

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST FURNITURE PROGRAM

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To: All, soon to be, Michigan Mission Center Congregations

From: High Priest Bill Wells
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Greeting,

In 2007 I was asked to develop a program to help people who needed help finding furniture, that they could not afford to purchase, get what they needed. Here we are over three years later still helping people get furniture. This program has been developed to meet the needs of people in the present Michigan Blue Water Mission Center which is the eastern portion of Michigan from northern Detroit to the thumb area including Flint. The first year we gave furniture to only six homes, the second year we put furniture in twenty four homes and last year (2009) we furnished over 300 homes with furnishings and this year it looks to be even more. We have 14 congregational coordinator's and 6 storage areas at present in this mission center.

Briefly how the program works is: We accept donation's of *good* new or used furniture from anyone willing to donate and we give it (no cost) to those eligible for the program. The eligibility for the program is this: "Those who do not have a substantial household income to purchase needed items, new or used, that they do not already have." (Substantial household income are those at poverty level or below). Coordinator's make all the decision's for their area of service. The only expense for the program is that the coordinator's receive reimbursement for travel. We do not deliver furniture but we do pick up from anyone donating.

This letter has basically two purposes. One is to offer the program to your congregation/area and two to ask for your help in meeting the needs of so many people who are at poverty level or below. How you can help is: to announce in your congregation's a brief description of the program, and ask if anyone has excess furniture they want to donate, or know of anyone having furniture, to contact myself at the following phone or email address. Also, if your congregation is interested in hearing more about the program you may contact me and I would be happy to come to your congregation to present more information. The Hasting Congregation (east of Grand Rapids) has decided to move on this and is now looking for a storage unit to get started.

I know how busy a Pastor can be, as I have been in that position for over 20 years, but please present this program to your congregation and do not let this opportunity to fulfill Matt. 25: 34-40 go by without any effort to fulfill its calling. This is a program that gives without expectation. Thank you for listening.

God Bless all you do in His name,
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