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BASICS Vision:

**“To see Christians united
to transform lives and
cities for the Glory of God.”**

**“The Rumors of my Retirement
are greatly exaggerated!”** by Arn Quakkelaar

This year has been an exciting year of transition for BASICS. It's the first stage of implementing a Succession Plan to prepare BASICS for the future by insuring that all the tremendous contributions of Time, Talents, Treasure, Touch and Tears will continue to be a blessing to the citizens of Metropolitan Milwaukee.

God has blessed Norma and me with good health and wealth to be able to invest our lives and resources to establish BASICS as a Mission Agency for those called to serve in Milwaukee. As we come to the end of 2011, Mark Mallwitz has responded very well to his call to serve as the President of BASICS so that I can fulfill my call to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and prepare the organization for the future.

There is much work to be done to build a lasting infrastructure that will continue to provide “On-Ramps” for Christians to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). During the past sixteen years, our experience has shown us four stages in bringing the “Good News” to our communities:

- **PRAYER** ... building *networks* of Prayer Teams for our city and its needs
- **CARE** ... showing our community God's Love by our actions of *Compassion*
- **SHARE** ... Telling our neighbors about God's Love and Salvation through *Evangelism*
- **PREPARE** ... living as *Disciplers* of Followers of Jesus teaching them to obey God's Commands

All the programs and projects of BASICS incorporate each of these elements in the process of transforming lives which eventually will bring God's Kingdom to Milwaukee. Our goal is to see Milwaukee recognized as a “City of God,” as well as a “City of Festivals and Beer.”



Arn and Norma Quakkelaar

Since Norma and I have no plans to retire and no plans to expire, we are focusing our lives on new initiatives that will bring solutions to some of Milwaukee's greatest challenges and opportunities.

Three of these initiatives are:

- The Genesis Project
- Street Chaplains
- Christian Communication Network

We praise God for everyone who has been and are associated with BASICS. We look forward to what God is going to do through His People to get ready for His Return. Jesus' Message was and is **“Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”** ■

See back page for description of BASICS and how you can help.

Meet the Captive Team: Benefit Breakfast October 1, 2011



KGB

Project, the all-time “sack leader” for the Green Bay Packers and a strong advocate for Jesus Christ, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (KGB).

After an introduction by Arn Quakkelaar, CEO of BASICS; a vision of the Captive Project was given by

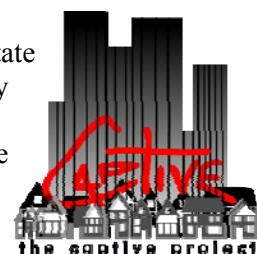
This was a great morning that highlighted our CAPTIVE PROJECT Team. The morning featured a great supporter of the Captive

Richard Brown; music worship was led by Aurelia Brown; and a vocal rendition of their Christian Rap artistry was performed by Robert Honey, Frank Woods and Lawrence Winters. KGB, the keynote speaker, then gave his personal testimony. He also emphasized how important the work of the Captive Project is, to reach out to and disciple the youth, the hurting and the lost in a manner that they can relate to. KGB encouraged everyone to help support this unique God-honoring program.

“I was very moved by the testimonies given at the Captive Project’s breakfast. This is a ministry that is making a huge difference in

the lives of many youth in the city and deserving of our support. Richard and his team have the God-given ability to make an impact in Milwaukee with their music and neighborhood outreaches.” Terry Bolda

If you were not at the breakfast and would like a copy of the 16-page program that includes KGB’s testimony; the testimonies of each Captive Team member; and endorsements by several city and state dignitaries, simply contact us at the information on the back page. ■



Meet The Captive Team:



Min. Richard Brown
Director – The Captive Project



Min. Aurelia Brown



Min. Robert Honey



Min. Lawrence Winters



Min. Frank Woods



Malcolm Stewart

My Calling to Preach. . . . by Bridget Sheehan

. . . the Gospel of Jesus Christ began in 1990 when I was with Discipleship Unlimited. Still healing from violent domestic abuse and the loss of my sister,



Bridget Sheehan

who died from a violent relationship, I was asked to go with the team to Waupun State Prison to speak about forgiveness. I knew God was going to do something big because the person who murdered my sister was there. There wasn’t a dry eye in the room when I told that person, “I forgive you and so does Jesus.” This was

the beginning of a ministry desire to tell people about the healing love of Jesus. I eventually became an ordained Chaplain.

For the past 20 years I have ministered through Bible classes, recovery support and pastoral counseling. In 2000 I became the women’s Chaplain at Milwaukee County Corrections Facility-South. To most of the women, I’m a “spiritual mom” because many are abused or without family much like a homeless person. There have been Muslims, Jehovah Witnesses and atheists who have been transformed by the love of Jesus.

Josephine (not her real name) reluctantly attended my court approved life

skills training classes. I spoke with her one-on-one. We prayed and I gave her a bible. She told me she did not believe there was a God and her boyfriend was a Muslim. “How could God forgive me for all my sins?” After reading scripture and praying together she received the Lord. Six months later she left jail. Her attitude changed and thanked me with a warm hug.

There are many stories of abandonment, rejection, abuse, and addiction but God is greater. I am most grateful to be a part of the Lord’s servants to the lost.

