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The Kingdom of Brotherly Love

Sue Volikas

Sue Volikas was on her first short-term mission trip with Calvary Chapel Delaware County to Sara Miller's House on Beekman - and she was nervous. She loved to volunteer and had a heart for urban missions but the fear came from not knowing what to expect. Taking that first step can cause anxiety but for Sue it ended up dramatically changing the direction of her life.

Sue loved spending time with the team from House on Beekman and something that Sara Miller said made an imprint on her heart. Sara said, "What we are doing through serving others is making God's kingdom a reality here on Earth." Another moment on the trip also had a significant impact. The team from CCDelco and House on Beekman was out to dinner at a restaurant in the Bronx. After dinner they walked outside, stood in a circle on the sidewalk and began to pray. While they were praying, members of the community came out of their homes and laid hands on them, praying with them. Sue was so touched by the love, gratitude and support of the community for this mission. Those that worked to bless others were the ones covered in blessings.

It was the timing of the trip that was also significant in Sue's life. She was in a job transition and had a few jobs that she was considering. Toward the end of the trip, Sue called her husband, Tim. After listening to the excitement in her voice, he said, "I haven't heard you this happy in a long time. You are either going to end up in the Bronx once a month or working for a mission organization in Philly."

Shortly after her return home she interviewed with Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission at 13th and Vine. Sue admits that it was the hardest interview of her life. She had to be real when asked, "What is the most difficult thing you've had to overcome in your life?" She wasn't prepared to cry but sometimes that happens when you begin to share your heart.

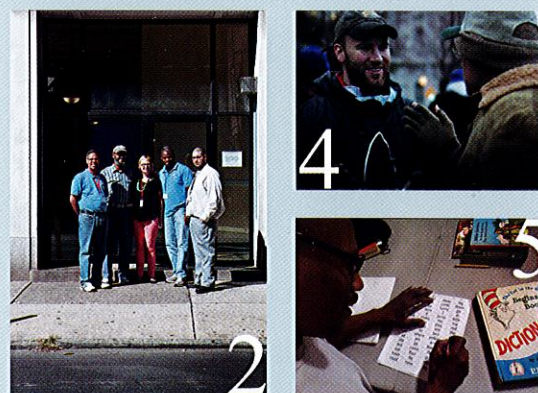
Sue, or "Mama Sue" as many of the men at the mission fondly call her, is now the Volunteer Coordinator. Watching her talk with the men who live at the mission, you can easily see the love and respect in their eyes for her. She tells them that just like the darkness of the alley next to the building, God's kingdom shines light in the darkness. His kingdom is always there in our reach, much like the lesson she learned from Sara Miller.

Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission helps the hungry, homeless and hurting in Philadelphia. For more information on the organization, go to www.sundaybreakfast.org. Just like the men this mission serves, we all have difficult things we've had to overcome. There are stories of redemption and hope that we can use to bless others. God has a plan and purpose for our lives and although we have no idea where this journey will lead, the Lord does.



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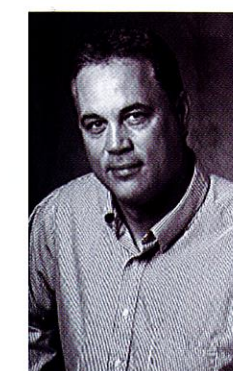
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Welcome to *Mobilize*



Dear Friends:

Welcome to the first edition of Mobilize, Calvary Chapel of Delaware County's magazine about missions. Our aim is to feature different ministry partners in order to highlight all that the Lord is doing on a local and global scale.

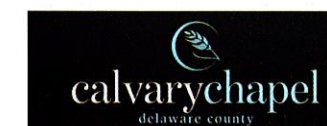
Supporting missions in both hands-on and financial ways is a core value of our church. And on a personal level, seeing ministries thrive and watching individuals soar in their gifting really fuels my tank.

In this issue, I want to draw special attention to the article on page 2 about Sue Volikas, a woman in our congregation who took a first step out of her comfort zone in the summer of 2012 to spend a week in the Bronx with Sara (Frazier) Miller and A House on Beekman. This one experience ignited a passion in her for service, and as a result, she changed her career path and joined the staff of the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission in Philadelphia.

