

THE MISSION Bell

"Where Healing Begins"

**MAC IS GRATEFUL
& BLESSED THIS
THANKSGIVING**
because of your support

You've given him hope and
new life this holiday!



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE TODAY [RESCUEMISSIONGA.COM](https://rescuemissionga.com)

“I want to be A GOOD FATHER.”

Mac never met his father. He knew him only as the man who signed his birth certificate. Throughout his childhood years, his feelings of abandonment and loss led to deep pain and heartache that he eventually tried to soothe with substance abuse.

“And with that came a lot of trouble,” he says. “A lot of criminal thinking and addictive behavior.” Finally he was sent to prison. Then he learned he has a son.

And that changed everything.

“I was scared that my child was going to grow up with the same feelings I had, not knowing my real father. Yet I was nowhere near being the best father possible for my son. I was hopeful I could find a place to help me become the man God designed me to be,” Mac says.

When released, he came to the Mission. And he knew he was at the right place.

“They were welcoming, cordial, and not judgmental,” Mac says of our Christ-filled staff, who encouraged him in his walk with the Lord. “I’ve always known God, but I wasn’t obedient. I finally started to surrender... to trust Him and listen to people here who know about living a clean and healthy life.”

“**I was willing to do whatever I had to, to get myself in order.**”

As Mac grew in God’s love, he found the strength to forgive his father and his heart began to heal. And through his work in our Bargain Center, he developed leadership skills younger residents look up to. “It’s important they see me making the correct moves,” he says, now embracing the role of a father figure.

While his future plans are still uncertain, he knows these things for sure: “I will continue to trust God, build positive relationships, and be the best father I can be.”

Mac’s heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life.

“I’m thankful for the Mission for showing me another way to love and be loved.”



To read more inspiring stories from people like Mac, visit the “Stories for Hope” section on our new website at rescuemissionga.com today!

Visit our new website rescuemissionga.com to help us celebrate!



From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food, and health.

So, what is one thing you are thankful about right now? **For me, it's that our new website will offer a lifeline of hope to even more people in our community!**

We've been hard at work updating our site – making it more informative and user friendly for men and women who need help, as well as friends like you who want to see the impact you are making in hearts and lives. And praise the Lord, our new website is finally up and running at rescuemissionga.com!

If you want to be really blessed today, check out the **Stories of Hope** on the website from people in our life-recovery program who are so thankful for what God is doing in their lives

here at the Mission. And if you've ever wondered just what our recovery program looks like for these precious men and women, you can learn more from the video on the **About Us** page and the information on the **How We Help** tab.

I am so grateful and excited about this amazing tool we now have to help reach hurting men and women in our community. Please take a minute to check it out and share the link with your family and friends this holiday so they can be blessed by all that God is doing at the Rescue Mission as well.

I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving filled with the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you.

God Bless,

Pat Chastain, President/CEO

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

33,000

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome addiction... domestic violence... homelessness. But you can change that!

Just \$2.57 provides a hot, nourishing meal for someone in our recovery program. Your gift welcomes them to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming housing



Addiction recovery



Classes & job training



Christ-centered program



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at rescuemissionga.com/donate.**

Read Mac's story – a life you helped change!



It's All Brand New and Ready for You!

We have a new website that is a more in-depth and convenient resource for information about our program, ways to help, and the amazing impact your partnership has on your neighbors and community.



- It's a great way to stay up-to-date on current events and urgent needs.
- Get inspired by the work God is doing in our community by reading stories and watching videos of hearts and lives transformed.
- Donating online is fast and easy through our secure website, and since it costs little to maintain, more of your donation goes to support our ministry.

We're excited for you to check it out! Please visit us today at rescuemissionga.com.

Help is just a click away!

Whether you're struggling and want to know more about the Mission's programs or services or just want to donate items you no longer need to our Thrift Store, our new website makes it easy to find resources. Here are just a few of the ways to get in touch or get help:



- **GET HELP NOW** – If you or someone you know needs help, simply click the **GET HELP** button in the upper right hand corner of the website to access information about the men's and women's programs and contacts.
- **CONNECT WITH US** – For quick access to the program staff, thrift stores and other activities, visit the **CONTACT** tab for phone numbers and fast, easy email access.

*Be inspired...
watch incredible true Stories
of Hope!*

You know that God is working miracles in the hearts and lives of our guests here at the Mission... and now you can hear their stories of transformation in their own words!



When you visit the "Stories of Hope" section on our new website, you can watch videos from men and women who have overcome incredible hardship to discover new life in Christ.

See the difference you are making right here in our community – visit rescuemissionga.com/stories/ now!