recreational Vehicles (Boats, Travel Trailers, Motorcycles)
- Musical Instruments
- Electronic Equipment (Televisions, VCRs, CD and DVD Players, Stereos, Computers, Photographic)
- Sporting or Camping Equipment
- Home and Garden Furnishings
- Appliances, Tools, Supplies, Housewares
- Landscaping/Gardening Service
- Cleaning Services (House, Window, Carpet, Dry Cleaning)
- Vehicle Service/Repair, Washing/Polishing
- Artwork (Paintings/Sculptures)
- Tickets to Sporting Events, Concerts, Movies
- Restaurant Certificates
- Beauty Salon/Spa Certificates
- Memberships (Golf Country Clubs/Fresno Zoo/Athletic Clubs)
- Children's Toys

For more information, please contact Frederica Jones at 275-6032 . God bless you for your willingness to use your gifts, talents and resources!

## THE FACE OF CHRISTIAN VOLUNTEERISM

by Donna Scully

### *Volunteerism Starts in the Heart*

Volunteer opportunities exist within the Christian community to enrich the personal experience of one's faith with an opportunity for personal involvement. The process begins in the heart, as God calls each of His children to step forth and be of service to Him. In doing so, He makes a promise of success: Each and every Christian will be totally and completely equipped for every good work, provided they first seek His wisdom and guidance in all they endeavor to do, through Scripture (paraphrased from 2 Timothy 3).

### *Each Gift Valued*

Here at the Fresno Rescue Mission, we value the gifts each volunteer offers. In receiving their generous gifts of time, energy and talents, we celebrate the beauty of working together in building the Kingdom of God. More importantly, we learn from one another in sharing our special gifts, with which God has so freely blessed each and every one of us. We may have been blessed with talents and skills from birth, but in rebirth, in accepting the Holy



Leonard Beebe volunteers not only as an Academy teacher, but heads up the FRM's Lighthouse Connection, an educational arm of the FRM (working with clubs, SS classes, youth groups, schools, etc., helping them to understand the problems of homelessness).

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## The Face of Christian Volunteerism continued

Spirit into our lives, the blessings of spiritual gifts begin to pour forth, expanding our abilities in ways incomprehensible to us.

For those wishing to serve in a Christian setting such as ours, we have a simple division of opportunities:

### *Short-term, Long-term Involvement*

Short-term involvement (limiting time and access to our guests) simply requires a willing heart that is open to the call of God. Many volunteers "searching for something" wander into our facility to offer their services, perhaps never understanding that they were not led here by "chance." We believe every encounter is orchestrated by Divine Providence and is an opportunity for us to reach out and invite them into our family of God.

Long-term involvement (opportunities in exercising one's spiritual gifts and talents) requires the volunteer to be in alignment with our statement of faith (listed on our website), our mission, our vision and our values:

<b>Our Mission:</b>	The Fresno Rescue Mission endeavors to glorify God by meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the least, the last and the lost in our community.
<b>Our Vision:</b>	Recognizing the teachings of Jesus; that the least, the last and the lost will always be in our midst, we will partner with the Christian community, social service agencies, businesses, families and individuals to meet the spiritual and physical needs of all men, women and children in our community.
<b>Our Values:</b>	<p><u>C</u>hrist-centered by treating the least, the last and the lost with love and compassion</p> <p><u>H</u>ope shared through God's Word and plan of salvation</p> <p><u>R</u>elationships established, valued and nurtured</p> <p><u>I</u>ntegrity paramount in all that we do and are</p> <p><u>S</u>ervice given through stewardship and servanthood</p> <p><u>T</u>otally committed to loving others as Christ loves us</p>

For more information, tours and assistance in aligning your gifts, skills, talents and spiritual call to service with our needs, please contact Donna Scully, Volunteer Coordinator, at (559) 268-0839, Ext 106.



A Music Festival at  
Coombs Riverbend  
Ranch

**Come Join Us On**

Saturday, July 30, 2005

Events begin at 3:00 p.m.

**Featuring**  
*Point of Grace,  
Sandi Patty,  
Janice Stain,  
Bill Thornbury,  
Enid, Tha G.I.M.*

**Proceeds benefit:**  
One By One Leadership  
Fresno Rescue Mission  
Valley Teen Ranch  
Save Mart Cares

Chair seating - \$38

(\$50 at the door)

General admission - \$25

(\$30 at the door)

Tickets are limited.

Contact Janet  
Steinhauer

at 268-0839, Ext. 204

Or visit our website at

[www.igwtmusicfestival.org](http://www.igwtmusicfestival.org)

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