



MOVING FORWARD...

Dear Friends and Partners,

July 2018

Do you know what it's like to move to a new place? First, there is the venture of finding a place – the *right* place. You're looking for someplace affordable. If you're single, bedrooms and closet space perhaps aren't a big deal; a studio or garden apartment might suffice. If you commute to work, convenient access to public transportation is a plus. Depending on your noise/activity level tolerance, city versus suburbs is another factor. The next phase involved is much like spring cleaning: 1) Taking inventory of everything on the premises then deciding what to take with you 2) Sorting what you decided not to keep into two piles – "Give Away" and "Throw Away" 3) Packing 4) Cleaning 5) Traveling to your new home, then 6) Unpacking and putting everything in place. Then at last comes the sigh of relief, even if your "furniture" consists of a few storage bins (doubling as chairs, smile), it's still... "Ahhhh! Home Sweet Home!" For some, the challenging part is deciding what to pack and what to leave behind. When a homeless family or individual arrives at Olive Branch Mission, the possessions they bring with them vary. They already know they can't bring everything, so they sort through their belongings, often tearfully, trying to decide what items they can literally "live without". However in a situation such as a house fire or domestic abuse, the person or family may not have an opportunity to pack anything at all. They are literally running for their lives – leaving *everything* behind. This month, as we continue our Renovations and Renewal projects at The Mission, our endeavor is to provide new storage bins for each family and single woman to keep their personal belongings during their stay. Those items may be their clothing and toiletries (some of which we may provide upon their arrival). Having their own is an overall benefit to everyone as their sleeping areas remain orderly and afford our guests some measure of privacy which is vital to preserving their dignity. They might also have keepsakes they managed to salvage from their previous residence – such as family photos, a graduation cap, a trophy or award, or some other significant memorabilia. As you prepare to share your next gift with Olive Branch Mission, which will of course help tremendously toward providing daily meals and services, we ask that you consider stretching a bit and including something extra to help purchase the storage bins. Eventually the men, women and children in our care will move on to a place of their own. In the meantime, we want to do all we can to provide a safe, tidy place to rest and help our guests preserve their precious treasures – for many, it's all they have for now. Your faithful partnership helps so many have hope for better lives. We pray that you will also continue moving forward into God's best for you!

Sincerely,

"...Speak unto the children of Israel that go forward..." Exodus 14:15

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"MOVING FORWARD" GIFT (The Renewal Campaign Continues...)

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