

It will be Thanksgiving Season soon and no better time than now to thank you for supporting the Everett Gospel Mission and the men, women, and children we serve, and to provide a ministry report.

## **Updates:**

- The **Step Up** bed systems, designed by EGM to give our clients semi-privacy and a more complete rest, are catching on across the county with five rescue missions looking to purchase what we have also called the transformational bed system.
- Unfortunately, **COVID** is a reality for our clients as six people in our pallet shelter have been affected by the pernicious virus, but on the mend.
- If you know of **someone who wants to make a difference** in the lives of our neighbors in need we have **several employment/ministry opportunities** https://egmission.org/employment-opportunities . \$15-\$20 an hour with great benefits including **putting one's faith into practice!**
- The city of Everett is advertising for the position of homeless czar, i.e. Homeless Response Coordinator Job Opportunities | City of Everett (governmentjobs.com) .
- In addition to our Men's Shelter and Women and Children's Shelter we continue to operate a **40-bed emergency shelter in Everett.**
- In a partnership with the City of Everett we oversee and run a 20-unit pallet shelter village (think tiny homes) housing twenty-six people next to our Men's Mission on Smith Avenue. At this site we will be adding ten shelters in January and another ten in July resulting in a total of forty units serving an estimated fifty people. The village provides low barrier housing for single men and couples to help stabilize them, while offering wrap around services in guiding them to a promising future. These clients are referred to EGM by the City of Everett's COET team police officers with imbedded social workers. Once considered the most resistant to services these clients once stabilized are seeking out our assistance, including referrals for mental health, medical, addiction recovery services
- The remodeling of all four kitchens in our Women and Children's buildings are nearing completion. What a blessing for our clients, including locking private cabinets for their personal food supplies. It feels like home.

We share the Gospel daily in Word and deed with full wrap around services to provide a pathway to a better life. You may not know that in a typical year we serve nearly a quarter million meals. In a typical day we serve approximately 220 men, women, and children. We have the largest and one of only two men's shelters in the region comprising Island, San Juan, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties. In September 2020, the Everett Gospel Mission was named a Certified Best Christian Workplace by the Best Christian Workplaces Institute.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

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