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Needs List:

Disposable Diapers

Baby formula

Baby wipes

Blankets

Boxes of cereal for youth snacks

Craft supplies

Bright colored paper & poster boards

Video game systems

Vinyl siding for apartments next door

15 Passenger Van

Volunteers

Your Love, Prayers, & Support!

Welcome to The Potter's Wheel

The Potter's Wheel is an inner city ministry in Evansville, Indiana and has developed into a very effective ministry in the Tri-state area. The Potter's Wheel lies on the borders of Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. Blessed with generous start up funding donations, willing volunteers and strong

leadership, Potter's Wheel Ministries is winning souls for Christ and changing lives among inner city residents of Evansville, Indiana. Once a haven for drug activity, prostitution, and crime; the inner city of Evansville is going through a major transformation. This

inner city neighborhood of Evansville, Indiana is becoming a quiet, safe environment for residents, their children, and families. The Potter's Wheel Ministries offers many services for low-income residents of the inner city of Evansville, Indiana.

The Pastor's Pen by Pastor Mike Ballard

My how time does fly! Here it is almost February, and so many things have happened since the last newsletter from the Potter's Wheel. I hope you'll read all the articles in this newsletter, and see what I mean when I say that 2009 was a busy year; and we are quite sure that 2010 will be just as busy and productive. Of course we can't put everything in this small newsletter, but we will cover some highlights of the year. Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and all the sweethearts will be looking for ways to show their love to one another. Cookies,

candies, flowers, perfume, and whatever one can think of will be given this year; but the one thing that is needed more than all these gifts is LOVE. Love is the one thing that goes on giving. Flowers will wilt, perfume will fade, and cookies will be eaten, but love will be there when things are bad and when things are good. According to the book of 1st Corinthians, "Love never fails!" Guys, show her you care! Ladies, show him you care. Gifts are great to give to your special loved one; however, in all of your giving, please remember those who don't have a

husband, a wife, a child, or a mother. Say a special prayer for the homeless, the hopeless, and the weary. I'd like to speak a word of encouragement over each and every one of you. Taken from Numbers 6:24-26: "The LORD bless you, and keep you: The LORD make HIS face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The LORD lift up HIS countenance upon you, and give you peace." You have a blessed Valentine's Day with those you love; and may your year be filled with blessings from above. Love, Pastor Mike



Christina doing what she did best!



Christina with her family!

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"The Diner"

Tribute to Our Beloved Youth Pastor

Christina N. Osmon of Evansville went home to meet her Heavenly Father on Thursday, November 26, 2009. Christina was a certified minister with the Assemblies of God and served as the youth pastor at the Potter's Wheel. Christina loved children and young people, especially the inner-city children. Christina was a very happy and generous person and a best friend to everyone.

Pastor Mike Ballard, senior pastor, dubbed Christina, C.J. for Christina Joy. Christina graduated from Harrison High School in 2005. After graduation she attended Evansville Master's Commission for two years. Christina also served as a counselor at Ruth's House, a shelter for women and was involved in extraordinary outreach missions, which included traveling to

Israel and Belize. Christina will be greatly missed and we look forward to seeing her again soon in our heavenly home. A scholarship fund has been created in her honor for inner-city youth. Memorial contributions may be made through the Potter's Wheel or Heritage Federal with attention to Christina Osmon Scholarship Fund.

Our Missions Outreach Touches Haiti

As always we are supporting several missionaries around the globe, and God is so faithful in blessing us for that endeavor. We are very conscientious of the places and people around the world where there have been natural disasters; and as the Lord provides we try and help where we can.

Our latest outreach check has just gone out to the Assemblies of God's, "Convoy of Hope." This money will be going to the great cleanup and support work in Haiti. There are a lot of organizations that are trustworthy in which you can give donations. However, if any of you feel the Lord is speaking, and you'd

like to give toward the work in Haiti, we will be glad to forward a second check in our effort to show God's love to a devastated nation. Just make your check out to Potter's Wheel, and designate where you want it to go.

