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# The Vision

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## Heritage of hope

Van Colvin

After a failed marriage Van Colvin said his addiction to alcohol escalated. Van had been struggling with the liquid substance for many years. His first attempt to get help at City Rescue Mission was 10 years ago. He says during his former tenure of employment and attempts to get help there were some failed steps that led to him leaving on a few occasions. Each time he left, it was his desire to be a good father to his children that challenged him to try again and not give up.

It was his last attempt at the Mission's former Discipleship program that proved to be his final time to get things right. He said the turning point was when, "I finally realized God was the answer." He credits a few good men (from the Mission staff) for steering him in the right direction and staying on him when he needed it most; men like Jeff Hegenauer, Doug Westbrook, Dan Streeter and Mission volunteer, James Starks.

After completing the Discipleship program, Van began to draw closer to God and to his two children, who he

loves dearly, Chad and Alyssa. His relationship with his parents has been strengthened and they're happy to see the son they knew was there all along. Now that his relationship with God is restored as well as his hope, life is peaceful and fulfilling.

Today, Van is a Men's Shelter Supervisor for City Rescue Mission, the very place that offered him HOPE in Christ and HOPE for a better life. He is living in his own apartment and he is a proud father who enjoys being a part of his children's lives. It's endearing to see the smile on his face when he talks about their accomplishments academically, in sports, in music and about their first jobs.

Next up, Van would like to become a Case Manager. He says he enjoys seeing positive results from the men who follow through on the instructions they're given while in emergency shelter. "Becoming a Case Manager is something I'd like to do and it's something I feel I can accomplish as long as I put my trust in God.



# DIRECTOR'S DESK

I think many of us have annual traditions that we look forward to each year. Maybe a family reunion, a favorite vacation spot, or an annual event to get together with friends. We reconnect and catch up, build new memories, and strengthen the bonds that bring us together. I hope the Mission Anniversary Dinner is one of those events in your annual calendar.

We have already started preparations for this year's banquet, and I am sure you won't want to miss out on this unique night of inspiration and information. Our theme this year is "Heritage of Hope" and our special speaker is Dennis Van Kampen, CEO of Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids, MI. Our founder, Mel Trotter, also started their mission in Grand Rapids back in 1900, and so both ministries have historically always shared a common bond and focus in ministry. Dennis is a good friend and an excellent speaker. You will truly enjoy getting to know him and hearing his passion for the hurting, homeless, abused, and neglected in our communities. Our theme verse for the evening is Romans 15:4, *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."*

Our heritage, since the day Mel Trotter worked to open the doors in 1905, is to share the real hope available for all in Christ. Come hear Dennis as he shares his reflections on our shared history, as well as his vision for Christian ministry in the future. Additionally a tremendous meal, ministry update, special music, guest testimony, and sharing our vision for 2018 will all be a part of this special evening. Make plans now to block out September 19 for this inspirational annual event. Check out the detailed information in this newsletter on how to make your reservations.

Hope to see you in September.

Dan Streeter  
Chief Executive Officer



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# Thank you!



*Pictured; Martin Hessler & Nicole Keel of Thrivent Financial, and Kay & Delaney, MMCM interns.*

Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan would like to thank Mid-Michigan Children's Museum and Thrivent Financial, for sponsoring a special birthday party for children at City Rescue Mission and Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Children and moms alike had a blast celebrating EVERY child's birthday!

## Anniversary Dinner Features



### "These Forty Years"

The book "These Forty Years," documents the 40 year ministry of Mel Trotter, Founder of City Rescue Mission of Saginaw and co-founder of over 60 Missions across the U.S.A. Come hear about Mel's Heritage of Hope for the Homeless and purchase this historical book Tues, Sept. 19.



### Pastor Hurley J. Coleman

City Rescue Mission of Saginaw welcomes Pastor Hurley J. Coleman, Jr. as musical guest for the annual Anniversary Dinner Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Horizons Conference Center.

*(More Information on the back of this newsletter)*

## MISSION NEEDS

- ✓ Salsa
- ✓ Canned Black Beans
- ✓ Peppers – Banana & Jalapeno
- ✓ Powdered laundry detergent
- ✓ Dryer sheets
- ✓ Paper towels





## *Our Mission*

To glorify God by SERVING people in need, PROCLAIMING the Gospel,  
AND ESTABLISHING disciples AMONG disadvantaged people.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## RESCUE MINISTRIES OF MID-MICHIGAN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

*Featuring Guest Speaker*  
*Dennis Van Kampen, President/CEO*  
*Mel Trotter Ministries, Grand Rapids*

*Special Music by Pastor Hurley Coleman, Jr.*  
*World Outreach Campus, Saginaw*



Tickets are Free ~ A Love Offering will be taken  
**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

*To RSVP Contact*

*Ellen Hobson at 989-752-6051 ext. 133 or*  
*Jenny Dewese at 989-752-6051 ext. 122*

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

6:00pm - 6:30pm Punchbowl • 6:30 - 9:00 Dinner & Program  
Doubletree Hotel, 1 Wenonah Park Pl., Bay City, MI

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

6:00pm - 6:30pm Punchbowl • 6:30 - 9:00 Dinner & Program  
Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State St., Saginaw, MI



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