



Homeless Children's Ministry - Is God Calling You?

Your Grants Pass Backyard Mission

Did you know that about 25% of our homeless population are kids? That's 12 to 20 children living at the mission all year around with 125 new kids yearly. We believe that a position in Children's Ministry is a local mission-field for the right person. In fact, there's no job more important than working with youngsters who may never hear about God in school or at home. Most of our children have never attended Sunday School, gone to a church camp or had parents who read bible stories to them. In fact, the only time many homeless kids hear about Jesus Christ is while they live at the Gospel Rescue Mission. What a fantastic opportunity to share God's love with children who need it most!



Needs of Homeless Children Right Here in Grants Pass

If you enjoy working with children, why not consider joining us? You'll be a part of a small community of Christians who are dedicated to helping the poor. The work can be "edgy" and very rewarding to be sure, but it is never boring. Jesus said, **"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven"** (Matt. 19:14, ESV).

Homeless kids are especially needy and tend to have more health problems than housed children. They are more insecure, tearful, distrusting, angry and react more vividly to life events. No wonder. They haven't enjoyed a stable home or relationships. They move a lot and change schools frequently. So, they need consistently loving, caring adults who can share the gospel, teach bible studies, arrange for tutoring in school subjects, take them to praise concerts, biblical movies and become involved in their lives in ways that make a difference.

Why Not Take a Test Drive? - Visit Our Website to See Videos of Our Kids Ministry



Why don't you consider taking a "test drive." First, check out our website videos at www.grantspassmission.org. Then, how about volunteering with us for a few nights to see if you think Children's Ministry is for you? Volunteer forms are available on-line.

Have you taught a Sunday School class or desire to be a youth worker? Do you think of yourself as a good role model? Can you choose age-appropriate bible materials? Do you have organizational skills to set up classes? Are you teachable and willing to learn from your peers? Do you think you could deal with emotionally distraught moms and their kids who need someone to talk to? Can you work between the hours of 4:00-7:30 P.M.?

Then, fill out the on-line volunteer form. We will get right back to you. Our hunch is that you will cherish our Mission kids... and don't forget - they need you!



"Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us" (James 1:27, NLT).

Street Economics 101 - The "Gig Economy" In Grants Pass

Local employers are seeking to "improve" work place efficiency. As a result, many traditional full time jobs are being converted to part time or contract positions called "gigs."

As the Gig Economy kicks into high gear, Grants Pass job seekers are faced with the reality of having to work more than one part time job to pay the bills. This is especially true for our homeless residents.

So, what is the "Gig" Economy?

The Cambridge On-Line Dictionary defines the "Gig Economy" as "a way of working that is based on temporary jobs or doing separate pieces of work, each paid separately, rather than working for an employer: Workers eke out a living in the gig economy, doing odd jobs whenever they can." And, the Grants Pass economic and employment landscape is no different.

Consider this... Approximately 30% of the entire population of our County depends upon Food Stamps. Add to that another 4-5% are on welfare. The challenge for most our homeless men and women is to find employment that will generate enough "take-home" pay so they can afford housing and living expenses while building a future. The minimum wage in Oregon is \$9.75 per hour. Most entry level jobs are part time, i.e. less than 30 hours per week with few if any benefits. This makes it very difficult for low income families to pull themselves out of reliance on Government subsidies and welfare programs.

Mission Residents & Staff are Learning Together to Adapt and Change!

The result is that many of our residents are learning the need to adapt to the reality that they may have to work more than one job. Cashier, truck driver, landscaper, fast food, care giver, or work-from-home are just a few of the part time jobs they must consider to earn their independence and gain more permanent employment.

The Mission staff is working everyday to develop new opportunities that will teach life skills to those who need hope. Our goal is to empower our residents as they gain the skills they need to change their lives, both in the economic and the spiritual world.



Heart Beat of the Mission

Average Statistics for July 2017

- 47 Adult Men - 24/7
- 23 Adult Women - 24/7
- 11 Children - newborns to 17 years - 24/7
- Hot Meals served = 3,650

Wish List

Milk, Meat
Butter, Cheese
Pasta, Rice, Beans
Disposable Diapers

