

Can you believe it? By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be that much closer to the holidays! If you'd like to see how you can become involved in the activities that will be taking place at Open Gate, please call us. We usually impact and help about 1,000 families during the Christmas season. THANK YOU, AND BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

- Adopt a family for the holidays
- Help make food bags for the Christmas food baskets
- Help make a meal for the families at the shelter
- Get presents for our families at the shelter
- Do a food drive at your church, school, club, or with family
- (One generous donor recently had a birthday party. Instead of gifts, she requested canned food items, all of which she brought to Open Gate.)
- Give food to Open Gate instead of buying gifts for others
- Make a monetary donation which can help buy much-needed items or cover our other costs involved with the holidays



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Fireworks!!!

There certainly was an Independence Day celebration this year! The Pro-Youth of Dinuba offered to let Open Gate participate with them in their fireworks booth, which was located in the Walmart parking lot. In exchange for working in the booth, Open Gate received a share of the profits. In all, volunteers worked about 120 hours for Open Gate, and, in return, we received a check for \$4,092. Do the math - this works out to better than \$34 per hour! **Open Gate sincerely appreciates the offer from Pro-Youth and all the time spent by volunteers! Together, a Better Community!**



A Word from our Executive Director

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Roger Neufeld emceed the evening, interspersing details and statistics, and made an appeal for donations. (A significant milestone of 100,000 resident shelter nights has been reached by Open Gate this year). Andrew Clifton played a piano offertory. Over \$3,000 in donations were received. The Cinco de Mayo Queen and Princess made welcoming statements and Pastor Jason Nichols prayed the opening prayer. Adventist Pastor Terry Beuchler gave the benediction. Many positive comments were made after the program and many of the attendees helped in cleaning up the social hall and kitchen.

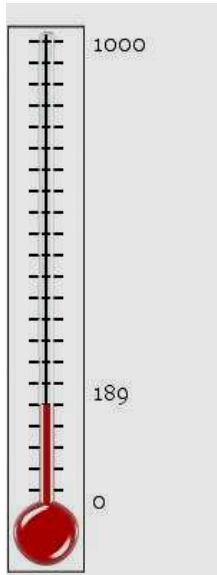
EMERGENCY!!!

We are \$25,000 short of our budget this year for contributions, so therefore we are making an emergency appeal to everyone who receives this newsletter to participate with prayer and by giving at least \$10 per month in support of this work. God has promised to reward our faithfulness. Two people out of a hundred are now homeless and one person out of ten is hungry in our own country. Please help! Thank you for your support.

— Roger C. Neufeld

Current Membership

In Our
"1000 Club"



Current Needs at the Ministry

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|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Coffee | Coffee Creamer | Laundry Detergent |
| Canned Meats | Canned Soups | Bath Soap |
| Fresh Fruits and Vegetables | Shampoo | Deodorants |
| Oatmeal | Hair Brushes | Razors |
| Cereal | Kitchen Towels | Diapers (all sizes) |
| Children's Snacks | Large Coffee Pot | Glass/Plastic Drinking Cups |
| Juices | Laundry Baskets | |

Save Mart SHARES Card Fundraiser

By now, everyone on our mailing list should have a SaveMart SHARES card. We hope you are using this card each and every time you shop at SaveMart, even if you just run in for a loaf of bread. As a reminder, using this card doesn't cost you anything except a few seconds, and SaveMart will donate 3% of your purchase total back to Open Gate. Please begin using it immediately and use it for all your shopping at Save Mart, Food Maxx, and Lucky stores.



If you did not receive a SHARES card or would like more for friends or relatives,

please call Open Gate at 591-1241 and we will send them out.

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shelter, or even with her mother. She cried, screamed, and kicked at her mother. My heart was torn just looking at her and I silently prayed for her and her mother who looked so helpless. I talked softly to the young girl and got her to calm down. Not only do the parents experience the hardship of being homeless, but the children are also affected in a big way. We were able to pray with the mother and get some professional help for them as we continue to support and help them through such a tough time in their lives.

food out of the pantry, I reached over to get a pizza to add to the food bag as an extra item; when she saw the food that she was to receive she turned and began to weep, saying, "I get a pizza also?" She was so thankful that I even felt overwhelmed by her tears and thankful spirit. Even as I write this I feel the spirit of the Lord and am so thankful that Open Gate Ministries can be such a **blessing to those who need us, not only for their material needs, but their spiritual needs as well.**

A woman called and said she was desperate for food and wanted to come and pick up food, although it was not a food day. Just by the sound of her voice, the Lord led me to tell her to come right away. Upon walking into the food distribution room, she broke down and told me of her burdens and financial difficulties. She told of the possibility of losing their home this week if she didn't receive an unemployment check. It was heartbreaking to see the distress of the families who are struggling. WE PRAYED for the Lord to intervene to strengthen her and to meet her needs. As I was bringing her

"How can we **NOT** be here?" is my question. The Lord so commands us to help the poor, widows, orphans, homeless. As our finances dwindle, it is all the more imperative to call out to God, to call out to the community at large, and say "HELP!" Please call us at 591-1241 to make a monthly pledge or a one-time donation of any kind.

Thank you for all who are so faithful in their giving - it makes a world of difference in helping us to continue our work at Open Gate.

From my heart to yours, Gloria



Volunteers are the heart and soul of Open Gate Ministries. The Lord Jehovah provides the spirit.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 10/9/2010 Reedley Fiesta Parade
- 10/21/2010 Board Meeting
- 11/4/2010 Annual Meeting
- 11/11/2010 Veterans Day
- 11/25/2010 Thanksgiving
- 12/2/2010 Board Meeting
- 12/20 & 21/2010 Christmas Food Distribution
- 12/25/2010 Christmas



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\$10.00 Club

*Open Gate Ministries is dedicated to providing care for the needy of our surrounding area. For Open Gate Ministries to continue to feed, clothe, and provide shelter for those in need, we depend on your contributions. It only takes a small donation of ten dollars (or more) a month from a lot of good people to maintain the cause. Due to the economic downturn, **government support has been severely reduced** during a time when the **number of people in need is increasing exponentially**. We sincerely pray that we can count on your support. Please consider joining our "\$10.00 Club." Thank you.*

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Thank you!