



*Celebrating  
Christmas  
At  
Washington  
Street  
Mission*

*The Apostle Paul thanks people who supported his ministry by rejoicing in the truth that "they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will" (2 Corinthians 8:5). Then he encourages them to do even more. "Just as you excel in everything -- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us -- see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 5: 7).*

*Like Paul, we rejoice in the faithful support of so many friends of this ministry. And we also encourage you to continue to give as generously as you can. We especially need your support in this Christmas season and as the end of the year approaches.*

*The picture on the front of this card shows a children's Christmas pageant at the Mission in the 1990s. It is very special to us and we look at it often. We hope that you appreciate it as much as we do." It reminds us of several important truths.*

*First, it reminds us of the importance of our ministry to children at Washington Street Mission. The Mission provides a safe and supportive environment for children to grow and learn that God loves them.*

*The picture also reminds us of the centrality of the message of the Gospel to everything we do here. Christ coming to earth to die for each one of us makes all the difference.*

*We are also reminded that our ministry to the children here is not finished. Many of the children in this picture are in their twenties now. We still have regular contact with a number of them. The impact that the Mission has had on their lives continues.*

*Finally, this picture reminds us that the ministry here is made possible through the generous gifts of God's people. Thank you and may God richly bless you during this special season of the year.*

Remember Jesus,  
God's Greatest Gift,  
This Christmas

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