Introducing Amy Coombs—Youth Pastor

Amy Coombs, 24 of Madisonville, Ky., has been hired as youth pastor to carry on the work started by the late Christina Osmon. A 2003 graduate of Madisonville North Hopkins High school,

Amy graduated with her B.S. in Educational Ministries in 2007 from Campbellsville, Ky. After spending the last two years ministering to the inner-city youth of Fresno, California, Amy returned to the Tri-state

area and joined the Potter's Wheel Ministry. Every Sunday afternoon at 2:30p.m., and every Thursday evening from 6:00-7:30p.m, the children meet to receive God's love through this ministry.

Social Work at the Potter's Wheel: Meet Sylvia B. Tapp

In addition to being the mother of 5 and grandmother of 11, Sylvia has directed children's church for twenty years, and is in the process of earning a Masters of Social Work at the University of Southern Indiana. We are excited to have her doing her Internship in Christian Counseling here at the Potter's Wheel. Sylvia is a member of New Hope Baptist Church, where

Reverend Rabon L. Turner is her pastor. Sylvia, who states that she is "Saved, Sanctified, and Fire Baptized in the Lord," is a member of the Missionary Union and the Voices of Hope. It is her desire to minister for the Lord in Christian Counseling in this community. The Potter's Wheel is also serving as a preceptor for two additional social work

interns as they strive for their Bachelors of Science in Social Work. Those students are currently working alongside the youth ministries with an emphasis on reaching the teenage population.



Pastor Mike at work.

Children's Christmas Party

Christmas with our inner city Children's Church was a huge success due to Pastor Bruce Applegate and his wonderful congregation at Mt. Pleasant Church of God. For the past three years their church has brought Christmas to the Potter's Wheel Children's Church. The fun all began by

everyone singing carols and then having a lesson on the birth of Jesus. After that it was games and snacks for all. Because of the giving spirit of Mt. Pleasant, some children that would not have had a gift for Christmas received one of their very own, as each took a gift home. The Lord never fails to provide especially when

it comes to children. Jesus said in Matthew 19:14 "suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me." The children were able to see that Jesus loved them and they were welcome in his arms anytime.



Thank You Mt. Pleasant!

"Acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair." Proverbs 1:3



EPIC 1:3 Equipping (young) People in Christ



Christmas Extravaganza Volunteer, Wanda Harris

EPIC 1:3, our after school youth program, whose focus is to teach students the importance of living according to Proverbs 1:3 continues at Glenwood Middle School. The Potter's Wheel youth pastor, with the help of Evansville Masters Commission, combine

games, skits, drama, music, and a Christ-centered message to reach the heart of our youth. By doing this, our goal is to help young people realize their potential and break the cycle of multi-generational poverty and incarceration, thereby giving them

hope and opportunity to become productive adults. We feel that this can be accomplished by teaching Godly principles that will give at-risk youth tools to enable them to become good citizens and avoid lifestyles that lead to incarceration.

2nd Annual Christmas Extravaganza 2009

*"Save the Date
Christmas
Extravaganza 2010 to
be held at Crossroads
Christian Church on
November 13th."*



Christmas Extravaganza Vendors

The 2nd Annual Christmas Extravaganza was held October 31, 2009 at Crossroads Christian Church in Newburgh. Over 50 vendors participated, including At Home America, Tupper-Ware, and Thirty-One Gifts just to name a few. Yummy chicken and dumplings, homemade apple pies,

and donated baked goods from area bakeries were available. Fall and Christmas backdrops were also set up for seasonal photos. In addition, area businesses donated items for a silent auction. These efforts helped raise over \$5,000 to support the continued operating

expenses of the Potter's Wheel. Next year's event will be held November 13, 2010 at Crossroads Christian Church, 10800 Lincoln Ave. For more information, or if you would like to participate as a vendor, please email Shari Bryant at sharibryant@wowway.com.

