

SURE NEWS

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Message from the Founder

By Pastor Tim Bash

I have always been one to enjoy a challenge and there is no shortage of challenges in this life. I have recently been challenged by a woman whom we serve during our Philadelphia outings. I have seen her around for several months but she has always been very standoffish to our volunteers and everyone else on the street. She always kept to herself and would not even tell us her name.

A few weeks ago, I was handing a *Daily Bread* to a man and I said, "There is a lot of wisdom in there" as I referred to the book I was giving him. This woman overheard my comment but kept silent until she had gone through the line and received what she wanted from the van. As she walked away, she turned and said, "True wisdom doesn't need an entity change." I began to wonder what she meant by her comment. As I left the park that night, I kept wondering what she meant. I could think of several possible meanings. It could be any one of them, a combination of them or even none of them at all.

Two weeks later, I saw her again. I could not wait to see her to ask what she meant two weeks before. As she sat on the wall by herself, I said "Excuse me." She looked up at me, "What, do you need another entity

change?" Surprised by her quick response I said, "Actually, that is why I am here. I am unsure of what you meant by that." She let out an impatient sigh and starred straight at me. "Do you think that it is okay to mock the things of God?" "No, certainly not." I said. She continued to stare at me, "Did you pray with the people before you started giving stuff out?" I replied, "No, I actually had not thought of that." She fired back, "Have you been to seminary?" Not knowing where she was going with that question I said "No". She quickly motioned for me to leave as she said, "Then, you are not walking with God." I paused for a moment and she motioned for me to leave again. I wanted to give further details to her questions but I felt it best to leave. Because of the abrupt end to our conversation, I did not have a chance to tell her that the volunteers and I pray together before we leave the church. I did not have an opportunity to explain that I went through the intern program at my church and that I am an ordained minister. I am still left wondering what her original comment meant and I am further curious to see if she may have some legitimate criticism of the way we serve or just trying to get in my head. Either way, it is a challenge that I will enjoy.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Bash

Much Growth Seen in Sure House Outings

By Brian Fullerton

Outreach Coordinator

The past few months have been great for our outings. We have seen some new volunteers joining us as well as some previous volunteers who have been able to come back out with us. We were really blessed this year to have been able to team up with Cherry Hill West High School's various after school programs which donated two hundred peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to us once a month. They have already expressed an interest in continuing to help us when next school year starts. Thank you Cherry Hill West High School!

If you would like to join us on any of our outings we meet at 8:15am at Gloucester County Community Church (GCCC) to go to Camden and at 6:15pm at GCCC to go to Philadelphia alternating Saturdays. If you have any questions regarding the outings, please contact Brian Fullerton at 1-866-924-2677 Ext. 41 or brian.e.fullerton@gmail.com.

It's Summertime!!

By Wendy Sylvester

Donation Coordinator

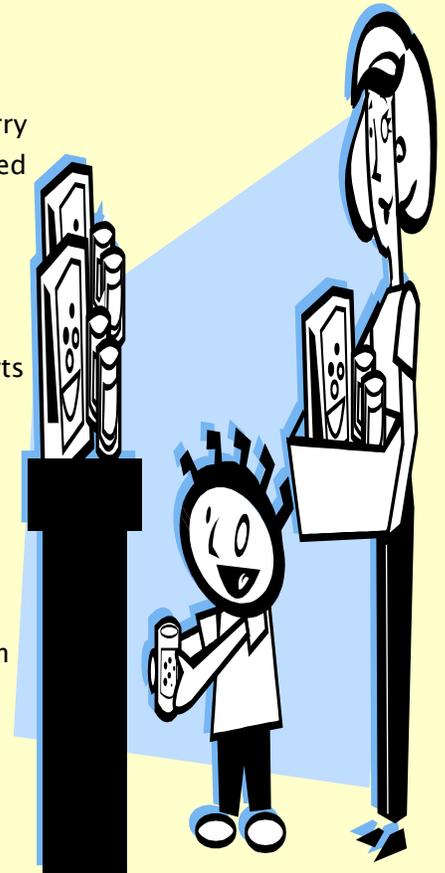
Hello to all of our Volunteers and Supporters,

We hope everyone is having a great summer so far. We want to thank Cherry Hill West High School for the generous donation of clothing that we received from them at the end of the school year. Please keep Sure House in mind year round, as we are in continuous need of the following items:

- Blankets, quilts, sleeping bags
- Men's comfortable clothing; jeans, casual pants, sweat pants, shorts
- T-shirts; long sleeved shirts, and sweat shirts
- Hoodies and Winter coats
- Hats and gloves
- Comfortable footwear; Sneakers, work boots and casual shoes
- New socks and new underwear
- Toiletries; deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand wipes, chap sticks, hotel/travel size products such as shampoo, soap and lotion as well as empty travel size bottles.

Donations can be accepted by placing in the bucket in GCCC's lobby or by calling Wendy at 866-924-2677 to arrange for pick up. Anyone willing to have a clothing/supply drive, please contact Wendy.

May God abundantly Bless you!



Fundraisers...and other Fun Events!

By Barbara Bash

Fundraiser Planner

RIVERSHARK'S TICKETS FOR SALE

Sure House is also selling Camden Rivershark tickets for the 2013 baseball season. There are tickets available that can be used at any game this season as well as tickets for our August 17th fundraiser. We are also in need of volunteers to work the concession stand on August 17 **when** Sure House Mission is represented at the Rivershark's game. Check out the calendar for training dates for the concession stand. For more information on how you can help or to purchase tickets for an upcoming game, please contact Barbara Bash at 866-924-2677.

Check out the website at www.surehousemission.org for future events that are being planned.

Upcoming Events

MONTH of JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Philly Outing
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Camden Outing
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Philly Outing
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Camden Outing
23/30	24	25 Leadership Mtg.	26	27	28	29 Philly Outing

MONTH of JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Camden Outing
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Philly Outing
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Camden Outing
21	22	23 Leadership Mtg.	24	25 Riversharks Training	26	27 Philly Outing
28	29	30	31			

MONTH of AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Riversharks Training	3 Camden Outing
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Philly Outing
11	12	13	14	15	16 Riversharks Training	17 Riversharks Game Camden Outing
18	19	20	21	23	23	24 Philly Outing
25	26	27 Leadership Mtg.	28	29	30	31 Camden Outing

Testimonial

I work for a private non-profit called NJ211 and I deal with a lot of people trying to abuse “the system”, so after sometime, I’ve become desensitized to some of the people and their situations. Being able to go out to Philadelphia and seeing people deal with the very situations my callers deal with really helps me keep things in perspective. I love being able to serve the Lord even if it is only to help provide a warm blanket or meal for a night. It is really a great experience where I have been able to meet new people that know I care about them and the amazing part is that care about me too. This is great for anyone looking to do the Lord’s work and develop personal growth. Sure House does great things for people who really need it and I’m glad I can be a part of it!

Kimberly Marella

Surehouse Volunteer

Photo Gallery

