

## BROKEN CHORDS

Down in the human heart,  
Crushed by the tempter,  
Feeling lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving heart,  
Wakened by kindness,  
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.

1924

1939

AT 537-539 MAIN STREET KANSAS CITY, MO.

For fifteen years the CITY UNION MISSION has stood in the path of the man in need.

Men born in poverty and vice have here been led to better lives. Men who have become lost to themselves, to humanity, to decency, have found here the Source of Redemption.

As a rule we do not feel disgust and irritation for the sick—we feel pity and a desire to relieve their distress. When a man gets so low that he is found on the North Side staggering, struggling to keep on his feet, he is sick—sick almost to death. He may be incurable but as a human being he should be given every chance to be cured.

A LIVING FAITH IN GOD CAN CURE WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INASMUCH SERVICE (Matthew 25:40)

The Superintendent, David B. Bulkley, has had twenty years experience in which to know men of this type. He has had twenty years of service to men who have never had a chance, to men who are driven by habits stronger than their wills, to men whose temporary distress would have ruined their whole lives, were it not for the charity of COMPASSIONATE men and women.

Soon men will be huddling in doorways, without coats, without underwear, and with feet practically shoeless. No matter how bruised and battered—

"Touched by a loving heart,

Wakened by kindness,

CHORDS THAT ARE BROKEN WILL VIBRATE ONCE MORE."

Let the MISSION be your MESSENGER OF HOPE to these —

Let us give them shelter for the cold nights of winter—let us give them food in these days of their hunger.

WHO ARE WE TO JUDGE THEM OR TO ASK THE REASON WHY?

To help a man without belittling him, to stir long-buried ambitions—this takes

THE ART OF SOCIAL SERVICE PLUS THE HEART OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

THE MISSION HAS A LONG BREAD LINE—

a line that reaches from a full Chapel down the stairs to the dining hall. YOUNG MEN AND OLD ARE IN THAT LINE. Old men are there whose beauty of soul shines through their eyes; old men, with bleary, shifty eyes who have seen much of life through an alcoholic haze. Young men are there with clear eyes and straight bodies; young men, with defiant eyes framed in faces of bitterness. Still others are there, both young and old, with the slouch of hopelessness.

No matter what the age or condition, the men who come are considered INDIVIDUALS and not "just next in line."

Mission workers strive to see each man not for what he is but for what he might become with Christ in his life.

A WORD FROM ONE WHO CAME TO EAT AND REMAINED TO PRAY.

"When I came to the Mission it seemed as though every way back to respectability was closed to me —no job, no friend, no hope; no one who cared what became of me, and I had almost reached the point of not caring either.

Mr. Bulkley talked to me, he didn't preach at me, he talked on the level with me—that's the word— ON THE LEVEL. Instead of being licked by the failures of the past, what I learned here made me feel equal to the business of looking forward and with God's help toward building anew."

To help in rehabilitating the man who has strength to work and the desire to make his own way back to usefulness

OPPORTUNITY FARM IS A YEAR ROUND PROJECT

SOME URGENT NEEDS:       A CHAPEL  
                                  LARGER DINING HALL  
                                  ADDITIONAL CABINS  
                                  MORE LIVE STOCK

FAMILY SERVICE

For the mothers and their children the Mission social activities, and for spiritual training, activities, and for spiritual training.

SOME RETURNS ON YOUR INVESTMENT WHICH CANNOT BE VALUED IN DOLLARS AND CENTS

Statistics seem such cold things, yet back of this report are long hours of strenuous work. There are hours of happiness when

"CHORDS THAT ARE BROKEN" have been known to vibrate again. There are hours of disappointment when one's most earnest effort seemed doomed to failure.

