



# Bonner Gospel Mission

*Serving the community since 1987*

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For God So loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoso ever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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I began the good work in you  
and I will finish it.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

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# Mission Needs

### Needs:

1. If you would like to bless the men with a meal, contact the mission and we will set up a time. Call Steve at 208-610-6074
2. Monthly financial support to help with the ministry operations.
3. Meats: hamburger, chicken, sausage, bacon, eggs  
Vegetables: onions, peppers, salad fixings.
4. It's that time of year that we put out our request for firewood so that it will cure for next winter. We will need 4 cords, logs no longer than 15".
5. The reason we need to remodel the Chapel/ Dining hall bathrooms is that they haven't been touched in approximately 30 years. The flooring is the original sheet vinyl that is cracked and split in several areas. The toilets work but need to be updated. The bathroom that our house manger uses is Pink! The shower door has cracks repaired with duct tape and the weak shower pan is about to fail. Our vanity was pieced together with particle board. The estimated remodel cost is \$8000.00.

### Prayers:

1. Continue to pray for the men that the planted seed of God's Word will take root, grow, and mature so the men can enjoy the blessing of being a child of God. And for the men that leave the mission to hold fast to God's plan for their life and not return to the ways of the world.
2. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated for Al Rankin's living arrangement. Al is 79 and has been a constant fixture here at the mission for many years. People often ask, "Is Al still around?" He's attended bible studies, played the piano, and encouraged many men. Al is currently trying to get a place at an assisted living home.
3. We ask that you join us as we pray for just the right man (a God prepared man) to fill the position of BGM's Executive Director. We have posted our job description, qualifications, and application on our website, facebook page, and sent several emails.

# Mission Updates

Some evenings the men enjoy a campfire. They sometimes roast marshmallows and make smores. It is good to see them have good wholesome fellowship.



### New Digital Newsletter

The new digital newsletter is up and running. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email instead of mail, please send Kelsey an email at [bgmsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:bgmsecretary@outlook.com) or scan the QR code that will let us know you want to switch to digital.



## Mission Highlights Cont...

Dear Friends,

During our Bible Study we covered this meaningful time of year. How Jesus sacrificed His life for us on the cross, and His victory over death by His resurrection from the dead. This was not just an Easter story, it was a true actual event that took place because God loved us so much. We had some good discussions pondering how any of Jesus' disciples could betray or deny knowing Him. Judas witnessed one miracle after another that Jesus performed to give evidence of Who He was and why He came. Yet he still betrayed Him. Jesus warned Peter in Matthew 26:33-35 <sup>33</sup> *Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are <sup>l</sup>made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."* <sup>34</sup> *Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."* <sup>35</sup> *Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.*

Peter tried to protect Jesus in the garden with his sword to prove his loyalty, but in the end, ran off with the rest of the disciples afraid of what might happen to them. Then Peter proceeded to deny even knowing Him. We then discussed how, if we had been one of his disciples, witnessing his life and miracles, would we also deny, betray and abandon Christ? Sadly, we agree there are often times when we deny Jesus too.

On the front of every newsletter, we print John 3:16 as an encouragement and reminder that we would not have any hope of salvation if this hadn't taken place. In the end this was God's plan for our salvation.

God Bless!

Your servant in Christ,

*Steve Schubarth*



I was born and raised in Lewiston, ID. Even though our family life was difficult, I enjoyed hunting and fishing and the beautiful outdoors. I believed in God early in life but seeing hypocritical behavior in the people whom I looked up to, gave me the excuse I needed to not to be a part of the Christian life.

When I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade I was baptized and at the time it was an awesome experience. However, it wasn't long until I went back to my old ways. Making plenty of mistakes and bad choices, but never completely giving up on my faith. My escape was alcohol and it convinced me that my bad choices justified my behavior. It finally caught up with me, landing me in jail. When I got out, I went back to living a productive life as a painter. I, also, became a father and did well for several years. Little by little I started to drink again. I pushed the limits of the law but avoided jail.

Fast forward 10 years. I was sharing custody of my son, living in a fifth wheel trailer, barely eking out an existence. Because of my drinking the hours at my job were cut to a point that I found myself homeless. I was able to stay with a dear old friend for several years until he passed away. I miss him. I was homeless again.

I continued to drink and was arrested for DUI which landed me in jail again. I met a friend in jail, and we were both released at the same time. We were a sorry sight with nowhere to go. By the Grace of God, we both came to the Bonner Gospel Mission. I never completely gave up on God but was very skeptical of this "Christian life" because of my past experience. My desire is to be the man God intended me to be, as flawed as I am. With God's help I am enjoying my new direction in life.

Today I am working, paying off some debts, attending church, and most of all enjoying my relationship with my son. God is not finished with me yet!

Tim

Philippians 1:6 NKJV

*Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*

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