In light of our recent Compassion Weekend, this story is especially touching. With every serving opportunity and mission trip we organize, we trust that the Holy Spirit has more in mind than we can ever imagine. And that is what makes first-step missions experiences like Compassion Weekend so exciting.

I hope that you enjoy the first edition of Mobilize.

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Life's a Mess

Aren't we all really living in a beautiful mess? Whether we are talking about the need to strengthen education for the youth in Philadelphia, the temptations that many face every day that lead to jail or addiction, or even our own desire to make our lives feel more in control - the truth is that life is messy. There is a very unglamorous battle going on for the heart of people that starts by jumping head first in to the mess.

That is what Adam Bruckner did back in 2002. While he was playing soccer for the Philadelphia Kixx, he would feed the homeless sandwiches in the city. He simply asked questions and listened to the many stories he was told. The burden on his heart led to a desire to create a mercy-based ministry for the homeless and youth of Philadelphia. It was a prayer that Adam asked of God, "use me in the City" that would be the foundation for everything that was to come. Since then, he has been used to

create youth programs with Helping Hand Rescue Mission and serve 100+ people meals and get IDs weekly through Philly Restart on Mondays at the Philadelphia's Free Library at 19th and Vine. These IDs help people obtain jobs, get in to recovery programs, and is the basis for a second chance in life.

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The youth programs at Helping Hand Rescue Mission involve leadership classes, soccer programs, kid church and support for parents. All of what Adam has been able to accomplish

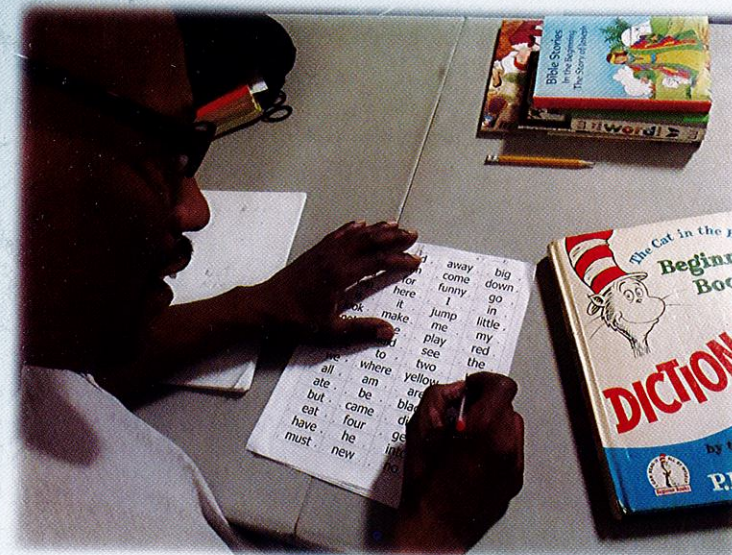
is simply through showing up and asking questions. The answer to the many needs comes from listening, practical faith, the direction given in the Bible, a love for the poor and personal authenticity. Representing God's love to the people of Philadelphia is a very humbling experience.

Adam's partnership with Calvary Chapel Delco over the years has helped fund and support these programs. It led to a much needed van for the organization, faithful volunteers and even expanded to other ministries based on needs of the community.

To learn how making connections through relationships makes us better together, even if we do get a little messy in the process, visit our Facebook page. You can also visit us at: helpinghandphilly.org and phillyrestart.com or contact Adam Bruckner at adambruckner@gmail.com.

READ STRONG

Philadelphia Adult Literacy Program
Interview with Joe Oaster, Founder



What is Read Strong?

We provide adults with the freedom to learn in a place that is free of charge and free of judgment. Our all-volunteer staff works with all levels of adult readers and provides help with GED preparation. We work closely with Helping Hand Rescue Mission and Philly Restart to minister to the homeless and help them move out of the endless cycle of poverty.

How did Read Strong get started?

