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Spring Yard Sale

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 23. You are invited to save big money on gently used clothing, household items, and electronics.

Our doors will open at 9 am, and close at 4 pm.

Please enter through the back door of the warehouse.

This is an opportunity to help Operation Blessing raise some much needed funds while you save big bucks!



Support Operation Blessing by shopping at **Smile Amazon.**

Log into smile. Amazon.com, select Operation Blessing of Southwest Chicagoland as your charitable choice. Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to Operation Blessing.

Thank you.

On January 26th, we assisted St. Paul Lutheran Church and School by donating grocery items which allowed them to assemble 44 bags of food for furloughed Coast Guardsmen.

MONTHLY MEETING

You are invited to Operation Blessing's monthly meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5, at 7pm. We meet in the Conference Room of the Pantry.

God's goodness...

Erika stated that after coming in for prayer, counseling, and the Women's Ministry, her life is turning around for the better. She took the advice of the counselor and got alone with God and her Bible in prayer, praise and worship. She asked God to tell her why things were happening to her in her life. God told her that she was able to allow God, through the Holy Spirit, lead her out of a bad situation. She and her husband both have jobs now. She has a nice place to live and things are getting better and better for them with God's help.

January Statistics

Heads of Households	1005
Individuals	3501
Salvations	43
New clients	99
Prayed for	890



Annual “Bread of Life” Baskets

Help a needy family celebrate Easter this year by joining us in our 25th annual Easter Food Basket Distribution. On Saturday, April 13, we will deliver baskets filled with food for the body and food for the soul to local families. In this way, we hope to emphasize that Easter is a day to celebrate Christ and that He is the real “Bread of Life”.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

FINANCIALLY—We estimate our cost to be about \$50 per family to supply them with a food basket and with non-food gifts. If you write a check, please designate “Bread of Life” so we will know it is for this program.

NAMES—You may know of a family in need at this time. We encourage you to submit their name for this program. We will contact them and ask if they would like to be included. All contacts are handled carefully so as not to embarrass anyone that we are trying to help.

FILLING BASKETS—We are in need of volunteers for packing the baskets on Friday evening April 12. If you’d like to fill baskets, please call and leave your name and number. We will get back to you.

DELIVERIES—We will make deliveries to the family’s homes on Saturday, April 13, in the morning. We are usually done no later than noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with people and share what Easter is really about. It is a chance to put our faith to work. If you’d like to deliver baskets, please call and leave your name and number. We will get back to you.

GROUP SPONSORSHIPS—This program is a good opportunity for groups to help those in need. Just let us know how many families you’d like to sponsor and how many drivers there will be. Typically, each driver delivers to two or three families.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO VOLUNTEER CALL MARSHA AT 708-218-2130**

