Three Years Old This Month
WOW What a Journey!

There I was sitting in Starbucks three years ago with my cell phone and a pad of paper. I knew God had put a vision in my heart to seriously confront and address the needs of the poor and homeless. I started calling friends telling them my thoughts. Some thought I was crazy, others said count me in.

Pastor Cesar of San Pablo Church offered me his kitchen, fellowship hall, storage room for food and an office. We were off and running with a vision to provide Hope, Hot Meals, Housing, Health Services and Healing to the Hungry, Homeless and Hurting.

In the past three years, we have:
- Served over 70,000 hot nutritional meals
- Distributed over 35,000 articles of clothing and 10,000 Hygiene kits
- Moved into our 22,000 sq. ft. building in Sun Valley
- Opened a daily shower program with brand new tiled bathrooms (thanks Lennar Homes) We currently offer 50+ outreach showers per day
- Our hot meal program has grown to seven days a week. We now provide over 1,100 meals per week.
- Opened the Cobin Learning Center for homeless kids as well as our Computer Learning Center for homeless adults
- Purchased a 4-bedroom house and opened the 12 man John E. White House of Hope, a fresh start program for men in recovery.
- Just this month we opened Courtyard 365 – A Year Round Emergency Shelter was now officially launched.

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When I look at how far we have come, I give God the praise and YOU the thanks. Because of YOU, Hope of the Valley continues to grow in Quality and Quantity. I can’t wait to see what happens in the next three years.

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Mission Opens Year Round Emergency Shelter
Homeless Men and Women Find Refuge and Hope at Courtyard 365

It was a warm August 1st night at Mission Headquarters. The cots were set, blankets and sheets ready for distribution. Food was waiting. Then, they started coming, one by one, looking worn and fatigued, homeless men and women desperately wanting a safe secure place to lay their weary bodies. Courtyard 365 – A Year Round Emergency Shelter was now officially launched.

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Mission Gives Away 2,500 Back to School Backpacks
Chivas USA, Boys and Girls Clubs and Corporate Sponsors Partner With Mission to Care for Kids!

It was Wednesday morning July 18. Homeless and underserved children throughout the San Fernando Valley were preparing to board school buses to watch a professional soccer game, enjoy food and drink and receive a brand new backpack, compliments of Hope of the Valley, Chivas USA and other sponsors.

The excitement and energy level among the kids was electric. Many children, whose parents would not be able to afford a backpack for the 2012 school year, jumped up and down as they received their very own backpack. Special Thanks to all who contributed to this great event!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Six Ways YOU Can Give Back Through Hope of the Valley

1. Before this newsletter is tossed or set aside, tear off the bottom portion and make a donation today. We need your financial support! DWP and others require us to pay our bills!!!

2. Donate your gently used clothes and household items. Call 818-392-0020 to schedule your pick up today!

3. Purchase and drop off our most needed items: Toilet Paper, Paper Plates, Plastic Forks, Foil, Coffee, Sugar, Coffee Cups and Napkins. All donations will be receipted.

4. Conduct a Food Drive or Fill the Truck Campaign for the Mission

5. Purchase and prepare a meal for our House of Hope, Courtyard Shelter or Outreach program

6. Volunteer your time to serve the Mission and those we serve

To assist in any of the above ways, call the Mission today at 818-392-0020 or email at info@hopeofthevalley.org

Woman and Children Fastest Growing Segment of Homeless Population

Genesis House Will Provide 30 Beds to Moms and Their Children

Currently 41% of the homeless population is families. The majority of these are single women with children. The desperation and need among this segment of the homeless population is huge. Genesis House will not only provide food and shelter to moms and their kids, staff and volunteers will provide a full array of services and resources to assist single moms on their road to recovery and self-sufficiency.

Remodeling of the house will begin in September with an anticipated Grand Opening December 1. This year, some moms and kids will be singing, “I’ll Be Home for Christmas”….Literally.

FILL THE TRUCK CAMPAIGN: Fill our 17-Foot Box Truck with Clothes and We Will Donate $1,000
(For more information on this WIN WIN Program, call 818-392-0020 today!)

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• Volunteer or donate ONLINE at www.hopeofthevalley.org or by PHONE: 818-392-0020

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