

Samaritan Outreach

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Launching the Car for Work Program to Meet Auto Repair Needs

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Vision Statement

Through partnerships and collaborations with churches, Christian businesses, and Christ-centered ministries, Samaritan Outreach will be the catalyst to help thousands of income challenged families experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and become actively involved in a local bible-believing church. Many more will learn how to employ their gifts and talents to serve their family, church, employer and community. By the grace of God, we will realize the vision.

Along with inadequate or unaffordable daycare and housing, the lack of transportation is one of the main reasons many single parents experience financial set-backs. It's the domino effect: If her car breaks down, she can't get to work. If she can't get to work, she will not be able to pay for rent, utility bills, child care, and other such critical needs.



As such, Samaritan Outreach is excited and pleased to announce that we will be launching the Car for Work Program (CWP) this Spring. The purpose of the CWP is to help hard working single moms maintain a reliable car to get to work or school each day.

Meeting Needs — Both Spiritual and Practical

The CWP ministry can be an integral part of our Christian witness. No doubt, some moms will have car repair needs too big for us to handle, but even under such conditions we can still help. We can pray, offer encouragement, share the word of God, and connect them with other churches or Christian ministries. And some might be eligible for other Samaritan Outreach ministries. We trust that the Lord Jesus Christ will give us everything we need to ultimately accomplish His purpose in the lives of families we meet. Our practical objectives are to help single moms do the following:

- ◆ Cover some of her costs for major auto repair and preventive maintenance.
- ◆ Save money on auto repairs.
- ◆ Get connected with honest and reliable auto mechanics who can repair her vehicle.

“If I need a place to stay, I can get someone to take me in for a week or two because no one wants to see a mother and her child out on the street. If I need food and clothing, no problem. Many churches and agencies have pantries to offer free food and clothing to just almost anyone in need. But if I need to get my car repaired, where do I turn. The friend that gives me a place to stay temporarily is not going to be able to take me to work everyday for a week or two while I figure out how to get my car fixed.”



So is the sentiment of many single parents in the Dayton community.

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Qualifications for Participation in the Car for Work Program (CWP)

- ◆ Primary caregiver of a child 12 and under (child lives with mother).
- ◆ Own a vehicle.
- ◆ Live in Montgomery County, Ohio.
- ◆ Work at least 20 hours per week or attend college at least part-time in a degree program.
- ◆ Have a valid driver's license and own a car.
- ◆ Show proof of auto insurance.
- ◆ Take the G.E.D test (if you did not graduate from high school).
- ◆ Actively seeking a better quality of life for themselves and their children.
- ◆ Meet income qualifications (contact SO Office for details).

How You Can Touch and Heal Others

Indeed, words are a powerful thing! Before the beggar walked, Peter spoke, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise and walk" (Acts 3:6). Then Peter took him by the hand to help him get up. Peter touched him.

As one who walked with Jesus for several years, Peter saw the Lord Jesus touch people all the time. Jesus could have easily chosen to just speak healing into existence. No sickness or disease can resist His word, yet He chose to *touch* lepers and put his hands on blind men. Evidently, there is so much more to the process of healing than what we can see with our eyes. As it was in Jesus' day, so it is in ours. The world is full of people who are sick and feel lonely, isolated and unwanted. Though distance may separate us from others, our words can reach them to the glory of God.

Peter and John did not have silver and gold, but they gave what they had. God used them to heal a crippled man. All God asks us to do is give what we have. We don't have to be rich in this world to be generous. And when distance makes it impossible for us to physically touch others, our words – both written and spoken – can touch! With this in mind, the Samaritan Outreach family and leaders want to encourage you to do the work of evangelism, to share the word of God today!

—Rev. Jeff Baugham



Then Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And he took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

(Acts 3:6-7, KJV)

Your Letters and Words of Encouragement Needed

How has God answered prayers for your family? What has God done for you? How has the church blessed you? Are you a single parent, pastor, ministry leader, or just someone who cares and would like to be an encourager?

In 2004, Samaritan Outreach is launching a letter writing ministry of encouragement. We need your help. You – yes YOU – can be a powerful source of encouragement to single parent families who struggle with relationships, finances, discipline problems with their kids, and job losses. Your words can inspire us all! Please send us your testimonies, poems, and stories of how God has answered your prayers.

To the Samaritan Outreach Family:

"Thank you so much, for all your love and support! God bless you. I love you all!"

