

## DAILY BREAD NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Volunteers are the “life blood” of Daily Bread Ministries. They act as the “hands and feet” of Jesus to get food and other goods ready for distribution to those in need. From our faithful team of drivers who conduct daily pick ups, to our outstanding team of warehouse volunteers who sort and prepare the goods for distribution, as well as our dedicated volunteer office staff who assist with administration tasks, we are indeed blessed to be associated with such wonderful people. Over the next few issues of our newsletter we plan to introduce you to members of our core volunteer team and let them tell you their volunteer story and how volunteering at Daily Bread Ministries fits with their life mission. Since this is our summer issue, the main focus is on some of the many youth teams who come from all parts of the country to volunteer during their summer break to work at Daily Bread Ministries. It is wonderful to watch these willing young workers who have

sacrificed vacation time to serve the needs of others. We appreciate all of this great help and thank them and their adult sponsors who so willingly give their time and labor to help shoulder the workload of this ministry. You will also get to read the story of a young missionary from Sweden who came to the United States to minister to the poor of San Antonio. I have enjoyed getting to know Jonatan Svensson and, as his story shows, God has blessed his work in some of the neediest communities of our city. Jonatan also serves as a Daily Bread Ministries warehouse volunteer on distribution days. Although we are blessed by so many willing to give of their time, as we continue to grow we find that manpower remains an issue. If you feel God *speaking to you* about giving some of your time to this ministry, please give us a call. We have a place of fulfilling service waiting for you!

In His Service, Seth Kuehn

## FROM WONDER VOYAGE MISSIONS

by Molly Wren, Pilgrimage Director



Wonder Voyage Missions leads groups of students all over the world on journeys of discovery, adventure, faith, and service. In the summer of 2004, we began leading groups to the San Antonio area. Since that very first summer, Daily Bread Ministries has been an essential element of the service component of our San Antonio experience.

Daily Bread Ministries plays a vital role in helping to meet the needs of the less fortunate in San Antonio and South Texas. Our volunteers have always come away from a service day at Daily Bread with a new understanding of need, waste, and careful stewardship of resources. All volunteers at Daily Bread on any given day take time to praise and thank God together. It is just so powerful to see volunteers from all walks (continued on pg. 2)

**FROM WONDER VOYAGE MISSIONS (CONTINUED)**

of life, from every Church denomination, of every race, age, and gender, holding hands and singing praises to the King! This is the church. This is the body of Christ.

Seth Kuehn and his faithful staff are doing God’s work in San Antonio. Perishable food will not go to waste, but instead will be put on the tables of the hungry. Volunteers from

all parts of the country join hands and hearts to labor together side by side for the “least of these.” Wonder Voyage Missions is thankful to God for the ability to partner with Daily Bread Ministries as it works for the kingdom.



Volunteers from S.A.V.E. receive directions.

**FROM SAN ANTONIO VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

by Evan Jones, Director

The first time I stepped onto the grounds of Daily Bread Ministries, I was impressed. Even before I knew any of the stories that accompany the staff, clients, and volunteers, I knew that God was at work in this place. As a relationship started to form between Daily Bread Ministries and the organization that I run, I began to learn more about the history of Daily Bread Ministries and how they operate, and I became even more invested in the vision

of feeding hungry people in San Antonio. Almost every day this summer, we will send a volunteer group to be present at Daily Bread Ministries to assist in whatever way possible. Daily Bread Ministries impacts these volunteers by allowing them see what a life of giving and helping in the name of Jesus Christ is all about. The staff of Daily Bread Ministries lives out the gospel message every day, and for a few short hours, our volunteers get to see it and live it along side them. (continued on pg. 3)

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**MEMORABLE MISSION TRIP**

by Crickett Boyea Illey

Thank you Seth, for allowing our youth group from First United Methodist and First Baptist - George West, Texas, to come and share in the work of your ministry over the 2006 Memorial Day weekend. Our work with you was coordinated by Evan with the S.A.V.E. program at Travis Park Methodist.

He did an amazing job of loving us and guiding us into this type of service. He

had told us of his deep respect for you and Daily Bread Ministries. We know now, why he feels the way he does. The other members of your team were so helpful and friendly. We thank them, as well, for their encouragement. It was a pleasure to work along side each of you!



**FROM JONATAN SVENSSON**

Jonatan Svensson was born and raised in Gothenburg, Sweden. As a young boy he suffered with chronic ear infections and had to be operated on every six months. One week before one of these operations his mother brought him to a tent crusade. At the crusade a man from the Salvation Army picked young Jonatan out of the crowd and started carrying him around praying as the power and love of God touched the young boy. From that day forward Jonathan was completely healed. That first encounter with the Living God made him understand that there was a calling and higher purpose for his life and Jonatan kept this vision in his heart as he grew.

As a young man, Jonatan attended Word of Life Bible School. It was during this time that while praying, he heard the Lord speak to him about going to the United States. That same year, through a series of divine appointments, he came in contact with Pastor Rune Brannstrom who invited Jonatan to join him in San Antonio, Texas.

Since coming to minister in San Antonio Jonatan has started two different food distributions in the city with the first outreach on the south side. Then in 2003, Jonatan had a vision where he saw and felt the love of the Father towards a housing project named Cas-

siano Homes. He saw the fatherless, the prostitutes and the single moms who were crying out for help. God was asking Jonatan to go with His love to these people. In this vision he got instructions to get food from Daily Bread Ministries and distribute it as he had done in his earlier ministry on the south side. As a result of Jonatan's obedience to that vision, God started working mighty miracles in Cassiano Homes by touching those in need of His love.

Since 2003 many miracles of love took place as Jonatan and his team gave out food. On a recent Saturday, after the food was placed under a big tree in the middle of Cassiano Homes, Jonatan started to preach "Jesus" to the crowd that had gathered. Suddenly the power of God manifested and His Presence was deeply felt by the people gathered. That morning seven people repented and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior in response to the love they felt so tangibly.

None of this would have been possible without Daily Bread Ministries "setting the table with love" and equipping others to reach the lost with the vehicle of distributing food and diapers.

To read more about Jonatan's "ministry of love" visit his website: [www.loverevival.com](http://www.loverevival.com)



Jonatan volunteering at Daily Bread.

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**FROM SAN ANTONIO VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)**

Thank you for the opportunity to change the lives of people all over San Antonio through your programs, and also the opportunity to change lives all over the country by showing volunteers a better way to live, a life in Jesus Christ that involves service to people

who need it. God Bless you in this ministry!



We're on the web!

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*Daily Bread is operated by dedicated volunteers who run daily routes to collect surplus goods from food suppliers and catering companies throughout San Antonio. The collected goods are then brought to the central warehouse at 700 W. Houston street. Typically the food is redistributed to non-profit organizations and ministries within 48 hours. Ministries are invited to pick up food on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday mornings. Daily Bread Ministries is supported through the prayers and financial donations of individuals, churches and grants.*

*Daily Bread Ministries was founded by Seth Kuehn, was incorporated in 1996, and became a 501©(3) in 1997. Each year since then, Daily Bread has grown in its ability to distribute food and other goods. In 2005, Daily Bread distributed over 8 million pounds of goods. These goods are collected from over fifteen area companies. Currently, over 400 churches and non-profit organizations are registered to receive food from Daily Bread.*

A GENEROUS MAN WILL HIMSELF BE BLESSED, FOR HE  
SHARES HIS FOOD WITH THE POOR. - PROVERBS 22:9



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