



## Mission Relocates Administrative offices

John 3:16 Mission last month moved its administrative offices into a new location at 575 N. 39th West Ave. This location is the former site of Chouteau Elementary School.

The school was closed in 2011 and subsequently purchased by the Mission. Eventually, the site will also house the live-in recovery programs for both homeless men and women. The Mission's downtown Tulsa overnight shelter and Family & Youth Center in north Tulsa will remain where they currently are.

"We're excited about this move," said **Rev. Steve Whitaker**, *Mission President and Sr. Pastor*. "This is the first step in occupying the building and moving toward a future in which the building will house our recovery

programs and allow us to do even more restorative ministry in Jesus's name."

The site has tentatively been renamed "*The Refuge*" and includes 10 acres of land on the immediate school grounds with another 140 or so acres surrounding the building.

"We have dreamed for years of moving the recovery programs for men and women out of the harshness of the downtown Tulsa environment and *The Refuge* is the ideal location. It is only minutes from the overnight shelter, but is in a very beautiful, peaceful rural section of the city that is much more conducive to full recovery and life transformation," Whitaker said.