

Despite a rocky start, we had an excellent summer at the mission. We could not have asked for a better summer student than Michelle. There were very few issues and they were all minor. Just a few people getting disorderly when we ran out of food at our bbq's but nothing that we couldn't handle. This is a huge improvement from last summer! On another note Cory and I got engaged this summer! We will be getting married on New Year's Eve and Stewart will be officiating. Nothing is for sure yet but we are hoping to take a week honeymoon starting January 3. In order for this to be possible I would need some of you to volunteer for me while I am away. Is anyone willing to do that?

I have started classes again and I will be leaving work early on Monday's in order to attend one of them. I am hoping that the students that we get this year will be able to help out. With fall fast approaching we are reminded of the hardships to come. The nights are getting colder again and many of our patrons are without places to sleep and warm clothing. We will need to start taking in donations of clothes and winter wear from where ever we can. Also our number of people attending hot meals on Fridays has been increasing steadily. I am serving as much food during just the morning serving as I used to serve throughout the day. We are considering closing at 1pm on Fridays. This way we are not having to increase the amount of food that we make. If we increase the amount of food we make then it becomes too much for one person to prepare and too much for our small kitchen to cook on time. Before we commit to changing the hours on Friday we would appreciate input from each one of you. I am starting up a GED tutoring program. I had a couple people approach me and ask if we had anything such as this set up. I did some research to find out where I could direct them and I could only find 2 places in the city that offer GED tutoring. Neither of which our clients are able to access. So I decided to try and get a program off the ground. So far I have 5 people signed up which is an ideal number. There is no guarantee that they will show up on a regular basis but we're going to give it a try. I am hoping that this is something our students will be able to help me with. It will give them more one on one with the people and hopefully enrich their experience with us.