— **Ms. Stacey R. Brown,**
Tabitha Award Recipient
2004

Helping Others— Single Moms Advisory Board

Spring 2004

The single mothers advisory board met for the first time in February to discuss the various ministry components of Samaritan Outreach and to give us their input regarding the program's effectiveness. We believe that this forum will enable us to stay in step with the felt needs of single parents and greatly enhance our ability to address felt needs.

We discussed many things throughout the evening but I was most impressed by what I came away with. In a word—Encouragement. As I sat listening to the many challenges that these moms face, I was also struck by their complete and utter trust in our Heavenly

Father as their provider. On the backside of every challenging situation was a glowing testimony to the goodness and faithfulness of God. I was humbled when one member confided in us some trying circumstances she was currently going through and then reminded us all that God would take care of her, and us, if we will but trust in Him! I was also reminded of the scripture that speaks of the "one who waters being watered". We ended in prayer for one another and for those who weren't able to attend.

—Pam Baugham



Members of the Single Moms Advisory Board

Pam Baugham

Terri Sebree

Helen Hardy

Char Gordon

Tanya Martin

Kristi Hunter

Updated List of Steering Committee Members:

- ◆ Reverend Jeff Baugham, Samaritan Outreach Director
- ◆ Pamela Baugham, Ministry Coordinator
- ◆ Betsy McDermott, Administrative Assistant
- ◆ Lisa Trimbach, Treasurer
- ◆ Nelle Brotbeck, Committee Member
- ◆ Lionel Alford, Committee Member
- ◆ Terri Sebree, Committee Member
- ◆ Reverend Ed Harvey, Senior Pastor of Lighthouse Community Church

New and Current Advisors:

- ◆ Reverend John Maze, Senior Pastor of Agape Bible Fellowship
- ◆ Reverend Mike Haynes, Associate Pastor of Lighthouse Community Church

Welcome New Mentors and Single Moms to Samaritan Outreach!

- ◆ Mrs. Linda Richardson (mentor) and Ms. Tricia Calvert from Living Word Church, Vandalia Ohio
- ◆ Mrs. Cynthia Clevenger (mentor) and Ms. Jeanie Toledo from Living Word Church, Vandalia, Ohio

Congratulations to Stacey

A warm Samaritan Outreach congratulations goes to Stacey Brown for completing her book, Christ is Life: Rhythmic Truth. Stacey is a committed Christian who loves the Lord dearly and has a great passion for literature. Also, she is a committed member of Collegiate Heights Church of Christ in Dayton, Ohio and the recipient of the Samaritan Outreach Tabitha Award in 2003. With her permission, we share the following excerpt from her book, Christ is Life, which is a collection of Christ-inspired poems, and trust that her words will encourage you.

TO WHOM

(Isaiah 46:5) To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

To whom can you compare, unto our wonderful God?

To whom is more deserving, of more glory, more praise, more laud?

Is there absolutely anyone or anything, that possess more power;

Who with mere words can create, whose actions even speak louder? . . .

Who called the earth to attention, to fill it with His glory.



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MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS
YOU ABUNDANTLY IN 2004.

Our Mission

The Samaritan Outreach ministry was created to help Dayton-area single mothers in their quest to rise from poverty to self-sufficiency, from loneliness and isolation toward interdependent relationships with families in a local church, and from just barely "making ends meet" to a better quality of life for their children.

Thank You for Your Support!

Samaritan Outreach is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit ministry. As such, your financial contributions are tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to Samaritan Outreach.

Brief Description of the Ministries of Samaritan Outreach

Tabitha Award

Honor single mothers who have demonstrated exemplary Christian character and outstanding service to their family, church, or community. Award recipients will also receive a financial gift of \$250.00.

Presentations

Network and collaborate with other Christian ministries to educate local churches about resources that are available to help income-challenged families. Provide sermons, consulting, and presentations.

Financial Support

Provide up to \$2,000 to qualified, low-income single mothers within a 12-18 month period.

Successful Graduate Program

Provide single mothers who have completed the Samaritan Outreach projects (mentoring tools) an opportunity to work and earn additional funds to support their family.

Mentoring Program

Develop and provide special projects that the single mother must complete, with support from a Christian mentor, in order to be eligible for financial support.

CWP Ministry

Help hardworking single mothers maintain a reliable car to get to work each day, and provide financial grants for car repair.



For more information about Samaritan Outreach or to have someone come and speak to your church, please contact Rev. Jeff and Pam Baugham at 937-275-7310 (phone and fax) or Betsy McDermott at 937-832-1540.