“I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I remember your miracles . . . and mighty deeds.” Psalms 77:11-12 ■

The following two articles are just an example of the many initiatives and programs that BASICS is involved with annually. For a listing of the numerous BASICS initiatives for 2010 and 2011 please contact us by phone: 414-372-7200 or e-mail: BASICS@basicsinmke.org

The H.O.T. Program:

HOT Chaplains Ready to Go!! By Kristina Betzold

One of the hardest issues facing homeless individuals is how they are treated by police officers. Lt. Karen Dubis of the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) recognized this and did something about it. In the fall of 2010, Lt. Dubis self-started the MPD Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).

The HOT team takes a new approach to homeless issues by offering alternative options in situations that previously were solved by arrest and incarceration. One of these alternatives will soon be to meet with a **BASICS' Street Chaplain**. BASICS is partnering with the HOT team to provide on-call chaplains to respond to sensitive situations when HOT team officers feel

like they need assistance. HOT team officers will contact BASICS to request a chaplain's immediate response to on-the-street issues they encounter with the homeless. Chaplains will respond and provide conflict resolution and counsel to the homeless. This strategic relationship between BASICS and the Milwaukee Police Department has been a work in progress by Arn Quakkelaar for the past few years. The 'Street Ministry' is an



Left to Right: Laura Marsh (Representing Homeless Citizens), Kristina – BASICS, Lt. Karen Dubis – Mke Police Dept, Bob Burmeister – Under the Bridge Ministry

Example of BASICS' Rescue and Restore initiatives and also BASICS' mission to bring 'hope to the hopeless' in the Milwaukee area. ■

Living in the Shadows...of Milwaukee

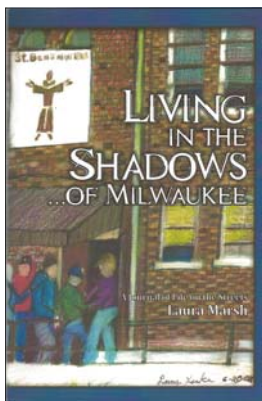
by Kristina Betzold

Have you ever wondered what life on the streets for Milwaukee's homeless is really like? Where would you sleep at night? How would you stay dry and warm? Would you be able to find a meal each day?

Living in the Shadows of Milwaukee, by Laura Marsh, is where you will find honest answers to this question. Laura Marsh lived on the streets of Milwaukee for six years. She attended a meeting called by the Mayor of Milwaukee concerning the homeless where she met Arn.

A month later, her boyfriend John was shot in the face and had a 3% chance of recovery. Since Laura had no place to go she slept on the hospital floor

while watching over John. But God had plans for Laura. Arn and Norma welcomed her into their home for the



next year. Laura had kept a diary while on the streets and during her time with Arn and Norma, Arn organized her diary into a book that describes the

issues that homeless people face in their day-to-day lives on the streets. After much work, the book has now been published by BASICS and is available for sale. Laura and John have a home in Milwaukee and are now planning to be married. All proceeds from the book will go towards their efforts to help other members of their 'homeless family' in Milwaukee.

If you are interested in purchasing "Living in the Shadows of Milwaukee", please contact the BASICS' office at 414-372-7200 or email to BASICS@basicsinmke.org. Cost \$14.95. ■

Many People may be asking ...

WHAT is BASICS?

BASICS— an acronym for Brothers And Sisters In Christ Serving — is a Christian Ministry founded in Milwaukee in 1996 by Christian business leaders to mobilize Milwaukee's urban and suburban communities **SERVING** to unite Ministries and Resources in the areas of:

- Youth-at-risk
- The Poor and Homeless
- Prison ministry

BASICS is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Wisconsin and is a fully accredited member of the Leadership Foundations of America. ■

HOW can we help BASICS?

I **PRAYER** – the foundation of all that BASICS does.

Please join us in praying and/or fasting for:

- **Love** – God's Love would be demonstrated in everything BASICS does
- **Discernment** – The wisdom of God for everyone on our team
- **Eternal Fruit** – BASICS will bear much eternal fruit for His Glory
- **Provision** – Almighty God would continue to supply all our needs

II PARTNERSHIP – We are one body with many parts. Each person in the Family of God has gifts and talents from the Holy Spirit. If you would like to see how you can serve the Lord Jesus in Milwaukee with us, please contact us. We would love to partner with you

III PROVISION – Praise God for having provided for all our needs through October.

** But now, as of November 1st, we are forecasting a **shortfall of \$30,000** for the remainder of the year. It is at this time of year and in particular during the month of December, that our greatest support is received. ■

If you, or someone you know, are willing to help, please send your donation at your earliest convenience to BASICS at
2224 W. Kilbourn Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53233-1614.
Thank you for your continuous support in prayer, ministry, volunteering and friendship.

Meet your BASICS team



Left to Right: **Top Row:** Lawrence Winters, Frank Woods, Pastor Alvin Hull, (*Rick Sluss, friend of BASICS*) Robert Honey, Arn Quakkelaar, Roger Dynes, Richard Brown, Malcolm Stewart **Middle Row:** Mike Moses, Ron Koepke, Fred Koehler, Phil Helwig, Gary Herdegen **Front Row:** (*LaDawn Woods*), CarolAnne Bozosi, Asha Sawyers (*Intern*), Mark Mallwitz, Norma Quakkelaar, Kristina Betzold, Aurelia Brown

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