

THE MISSION Bell

"Where Healing Begins"

LEAH IS
*celebrating
new life*
THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching
her life with hope.

2 Celebrate Easter

3 "The Lord has a
plan for me."

4 Your prayers
change lives

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**“I’ve given the
Lord control
of my life.
Now I know
He has a plan
for me.”**



Leah has known few moments of peace in her life. From the time she was a little girl, she struggled with anxiety and depression that grew worse over the years, causing crippling headaches. “I was diagnosed with anxiety at 16 and put on medications, but they caused severe side effects, so my parents made me stop taking them.”

When she was 19, Leah began self-medicating her anxiety with drugs and alcohol, and for nearly 40 years she struggled with addiction. “I ruined two marriages, put my kids through so much pain, and disappointed God over and over again,” she says.

Finally, Leah wound up homeless, living in an abandoned warehouse. “I was miserable. I knew it wasn’t the right way to be living. I said, ‘I’m going to the Mission. I know that’s what God wants me to do.’”

Leah entered our Women’s Division Life Recovery Program, where chapel services and Bible studies led her to surrender her life to the Lord. **“I’d always believed Jesus died for me, but I’d never made Him the Lord of my life until I came here,”** she says.

Through counseling and life skills classes, Leah has found emotional healing and developed healthy coping skills. “I had a negative pattern of behavior and we did a lot of digging to find out where it came from. Then I gave it to God.”

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**God is at work in
this place.**

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She’s looking forward to graduating from the program, getting her own place, and spending time with her family. “My kids are very proud of me. God has done wonders in our relationships,” she says.

Your generous support has filled Leah’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. “I was lost and confused, but now I have a personal relationship with the Lord. I’ve given Him control of my life and I know He has a plan for me.”

Easter²⁰²²

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

You can help transform hearts and lives!



15,000 meals for those in our recovery programs

\$2.47 for a meal!



3,700 nights of rest



100 men & women in our recovery programs during Easter



50 hours per week of recovery care services

Thank you for sharing hope & joy this Easter!

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" – Luke 24:5-6, NIV



From the President's Desk



The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that come through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share this message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly..."* (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

God Bless,

Pat Chastain
President/CEO



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women fleeing addiction, domestic violence, and homelessness turn to the Mission longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

♥ **A hot meal for \$2.47 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**

♥ Safe housing for men and women in our recovery programs

♥ Christ-centered care & healing

By giving generously now, our hurting and broken neighbors will be welcomed with food, housing, and care this Easter season!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✱ Give online anytime at **rescuemissionga.com/donate**.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



Your prayers change lives!

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in Middle Georgia. Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!

- Pray that God will lead people in need of healing to the Mission's recovery programs.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to God's Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Joining with other faithful friends to be part of our **Prayer Team** is one of the best ways to always know how you can pray for us!

Through our **Prayer Team**, you'll receive monthly prayer updates via email so you can lift up our most pressing needs to our Heavenly Father. You'll also see praises so you and other prayer warriors can rejoice with us when God answers! To join our Prayer Team, contact Karen Kinsler at ☎ **(478) 743-5445 ext. 404** or ✉ **karen@rescuemissionga.com**.

The prayers of caring friends like you support and empower our ministry. Thank you for covering our work in prayer, for lifting up our recovery program residents, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods, and country. God bless you!

See YOUR impact online

Find out more about the difference YOU are making in the lives of our hurting and struggling neighbors... by visiting us online today!

Check out our website now to read more stories of lives changed by God's love, learn about upcoming volunteer and tour opportunities, and read the latest news about happenings here at the Mission. You can even make a safe, secure donation online to empower even more hearts and lives through Christ.

Visit us online today at **rescuemissionga.com**.



TURN YOUR CAR INTO CARE

When you donate your gently-used vehicle to our **Wheels to Work Program**, we pass your donation on to one of our graduates, someone who has worked hard to change their life, to become productive and self-reliant.

Your donated vehicle supports them in their efforts, ensuring they will always have transportation to and from their jobs. And, just as important, they know that someone they've never met cares about their success and wants to bless their lives!

If you have a gently-used vehicle you'd like to donate, please contact Dawn Burns at ☎ **(478) 743-5445 ext. 301** or ✉ **dawn@rescuemissionga.com**.

Thank you for your generous heart!