Baby Basics Continues to Provide Help for Parents

There is a strong connection between early childhood development and the level of success that the child will experience later in life. In fact, research tells us that 85% of a child's capacity to learn is determined by the age of five. Parents are their child's first and best teacher, so effective parenting skills are critical to a child's

development. The goal of the Baby Basics program is to promote the development of healthier children through improved parenting skills (including nutrition education) that will result in better social and educational outcomes for children served. A pediatrician, Dr. Cynthia Graves, teaches weekly classes. Class topics cover health and nutrition,

child safety, parenting skills and tips, and caring for a child's physical, emotional, and intellectual needs. Diapers, baby wipes, formula (when available), and Little Lambs vouchers are distributed after class to the parents in attendance. Vouchers can be redeemed for baby supplies and equipment in a store operated by Little Lambs.



Babies are a gift from God!

Be Blessed With Girls Theatrical Dance Team

The Potter's Wheel has been blessed with a girls theatrical dance team that dances to Christian praise music. The girls have been performing since January 2009 and practice every Sunday before service. The activity is a great tool for the girls to learn responsibility and dedication while building strong Godly relationships with other

dancers and older adult mentors. Currently, the group consists of 10 girls ranging in age from 5-12 and is coached by Mrs. Kari Kirsch, of Evansville, who is a business teacher at North High School with a Masters in School Counseling. The girls danced to "Your Grace Still Amazes Me" by Phillips Craig & Dean, as well as Stephen Curtis

Chapman's "Cinderella" on Father's Day while wearing tiaras. The next performance will be at Easter with the girls dancing to "Joyful, Joyful" from Sister Act 2. In addition, a drum line is beginning for young boys and will be taught by Mr. Kevin Kirsch who holds a B.S. in Exercise Science and plays the drums on the Potter's Wheel Worship Team.



*Job 21: 11
They send forth their little ones like a flock and their children dance.*

Reach Out And Read: R.O.A.R.

Each week while their parents attend Baby Basics class, a teacher, staff, and volunteers read stories to pre-school children and assist them with craft projects. We believe that every child deserves to have a good book read to him or her. Also, every child deserves to have good books they can call their very own. It is rare for a child in the neighborhood surrounding The Potter's Wheel to possess multiple books that they can read and be proud to own. Once a month we have been able to give each child in ROAR a book to

keep. We also provide materials for group activities that promote literacy. The ROAR program aligns with The Potter's Wheel Ministries' mission by meeting spiritual, physical, emotional, and educational needs of inner-city Evansville children to transform lives by strengthening families. The goal of the ROAR program is to motivate children to enjoy reading. Baby Basics and ROAR share similar goals – strengthen the bond between parent and child and enhance the quality of life for the parents, children, and the family unit.

Research proves that the importance of reading to children is critical to their educational and social development, and that it is also a great way to focus on the family. Statistics show that children with parents or caregivers who read to them perform 10% higher (or more) on standardized tests. Therefore, we strive to affect these children positively by reading to them, and providing materials to encourage them and their parents to read together.



*Girls Dance
Christmas Extravaganza*



"The goal of the ROAR program is to promote literacy and instill an excitement for wanting to read in children."

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If you help the poor, you are
lending to the Lord---
And He will repay you!
Proverbs 19: 17 NLT

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.potterswheelministries.com

Make a Donation to the Potter's Wheel

Making a financial contribution to the Potter's Wheel Ministries has great benefits. Not only do you feed the hungry, provide daily necessities for individuals and families, and provide a safe environment for people to learn and recover, you are also honoring God by your generosity. Countless lives have and will continue to be

changed - thanks to the donations from partners like you. All donations to and through The Potter's Wheel Ministries are tax deductible. Each person who gives or makes a donation will receive a tax donation receipt at the beginning of each year for tax purposes. Donations may be made online through PayPal at potterswheelministries.com

or via mail. Currently, the Potter's Wheel is in great need of a 15 - passenger van to pick up the elderly for services and to transport children on outings and field trips. Additionally, the apartments next door, which continue to serve as staff housing, will require an additional \$10,000 for vinyl siding.

Weekly Sunday Services...

Worship Services are held Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm each week. Pastor Mike Ballard and Reverend Mike Kough lead the service. The worship team consists of

Holy Spirit filled musicians and singers who lead the worship and praise portion of each service with uplifting music. Visitors are most welcome and are treated as our

special honored guests. Sunday school classes are available for children of all ages.

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