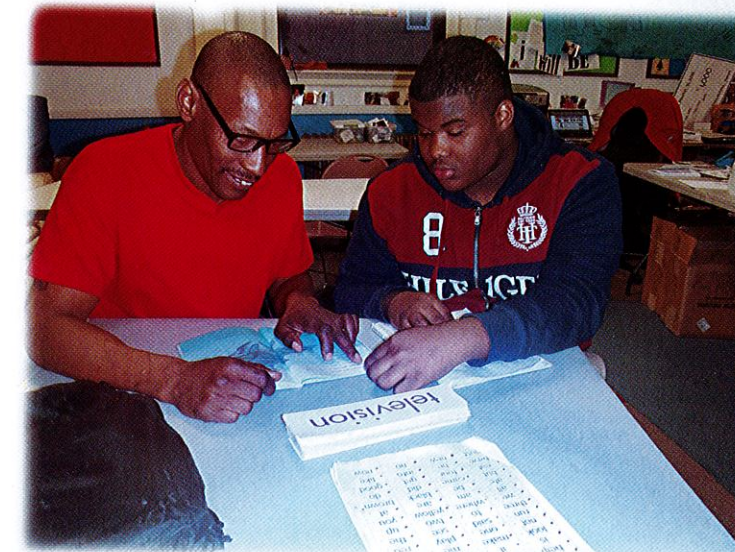
In 2011, after the loss of a student who impacted my life, I met Adam Bruckner when he came to Calvary Chapel and shared his ministry, Philly Restart. Knowing I had a heart for inner city ministry, my wife Robin encouraged me to talk to Adam. While helping Philly Restart, I was reading in Mark 6 about the feeding of the 5,000 and it hit me that Jesus was telling them to do something about the problem even though it seemed impossible. If they just did something, God would provide the miracle. That's what I needed to do. So, I started a year-round service group through the small group ministry that turned into Read Strong.

What do Read Strong volunteers do?

Each week we meet with our adult readers and often use the Bible as something to read. The people are really making progress; there is contagious joy and energy that often inspires me. I will never forget those moments when someone in their 40's or 50's, who hasn't been able to read, reads a sentence or paragraph for the first time. It brings tears to my eyes.

What is your vision for Read Strong?

We would love to have one-on-one tutoring and open a free school where we could help everyone. We wouldn't stop at a GED either; we would love to partner with local colleges to help people get a degree. I believe this will help to break the cycle of poverty in Philadelphia.



If helping people with literacy is on your heart, Joe and Robin would love for you to tutor on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6:30 PM. You can reach them at joe.oaster@gmail.com Read Strong isn't simply about helping someone become a better reader; it is about showing people that they are valued and loved.

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READ STRONG LITERACY PROGRAM

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Help adults in Philadelphia with reading, math and GED prep. No one is turned away and all are helped. We believe that a more literate society is a better society.

Serving Opportunities: We need tutors for reading and math.

THE GARAGE

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Empower youth to reach their potential: academically, socially, and spiritually. The Garage is a safe place for teens to find homework help, get paired up with a mentor, or find some meaningful service opportunities. We're open every day after school for middle and high school students, and many evenings and weekends.

Serving Opportunities: We need volunteers to help with homework.

CHESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK

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The Chester County Food Bank is the lead food agency for Chester County residents who suffer from food insecurities. With a network of over 90 food cupboards and agencies, the Food Bank is always in need of non-perishable food donations, volunteers to help with their programs and gardeners and growers willing to help with their Fresh Food Program. From Food Backpack programs for school children to senior food boxes for our older neighbors in need, the Food Bank is at the forefront of support.

Serving Opportunities: We need food donations and volunteers to help with programs.



CITY TEAM

John Clifford, jclifford@cityteam.org

Serving Opportunities: Train and equip volunteers as Recovery/Men's Biblical teachers, distribute Bibles, collect canned food for Cityteam's pantry, maintenance helpers, volunteer coordinator, volunteer drivers (food pickups, driving recovery clients to church).

ROCK MINISTRIES

Craig Cerrito, craig@RockMinistry.us

Community ministry for at-risk youth in Kensington.

Serving Opportunities: Need committed volunteers to serve our youth, not only during our ministry activities, but in ongoing, one-one-one mentorship as well.

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION (IJM)

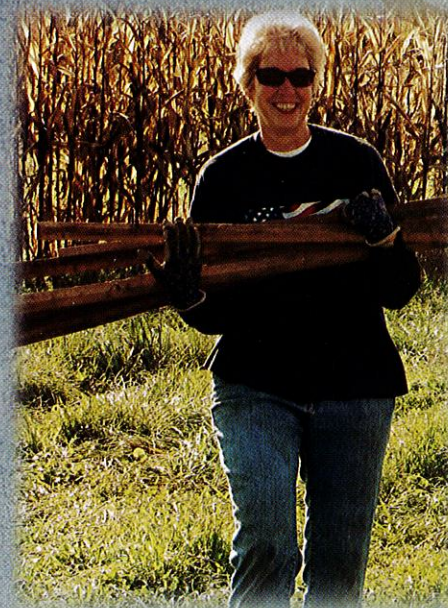
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Join our partnership with IJM, a human rights agency (ijm.org) that brings rescue to victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression.

