

The Springfield Redeemer

The Newsletter of Redemption Gate Mission Society

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Matthew 28:19
“Go ye therefore and
teach all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father
and the Son and
the Holy Spirit.

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Convoy of Hope an Amazing Success *By Roberta D'Amico*

What was Convoy of Hope all about? Is it all over, or just beginning?

As 40 churches came together and served approximately 5200 people on Saturday, giving 1764 pairs of shoes, 310 haircuts, 6000 lunches, kids' games, music, 338 health services, 460 family portraits, 40 tons of groceries, and especially prayer, now we must come together and follow up the 228 who want to learn more about God.

The Convoy of Hope saved a life. Sandra has 3 kids. At 3 a.m. she awoke and wanted to take her life – she was at the end of her hope. She went to her pocketbook to take out a cigarette and pulled out the Convoy of Hope flyer. She took it for a sign and got her children up and dressed to go to the Convoy, walking them all the way from Central High School down to Riverfront, right to the prayer tent! We made sure she got groceries, shoes, games for the kids, etc. Even volunteers got saved!

All those who gave their names and addresses will be followed up by the local churches. Now the real work begins as we go

after those souls in the Name of the Lord. We must take back those which the adversary, the devil, stole. We believe the Pioneer Valley will never be the same after the Convoy brought hope, through the 45 churches and 35 businesses that participated. Now it is time for all of us Christians in the Springfield area to do God's Kingdom work.



<http://www.prweb.com/releases/convoyofhope>

Rick Ryan, from Convoy, discovered God already at work when he stopped at Starbucks. “I went into Starbucks and ordered a coffee and the barista said, ‘you’re not from around here are you?’ I said no, I was here with an outreach, and she said ‘you’re a missionary? Would you pray for me?’ So I prayed with her and when I said amen, I saw she was crying. When I turned around there were six people standing there, and they said, hey, would

you pray with us too? And so I got to pray with everybody who was standing in line.” He told this story at the Friday night rally at Bethany, the night before God's Party at Riverfront Park. We were expecting 1000 volunteers to show up and get their Convoy Tee-shirts for Saturday, but they kept coming and coming! 1600 people showed up, causing traffic jams! It was amazing! Then, the next morning, the guests started lining up at 5:30 a.m.

Just as almost 2000 volunteers came together to make this wonderful event happen, if all of us Believers from different churches come together in unity, we can change the city. We can have long-term transformation in the power of the Lord God. Will you help? The Coffee House needs prayer, volunteers, and financial support. Exciting things are happening!



**Testimonies from the Coffee
House – Donnell Cradle –
August 2013**

What is God doing at the Coffee House these days? Our purpose at the Coffee House is to see lives changed, neighborhoods changed. Is it happening? We asked some of our 'regulars' what God was doing in their lives. Donnell Cradle is one who comes to the morning Bible Study.

Here is what he says: "The Spirit of the Lord draws people to the Coffee House. It has been good for me. I tell the people at my church about it and the elders tell me to keep coming. I am still learning – no one knows it all. God has blessed me and I must be an example and inspiration to those around me."

The Bible Study at 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, started at Genesis and goes book by book. The discussion delves deep into the meaning of the scriptures being studied. Even those of us who have been Christians a long time learn new things, not just about the scriptures, but how they

apply to our lives, how to live by God's Word. The seats at the Coffee House are always full at the Bible Study.

Even earlier than the Bible Study, at 7 a.m., the high school students gather here. "It is wonderful to see so many young people coming here in the morning before school," Donnell said, "they come to pray and fellowship. Their school was so bad before, but it is getting better. The kids need to learn to know God while they are young. This Coffee House is doing a great work."

**Joe's Testimony
September 1, 2013**

Holy Grounds Coffee House is a mission house. It reaches out to all people: people with, people without, those who have, and those who don't have. I am in the middle somewhere, but I have God.

When they opened the Prayer Room upstairs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11AM to noon, I volunteered. I have been faithful to it because prayer is my life. I am

honored to serve. God wants everybody to be involved. He has a place for each one. Nothing is insignificant to Him. And it's all about how you carry yourself when you leave this place. You are an example whether you realize it or not.

The Coffee House has helped me grow. I am comfortable here and at peace. It's been a blessing to serve here, a total blessing. Everyone here is a blessing, including the leadership, like a family. Sometimes the devil tries to cause trouble, cause division, and set us one against another, but it doesn't work. We stand together and pray together. This Coffee House is a church first.

I also worked at the Convoy of Hope in August. While I was there, I ran into my foster brother, whom I haven't seen in 15 or 20 years. We were so happy to see each other. Now he has come into the Coffee House. What a blessing. Every day is an experience, and my experience will be helpful to someone else. We all have to walk closely with God and be a blessing.

~Save the Date~

Exciting conference coming on November 8 & 9, focused on redeeming Springfield.

We are having special speakers coming from out of town to share the rock-solid conservative message that Springfield needs to hear.

Friday 7 pm to 10 pm, we will have three speakers at Bethany Assembly of God Church.

Saturday at the Coffee House, a "Meet and Greet" all day, with sessions available at various times during the day.

Ongoing Events at Holy Grounds Coffee House

SUNDAY SERVICES 11AM & 2PM
MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30AM
TUES & THURS PRAYER 11AM
WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30PM
WED CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30PM
2ND & 4TH THURS 7PM FIAT 'FAITH IN ACTION TEAM'
SATURDAY DINNER 2-4PM WEEKLY
1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4PM
FOR INFORMATION CALL 413-301-0918

Open Mic Live

Holy Grounds Coffee House, 455 State St.
Open Mic Worship Nights
Friday monthly TBA @ 7pm
Saturday, October 26th, 7 pm
Play, Music, Read, Scripture, Sing, Poetry
Share Your Talents & Testimonies