



**Christmas Letter
from Steve Smith,
Executive Director
December, 2011**

Dear Friends,

We wish you a Merry Christmas, from the staff and clients at Our Daily Rest homeless shelter. We will soon be celebrating our third Christmas and would like to thank you for your support over the past year. Our Daily Rest has now assisted 475 persons to move from homelessness to independent living since opening in 2009. From this group, 40% are women with small children.

We have planned a benefit concert for Our Daily Rest on December 20th, 2011 at the Vault Event Center in Seneca, SC. Our entertainers are recording artists Emily Lynch and Emily Hearn. Please come out and celebrate with us. Tickets are \$15 each and are available here at the shelter and from Julian Davis at 864-710-6141.

We have also been fortunate to have an anonymous donor come forward and post a \$250,000 grant that if we can match, will be used to pay off our mortgage. Every dollar donated to this grant will be matched up to \$250,000. This is a great opportunity to pay off our mortgage which represents one third of our operating budget. If you are interested in contributing to the "eliminate the mortgage program", contact Steve Smith at fripp53@aol.com or 678-576-6729. While paying off the mortgage ensures the future success of our ministry, it is still important for the community to donate to Our Daily Rest general fund to maintain our operations.

Recently, we have updated our web site which contains additional information, photos, video, and success stories etc. about Our Daily Rest. Please visit the site to learn more about ODR at www.ourdailyrest.org.

As we enter this Christmas season I ask that you say a special prayer not only to the continuance of Our Daily Rest but for each client we are currently serving.

Regards,

Steven Smith,
Executive Director of Our Daily Rest