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE

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Mentorship programs for young men, including Project D.A.D., Fresh Start Program and Project Restore. Volunteers also needed to find creative ways to link females from 16 to 29 years old with female mentors.



HOUSE ON BEEKMAN

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House on Beekman provides a seamless series of holistic programs from birth to adulthood that empowers our neighbors in the South Bronx to create long-term change to break the cycles of poverty through incarnational relationships. This is currently expressed through programs like Mommy and Me, and after school program, discipleship, and mentoring.

Serving Opportunities: We need volunteers to help in specialty areas such as administration, media, technology and marketing and constantly in need of diapers of all sizes for our moms program.

69TH STREET PRAYER TABLE

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At The Prayer Table, we pray with those who hurting, addicted, homeless and lost while sharing the good news of Jesus.

Serving Opportunities: We need donations such as tracts, Bibles, warm clothing, socks, snacks and protein bars.

SAVING SATURDAYS

Karissa Mooney 609-221-3738 and Michael Mooney 401-419-5778

Saving Saturdays is a small group that meets twice per month to serve the homeless with food, clothing, and toiletries. We spend time with friends in the city streets of Philadelphia sharing God's word and listening to their stories.

Serving Opportunities: We need volunteers to serve and to provide clothing, blankets, winter coats, warm outerwear, toiletries and non-perishable food.

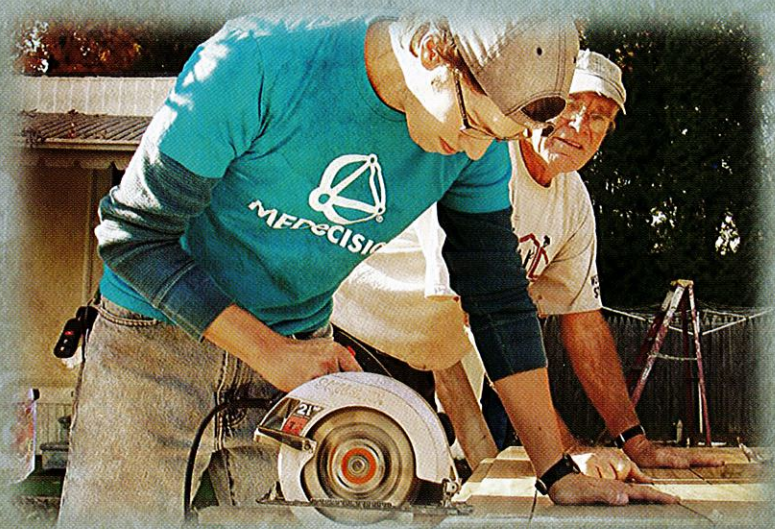


PHILLY RESTART

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We serve an outdoor meal in Philadelphia where we help men, women, and children to get back on their feet by helping them obtain the identification necessary for housing, to work, to get into rehab, etc. We also serve as a stable prayer Christian family for many. The Helping Hand Rescue Mission ministers to the children and community in the Spring Garden Housing Projects in North Philadelphia. After school programs, kids' church club, a soccer academy, and leadership training are the foundation. Skilled work projects at the Helping Hand Rescue Mission.

Serving Opportunities: We would like to develop a Christian team that would adopt the Mission for maintenance and to have a volunteer staff of skilled laborers (dry walling, plumbing, electrical) who are willing to come and work a few times a year and in case of emergency.





Help us load bikes, wrap presents, stuff stockings at our
Camden Christmas Outreach!

Monday, December 23:

Need ~ 30 volunteers (adults and children) to load bikes, wrap presents and stuff stockings

Depart church at 8:00 am and return at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, December 24:

Need ~ 40 volunteers (adults and children) to staff Christmas compound including food court, toy, bike & clothing distribution and escort resident adults and children to and from compound

Depart church at 7:30 am.

Contact Jeff Schmit at jshmit@ccdelco.com for more information.

