

THE MISSION Bell

"Where Healing Begins"

**JOHN IS SO
GRATEFUL**

you have given
him new life!



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“I WANTED TO KNOW HOW TO LIVE...”

The last time John was arrested, the judge gave him two options: reincarceration or the Mission’s life-recovery program. At 50 years old, there was only one choice.

For more than two decades, “I led a criminal lifestyle,” John says. “Money, cars, drugs, gangs,” and in and out of prison more times than he could count. But raised in an abusive household, with little support and no positive direction, it was the only way he knew to survive.

Yet over the years, each time he was in jail, he talked to God, read the Bible, and studied His Word. Now he was ready to let the Lord change his life.

“I wanted to know how to live like other people I see – who don’t do drugs and go to work every day and go home and feed their kids. I’ve never been taught that. I never had a chance.”

“At the Mission the Lord really worked with me,” John says, describing how he overcame destructive behaviors and embraced the principles of accountability, responsibility, and self-discipline. In work therapy, he drove the donation truck and repaired bicycles for children, he learned practical skills and enjoyed helping others. Most importantly, he’s strengthened his walk with God and inspired fellow residents to do the same. “I feel better about who I am and what I’ve been through, and now I’m somebody who’s helping open the door for others.” When John graduated from the program in January, God opened the door for him to become a full-time truck driver in the Mission’s thrift ministry. About his future, John says, “I won’t worry about things... just put the Lord first.” **John is grateful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you who’ve given him hope and a second chance at life.** *“The courts blessed me by putting me at the Mission. I thank the Lord for having brought me into a facility that saved me and kept me closer to Him.”*



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.47!



From the President's Desk

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? Clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in Middle Georgia. Those who are struggling with unemployment and losing hope. People desperate to break the grip of addiction. Single mothers and children fleeing domestic abuse who need safety and support as they rebuild their lives.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I'm grateful we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

We're asking that you join us to help support our men, women, and children as they seek life transforming recovery care here at the Rescue Mission. We know summer months can be long, but with your help, we believe we can make a difference.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting.

God Bless,

Pat Chastain, President/CEO

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

- 1 John 4:11, NIV

THESE "Summer 6" CAN CHANGE LIVES!

What is the "Summer 6"? These essentials are in high demand for our Mission guests this summer... and **YOU can help by donating any – or all – of these items!**

1. Flip-flops
2. Deodorant
3. Fabuloso
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. Clorox

You can deliver or ship donations to 6601 Zebulon Road, Macon, GA 31220. Open Monday - Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thank you for caring for Mission guests during the summer season!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:



33,830 meals for men and women in our recovery program



10,471 nights of rest



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of counseling & education



spiritual guidance



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER... PLEASE HELP TODAY!

Give now! rescuemissionga.org/donate

How can you shop and strengthen our community?

Your support of the **Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia thrift stores** helps your neighbors who are struggling. Look at how you help change lives through our stores:

- You can donate clothes, furniture, household items, and more that you no longer need.
- Guests in our recovery program learn on-the-job training and employment skills.
- Our neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from the Thrift Stores support the Mission's life-changing programs and services.
Everyone benefits!

To donate items:

- Call **(478) 743-5445, ext. 314** to schedule a pick-up
- Go ONLINE to schedule a pick-up
rescuemissionga.com/donations
- Visit one of our 27 donation bins listed at
rescuemissionga.com/donations

To shop with us, stop by one of our Thrift Stores listed below or learn more at **rescuemissionga.com/thrift-ministry**.

Bargain Center Thrift Store

3375 Napier Ave., Macon
Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(478) 743-5445, ext. 317

Barn Center Thrift Store

6601 Zebulon Road, Macon
Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(478) 743-5445, ext. 406

Thank you for supporting our Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia Thrift Stores!



Your monthly gift makes a HUGE impact!

When you set up ongoing support as a Life Changers monthly partner, the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia can be ready to help anyone who comes through our doors. That's because your partnership provides reliable, steady income to care for our hurting neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Melissa, that generosity transformed her life!

“Everything I needed for my baby and me is here and provided for... I'm able to be the mother I always wanted to be. Being here has made me start seeing myself as a person again. God is teaching me to love myself like He loves me.”



If the Lord is leading you to become a Life Changers monthly partner, simply visit **rescuemissionga.com/donate** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form. Thank you!



Witness Your Gifts in Action!

Schedule a tour of the Mission... see the impact of your compassion!

Contact Karen Kinsler,

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