

## LMS Volunteer Makes a Difference to U.S. Service Men & Women

*A note from Patty, a volunteer at the LMS Havre de Grace Compassion Center:*

For about five years, our family has been blessed to send out treats, Bibles, and needed things to [our deployed service men and women] in care packages.

Some of the things we have sent come from the Havre de Grace center. . . [They are] tied with a pretty ribbon and a poem I wrote letting the soldier know of the love and support we in America have for them. These items include things such as warm clothing, comforters, sheets, pajamas, etc.

We are very thankful for this [Compassion Center] in Havre de Grace. . . Thank you for your part: the workers, volunteers, and most importantly those who donate to the centers.

Here are some of the many letters and emails from [the service men and women].

### From Iraq

*---I'm putting to good use the bed set that I was given and I am truly grateful to be fortunate enough to get it. I was getting tired of sleeping in my sleeping bag.*  
-- Michelle



*---The soldiers loved the jacket, shirt, gloves. . .* -- Shannon

*---I was so overwhelmed by the care package you guys sent. From the bottom of my heart and from all of us out here thank you. . .* -- Wai

### From Afghanistan

*--- We're going to distribute the childrens' items to the kids that show up when our soldiers go out on patrol to the local villages to build goodwill toward the U.S.* -- Zach

*--- I use my foot stool and enjoy my candy canes and think of the small piece of heaven you must have fallen from to put forth such enormous energy to ensure a warrior more than 7300 miles away has a happy holiday, albeit, away from family.* -- Tracey

*I put all the things in the Chapel for all Soldiers to enjoy. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God Bless.* -- Richard

*Patty adds that anyone interested in sending items to our service men and women overseas can obtain addresses from [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com) (includes all branches of service).*

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# MISSION SOCIETY

## Newsletter

*A Century of Healing. . . Committed to Compassion*



## Fells Point Center on Firm Footing

*Original Compassion Center Features New Floor, New Leadership*

The Fells Point Compassion Center, the first LMS center opening in 1967, has undergone a "facelift underfoot." The flooring on the main floor was firmed up and spruced up with new underlayment and new tile. The Louis J. Grasmick Lumber Company graciously donated the sheets of tongue-in-groove OSD plywood. A crew of capable and committed handymen from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie and Galilee Lutheran Church in Pasadena worked two weekends to complete the project. Thank you to volunteers Tony Hansen, Jaime Jaseph, Dan King, Bob Schwarz, Paul Klein and Bob Kraft for a job well done.

"What a difference it makes," said Robert Offer, center coordinator and an energetic part of the installation crew. "With a new floor and a few new fixtures, we're now ready to concentrate once again on what's really important -- ministering to people."



Jaime Jaseph (l) and Bob Kraft prepare flooring panel.



Bob Schwarz spreads tile adhesive in preparation for final step.



(l to r) Volunteers Tony Hansen, Jaime Jaseph, Bob Schwarz, Bob Kraft; Center Coordinator Robert Offer

Food and clothing are distributed weekly to people in need at the Fells Point Compassion Center, as at other LMS centers. In addition, there is a vicar-led chapel service to share the Gospel of Jesus with clients and visitors. Christian counseling, through the Compassionate Grace Counseling Center, is also available.

### God Bless this Place

The Fells Point Compassion Center had to clear out space for remodeling. The signs posted announcing the center would be closing for an entire week had caught more than a few people by surprise.

"I hope you guys won't be closing forever," said Devin, a regular center visitor. "This place has been a real life saver for me. If it weren't for coming to this place for clothes, I wouldn't have money to eat."

He was reassured by center staff that the closing was only temporary. "We're making the place nicer for you."

Devin flashed his familiar smile. "You guys always do look out for me. God bless this place."



**Immanuel Lutheran Church** will hold a **Bull & Oyster Roast** on **Friday, April 15th** from **7:00 PM til 11:00 PM** at **Heritage Parkville Gardens**, 7631 Harford Road in Parkville Shopping Center. Enjoy an evening of great food and beverage, fellowship, games and a silent auction. **Tickets are \$35.00 each (table of 10 for \$330)** and the proceeds will be split between Immanuel and the Lutheran Mission Society. Call to reserve your table today! Contact **Anna Doeren** by phone at **410-636-0123** or email **adoeren@LutheranMissionSociety.org**.

A big thank you goes out to the students and teachers at **St. Paul's Lutheran School, Kingsville**, who collected a ton of food and supplies for LMS through their "St. Paul's Cares a Ton" program. Beyond just an ordinary food drive, these students organized special activities to go along with their collections throughout the second quarter. What a creative collection and what a blessing it is to be ministry partners with St. Paul's!



Thank you to **Mr. Chris Frye** and members of the **North County High School Key Club and National Honor Society** for their volunteer clothes sorting events in January and February. Their help was greatly appreciated. In addition, the Mission Society would like to thank those volunteers who regularly sort clothes at **Faith Lutheran-Eldersburg; Galilee Lutheran-Pasadena; Our Shepherd Lutheran-Severna Park; Resurrection Lutheran-Brooklyn Park; St. John's Lutheran-Linthicum; St. Martin Lutheran-Annapolis and Trinity Lutheran-Bowie**. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers!

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## New Wheels Arrive in Response to Truck Drive



2005 International truck gives LMS crew a dependable "ride"

LMS Facilities and Transportation crews are sporting a new "ride" thanks to the generosity of Mission Society donors. An "almost new" 2005 International truck is now on the road, making pickups and deliveries to keep the mission rolling.

The vehicle purchase was made possible by the tremendous response of donors to the "Keep the Mission Rolling" appeal. Over \$29,000 was contributed by more than 250 donors to replace an aging 1999 truck with over 300,000 miles.

"It's great to have a reliable truck, said Bruce Cameron, LMS Facilities & Transportation Director, "and one with a liftgate that works well. Our crews work hard, and it's nice that they no longer have to struggle with the equipment."

"Our donors have blessed the Mission Society with their generosity," said Rev. David Maack, LMS Executive Director.

To all those who donated to make this possible -- a big "Thank You!"

## "New Vicar Expo" at LMS

Members from St. Thomas, Redeemer, and Martini Lutheran Churches gathered at LMS headquarters to celebrate the ministry of Vicar George Ruwisch, who is interning this year. Participants were given an overview of the LMS ministry, and Vicar George shared some personal stories from his experience at the Fells Point Center. After sharing a meal together, visitors headed over to the great room to work together on a clothes sort.



Vicar George Ruwisch

## LMS Delegate Meeting May 2nd

The LMS Annual Delegate Meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2011 at LMS headquarters beginning at 7:00 PM. Three board members will be elected to three-year terms and a constitutional change will be voted on. For information on becoming an LMS delegate, please contact Dcs. Robie Hillhouse by phone at 410-636-0123 or email [rhillhouse@LutheranMissionSociety.org](mailto:rhillhouse@LutheranMissionSociety.org)

## Remember the Mission Society with your Thrivent CHOICE Gifts



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