

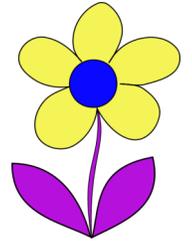


# The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

A new season of growth is upon us. The same is true here at The City Gate. This is proven by the changes we see before our eyes. This change is evidence of the growth of this ministry. This is also true for the hearts and bodies that serve here. Many new faces will welcome you into The City Gate today. While all of us are here to give to The City Gate, it is inevitable that being here brings a change in us. I like to periodically ask, "What does The City Gate mean to you?" I believe it is important for us as servants to reflect on this to acknowledge God's work IN US, and not just through us. As you read through some of the responses, please be reflecting on your own heart. If you are directly involved here, how has it changed you? We would love to hear your stories! If you have thought about volunteering/giving and want to pursue that, please contact us. It is impossible to leave THE CITY GATE unchanged. The presence of our Father is far too great in this place.

# MAY 2016



"The City Gate saved my life!" ~James

"The City Gate, to me, means family. I look forward to coming into work every day knowing I will be encouraged towards the Lord and I get to hang out with my friends. I LOVE IT HERE!" ~Parris

"I love being a part of The City Gate. God is a work here and witnessing the lives that are affected is an amazing blessing." ~David

"I have been served for years by God through The City Gate. Now I am able to serve others through Him." ~Curly

"I look forward to coming to work every morning. I love the opportunity to share Jesus Christ with those who may not know him" ~Kathy

"I always see the holy spirit moving at The City Gate." ~Frank

"To me, The City Gate is so special I find all the stuff excellent. I LOVE SERVING HERE." ~Trish

"To me, The City Gate means a new life with God. Also, it is teaching me to trust & love other. The City Gate is my ROCK." ~Buffie

"It's bringing the Church to broken people!" ~Pastor John

"Jesus, Thank you for calling me to serve your children. I love the homeless and pray they may have your peace & joy." ~Cheryl

"Changing one heart at a time through the love of Jesus Christ." ~Elisha

"I love it here because I can serve the people that are in the shoes that I was in, but the Lord took me out." ~Jimmy

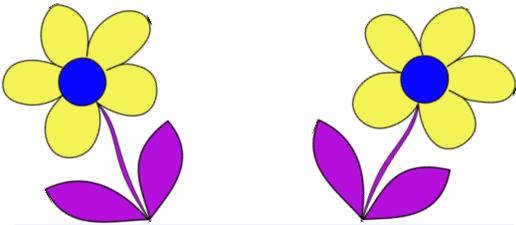
"The City Gate is a place where you can find help and comfort. A place where God's people are there to help and inspire others. The heart of God dwells at The City Gate and He is willing to forgive and love you." ~Donnie

happy  
birthday

Pastor

John

May 7



Please PRAY for:

- Angie
- David
- James
- Buffie
- Brian
- Tennessee

## Word from the board

By: Rich Paulsen



This is a story I really want to share that I was told in 1990 by my last bride. While she has gone home to be with our Lord, what she shared with me has had even greater impact over these many years. My last bride had been a single mom raising three children for over eight years on her own without any kind of financial support. She worked in a real estate office, and life for the family was harsh hand-to-mouth every day. She loved Jesus and had a deeply personal relationship with Him.

During one of those early years when Christmas came, her oldest son (nine years old) had a special request. All he wanted for Christmas was a little plastic basketball hoop that you can stick to the refrigerator and toss in a small foam basketball. Sadly, his mom said to him, *"I'm sorry but we can't afford it."* Even though he understood, he was crushed.

On December 24<sup>th</sup> his mom received a phone call that her little town (only 2 stoplights) had gathered some used gifts to share with the needy families in the area. She was invited to come down and pick up a bag. She prayed that God would bless her children. When she arrived to pick it up she was told there was only one bag left and that she could have it. She took the black trash bag that was tied at the top and brought it home to the kids. They prayed together over the unopened trash bag that they were being so greatly blessed by God. Then the bag was opened.

*God had heard their hearts and prayers, and chose to show His presence to them.*

The first item in the trash bag that was sitting right on top was a brand new little basketball hoop and foam ball. It had never been opened and was still wrapped in the original cellophane. The son screamed with joy, and his mom wept with joy.

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# SOULUTIONS

- \* Commercial espresso machine
- \* Art supplies
- \* Volunteers to help finish construction
- \* Brooms, mops & mop buckets
- \* Cleaning supplies
- \* Metal shelves



WE ARE SO CLOSE TO BEING ABLE TO OPEN OUR DOORS. PLEASE HELP US OUT SO WE CAN CROSS THE FINISH LINE!

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Why do I tell you this old story about something so small? This and countless other experiences just like it had a huge impact on this little family. God had heard their hearts and prayers, and chose to show His presence to them. This little family living in obscurity had a relationship with Christ that was so deep. The fruit from their lives is still flowing today. *That nine-year-old little boy is now a pastor of a church with over 15,000 members. His younger brother graduated with honors from a major seminary with a double Masters Degree: one in Old Testament and one in New Testament. His heart is to reach the Muslim people for Christ. Their younger sister is already a published Christian author and speaker who testifies to Christ's love.*

None of us fully know how our giving to the Lord will be used by Him. We are only called to be faithful. May you be greatly blessed on your journey.

With Love In Christ,

Rich Paulsen



Help us to be good stewards of our finances

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*"A Gathering Place"*

*Matthew 11:28*

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### *The City Gate Staff*

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko, co-director / office mgr.
- James Gulbranson, assistant director/security
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee station
- Cheryl Jimeno, kitchen
- Parris Wentz, kitchen
- David LaMoureaux, Solutions
- Kathy Gibbons, Front desk
- Elisha Shelton, Alberta House mgr.
- Bonnie Murinko, newsletter/sub

Who to pray for

Big Thank You!



What to give

### *Needs:*

<i>Kitchen</i>	<i>Clothing Bank</i>
<i>Ketchup packets</i>	<i>Spring &amp;</i>
<i>Mustard packets</i>	<i>Summer clothes</i>
<i>Plastic utensils</i>	<i>Men's Jeans</i>
<i>Napkins</i>	<i>Men's Shorts</i>
<i>Soy sauce</i>	<i>Flip Flops</i>
<i>Corn starch</i>	<i>Deodorant</i>
<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Men's shoes</i>



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors every-day. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

Love, Pastor John & Shirley