With the consolation that God looks upon our FAITHFULNESS rather than -our success we offer these

FACTS AND FIGURES

From September, 1938 to September, 1939

Gospel Meetings	394
Attendance	114,295
Requests for Prayer	1,707
Professed Conversions	368
Meals Served	349,633
Beds Provided	37,171
Garments Given to Men	4,560
—to Women and Children	6,315

Jail Meetings Every Sunday Afternoon Sunday Morning Bible Class for Men Sunday Afternoon Classes for Families (Lunch served after each session)

County Home Service and Hospital Visitation every Wednesday

Every Night Prayer Meeting

Outside Speaking Engagements       239

Special Celebrations on: Easter

Thanksgiving

Christmas

Sewing Club for Mothers Friendship Club for Girls Boys Club for ages 9 to 15

MAINTAINS-

OPPORTUNITY FARM SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN THE HARBOR (three buildings)

Waiting for Seconds ... in Snack Shack

ROUND ABOUT

Harry and Dottie were frightened at the slightest gesture of friendliness. All their lives they had been told to "get out of the way." All their lives they had lived in squalor and hunger. Such kindness was showered on them at Baby Camp that in a few days —gone was all fear; somebody loved them and they loved everybody.

The last night of one group's outing, as the children were being prepared for an early morning start back to the city, Virginia sighed: "Oh dear, I do hate to go back to sleeping on the floor."

Being Taught Loyalty to Our Own Flag

Bobby and Sandy With Nappy Shack in Background

TOT LOT

Jimmie was quite original in his prayer one Twilight Hour:

"Dear Father I thank you for the grand times we have had at Camp—(whispering, let me see, let me see)—and oh yes, dear Lord I—I thank you I've got a mouth."

The rule of the playgrounds was "Play fair and take turns." A tiny penitent "confessed"—"Anodder ittle dirl wanted my twing. I tept it and tept it and wouldn't let her take turns. I'm tow torry and I want her to podive me."

Swings, Teeter-Totters, Merry-Go-Round Keep 32 Tots in Motion at a Time.

The Harbor—200 West Fourth St.

is, to aged men, all that the name implies.

Here, very often "as ships that pass in the night" men and women are met and directed into a new channel of life as they come in search of the old haunts of this district.

THE CITY UNION MISSION IS SUPPORTED ENTIRELY BY VOLUNTARY OFFERINGS

The following letter answers the oft-heard query, "Why is the Mission not included in the Allied Charities?"

"When the committee of which I was chairman presented a request to the Council of Social Agencies for an allotment for purely welfare work, the request was denied wholly on the ground that the fact that our work was primarily religious might open the door to many requests that must necessarily be denied.

The friendly comments by officials of the Council are greatly appreciated as well as their personal and financial assistance."

(Signed) F. M. WEAVER.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

THE CITY UNION MISSION Is Truly

THE ARM OF THE CHURCH

at work among needy families and homeless men.

As the Mission feeds and clothes bodies it also supplies the sympathy, counsel and the message of GRACE that transforms lost and despondent souls into regenerated lives.

With fifteen years of intensive activity, this Mission is one of the most efficient institutions

of its kind in the country. YOUR DOLLARS, coupled with THE CONSECRATED SERVICE of the workers, accomplish the work of the KINGDOM OF GOD in an amazingly effective way.

The rescue work, the nightly meetings, the feeding the hungry, the clothing the needy, the "Harbor" provided aged men, the varied ministry to the poor and the lonely, make this AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE STATION.

Considering the scope of service, the giving of emergency relief, the efforts toward rehabilitation of wasted lives, the work in the interest of UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN, surely it is a most conservative sum for which the Directors are asking for the 1939-1940 Budget—\$15,000.

This is OUR OPPORTUNITY to accomplish with our dollars, through the Mission, the essential service we are unable to render individually.

Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bertrand M. Hall,  
President of Board.  
Musgrave Wood,  
Chr. Campaign Com.  
Paul R. Byrum,  
Chr. Publicity Com.

#### A PASTOR'S ENDORSEMENT

THE CITY UNION MISSION is doing a wonderful work for Christ that the Churches cannot do. The range of its work reaches far beyond the confines of this city because it works with men, many of whom are traveling constantly. Several years ago, while preaching in the Rescue Mission in New Orleans, La., I met there a young man who had been led to Christ at one of my services at the City Union Mission. He was then living in New Orleans and had a good position there. He attended the Rescue Mission regularly because HE HAD FOUND CHRIST IN ONE. Fifteen years of returning to preach almost monthly is a pretty good endorsement of any institution.

—W. E. King,

Minister Maywood Baptist Church.

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