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The Rescue Mission Of the Mahoning Valley, has a Christian Discipleship program, that consists of men that live at the Mission and perform various duties and most importantly we intently study the word of God. When the Resident men go outside the Mission to minister to others, we are referred to as "Men On A Mission."

The most recent ministry outing was on June 11th 2008. The Resident Men, along with their fearless Men's Service Coordinator, John Curtis, and visited the Girard Seniors Center, located on route 422 in Girard, Ohio.

The Resident Men were very happy to minister to the seniors in song and

testimony. The songs that were sung were I Thessalonians 3:16-5:18, Isaiah 51:11, and Amazing Grace. A few of the men were asked to give their personal testimonies. They shared about their past life experiences prior to coming to the Mission and before accepting Jesus Christ into their lives. The testimonies were very moving and inspiring.

"Men On A Mission" has been an important part of The Men's Resident Program for many years now and will continue to be. The participating men, as well the group visited, are equally blessed.

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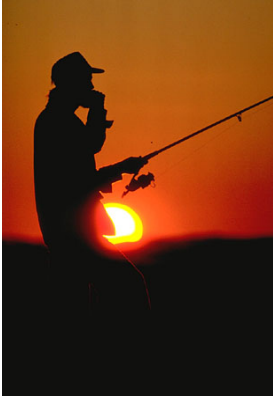
Here's Johnny! By Timothy VanCobb

Most of us remember the famous on-air television introduction of the late great talk show host, Johnny Carson, (if you are old enough)." H E R E ' S J O H N N Y", co-host Ed McMahan shouted excitedly.

Well, we here at The Rescue Mission Of The Mahoning-Valley are blessed to have our own Johnny. He's Johnny Pixley, the son of Ms. Rose, and the grandson of Ms. Rosie Aikens, both are dedicated and capable members of the (continued on page 4)



Christian Disciple Fishing Trip By The Resident Men



Once every year, the men from the Christian Discipleship program at the Rescue Mission go to Lake Erie to fish. The men started fishing Thursday at 9:00 A.M. in Put-in-bay, Oh.

Jeff, from Anchor Harbor Bay fishing charters took the men from the program aboard the “Lucky Ruck” to fish. The boat the men used to fish was a 24 ft. fishing boat. Six men and the Captain “Jeff” fit on the boat. The boats cabin was located at the front of the boat and the ceiling was too low to stand in.

The engine used on the boat was a V8 with 350hp and a maximum speed of 30 mph. The men from the Mission together caught ten fish - seven Walleye and three White Bass. The men were on Lake Erie for six hours. Earlier that morning, before the men arrived at the lake there was a storm and two waterspouts were spotted causing large trails of water being jettisoned into the sky with high wind speed. The men from the mission saw the tails left in the sky from earlier that morning. The temperature was around 60 degrees on the lake and warmed up later in the day for the men in the program. The men ate lunch on the lake at 11:30am. The fishing charter provided the lunches the men ate. The men stopped fishing and returned to land at 4:00pm. The men ate dinner in Cleveland at Ryan’s buffet then returned safely to Youngstown at 8:30 pm.



Learning about the R.O.C.—Debbie Bell

Looking for a job? I have some good news for you. It could really make a difference in your life and mine and anyone who is very interested. It’s a program called R.O.C . (Resource Opportunity Center). It will help those who think they cannot help them-selves. It’s

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a great program for those coming home from prison or on the street that have no work experience. A representative came to the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley and told us about the different opportunities that are available to us as individuals. I would like to try to see what some of the classes and opportunities there are for myself.

Let’s see if it would catch your eyes like it caught mine. Me - I like the fact that, being that I just came home and could not find a good job, I have the chance and the opportunity to check into something that is free and to get my life back to where it

should be. I looked into a few of the opportunities:

Employability Skills Training - can help us get the training that we need to start working toward a goal.

Ex-Offender Services: Help is offered to ex-offender’s like myself so that we can return to the community from the Ohio criminal justice system.

They even help out with teenagers from the age of 16 to 21 to get them started into finding a job, get them on the right track to begin their life, and get them ready for the outside world. The program is very interesting, so go to 211 Redondo Road, in the building of the Heart Reach Ministries to learn more.

**Our Annual
Rescue Mission Staff & Client
PICNIC
Wed., Aug. 20th
at Boardman Park!**

Contribute to your newsletter!

Some ideas!

- ◆ Interview someone.
- ◆ Report on a field trip.
- ◆ Create a game or trivia.
- ◆ Share your testimony.
- ◆ Write a sports article.
- ◆ Write a poem.
- ◆ Research something in history.

**Bring your ideas and articles to
Bethany in the Learning Center!**

The purpose of the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley is to serve and glorify GOD through CHRIST-centered outreach of love and compassion that responds to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of disadvantaged men, women, and children without regard to race, color, or creed.

(“Here’s Johnny” continued from page 1)
RMMV staff. Johnny has been a men’s client advisor for 3 years now. His introduction to the Mission came as a result of having to perform community service relating to what he calls a “mistake” he made at that point of his young life.

Nonetheless, he completed the task, and a year later the opportunity presented itself for him to join the RMMV staff.

Johnny feels that, because of the variety of life challenging situations he’s had has enabled him to understand the clients he works with, because “he’s been in some of their shoes.” He testifies that Jesus Christ is directing his footsteps, and it’s the most important aspect of his life.

Watching Johnny perform his duties during his shift is like observing a military sergeant and a guidance counselor all wrapped up into one person. He executes his duties with great attention to detail and genuine sincerity. He really cares about the clients and their well-being.

Johnny is a multi-talented individual who has many skills, which makes him highly effective on the job. He is an aspiring poet, and he really likes the style of the late, Tupac Shakur. Johnny is also an excellent athlete who excelled in both basketball and football. He told me to make sure to mention that he graduated from The

Rayen High School. He says that Ms. Rose wouldn’t let him go to East High, for whatever reason. (When we see Ms. Rose lets ask her WHY Johnny couldn’t go to there, as well as WHY he couldn’t play PEEWEE football?) Why Ms. Rose, Why? (SMILE).

Johnny’s first love is basketball although he has pursued football more intently. His uncle, Derek Pixley, was an outstanding football player for YSU, and was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the early 1990’s. Due to an unfortunate auto accident, Derek’s sports career was cut short, but none the less he’s doing great. Johnny remains very close to his uncle Derek, and he admits that he still plays football with him always in his mind.

Johnny is currently a member of the Mahoning County Tigers, a semi-pro team, were he starts at defensive back. He is anxiously looking forward to the 2009 NFL spring combine tryouts. He says, “ I am going to give it my best shot”.

This fall Johnny will be attending YSU as a fulltime student, finishing his B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice. Along with his Mother and Grandmother encouraging him, the special woman in his life is Ms. Allison, who is a University of Akron graduate. The Lord Jesus Christ and Johnny’s family, combine to make him the man he is now and the man he is becoming.

So the next time you see Johnny Pixley (you can’t miss him and that radiant smile) say to him, “H E R E ‘S J O H N N Y.”