

LIFE-CHANGING MINISTRY

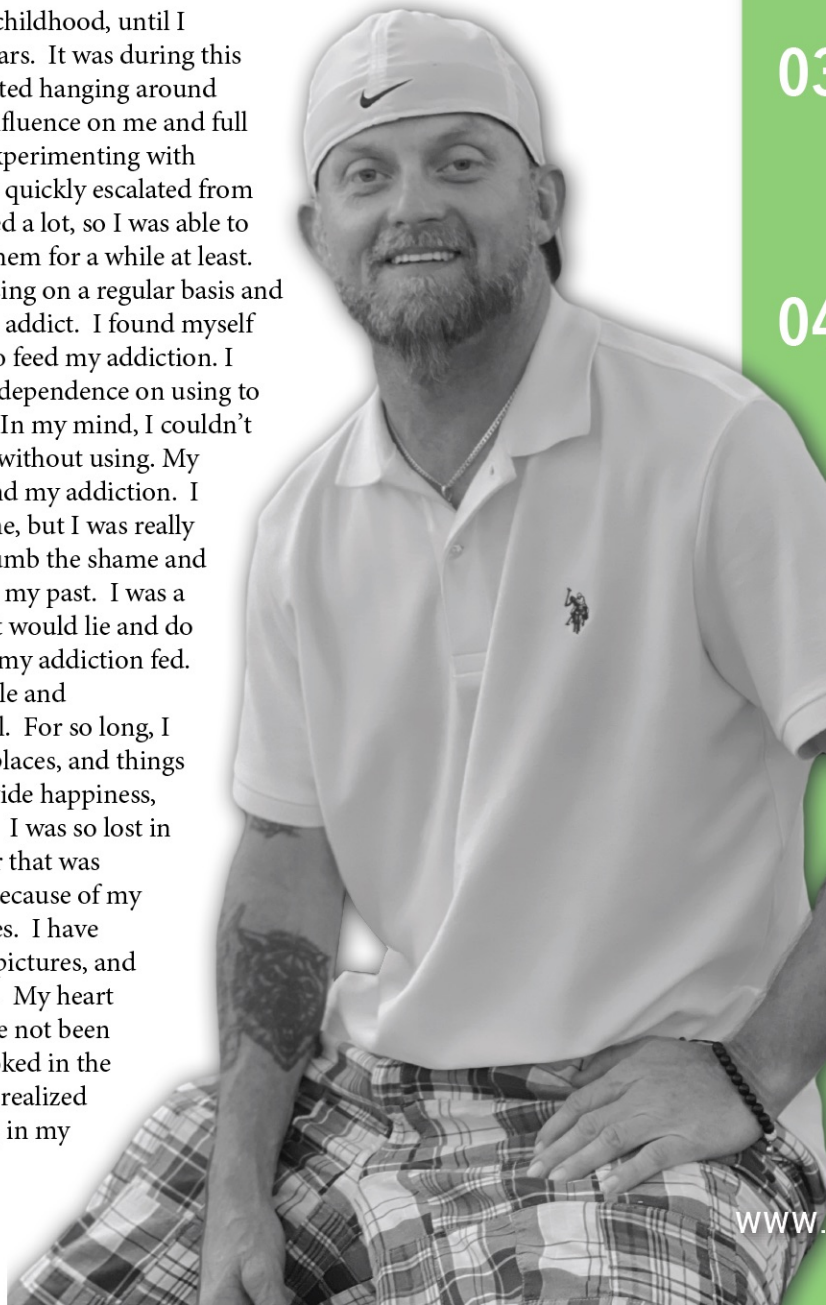
"Where Healing Begins"

# Jeff Abercrombie

## RESIDENT TESTIMONY

I feel like I had a decent childhood, until I reached my early teen years. It was during this time in my life that I started hanging around people that were a bad influence on me and full of negativity. I started experimenting with drugs and alcohol, and it quickly escalated from there. My parents worked a lot, so I was able to hide my drug use from them for a while at least. Before I knew it, I was using on a regular basis and had become a full-blown addict. I found myself doing anything I could to feed my addiction. I developed such a strong dependence on using to get me through the day. In my mind, I couldn't make it through the day without using. My entire life revolved around my addiction. I didn't realize it at the time, but I was really using my addiction to numb the shame and guilt I was carrying from my past. I was a manipulative person that would lie and do whatever it took to keep my addiction fed. My life was unmanageable and completely out of control. For so long, I have looked for people, places, and things to fulfill my life and provide happiness, and I never could find it. I was so lost in my sin. I have a daughter that was adopted at a young age because of my addiction and bad choices. I have watched her grow up in pictures, and this is my greatest regret. My heart remains heavy that I have not been there for her. When I looked in the mirror, I saw failure and realized I had failed at everything in my life, especially at being a

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*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*  
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7



father. This is when I knew I needed to make a dramatic change. I was completely lost and had no direction to change or how to even begin the process.

I checked into the Men’s Life Recovery program at the Rescue Mission on April 25, 2022, and what a journey it has been. The Mission has provided a safe place for me to build a solid sturdy foundation to stand upon. I have been able to deal with past guilt and shame and unresolved sin that kept me in bondage. I no longer have to wear a mask to hide behind. I love this place and will be forever grateful for the things I have learned and experienced here, especially the lifelong friendships made. Most importantly, I am grateful for the close relationship with Christ that I have now. I now see myself the way God sees me. I have learned that my past failures do not define who I am today, because when I accepted Jesus into my life, I buried the old me. Today, I am a child of God, and He guides my steps every day.

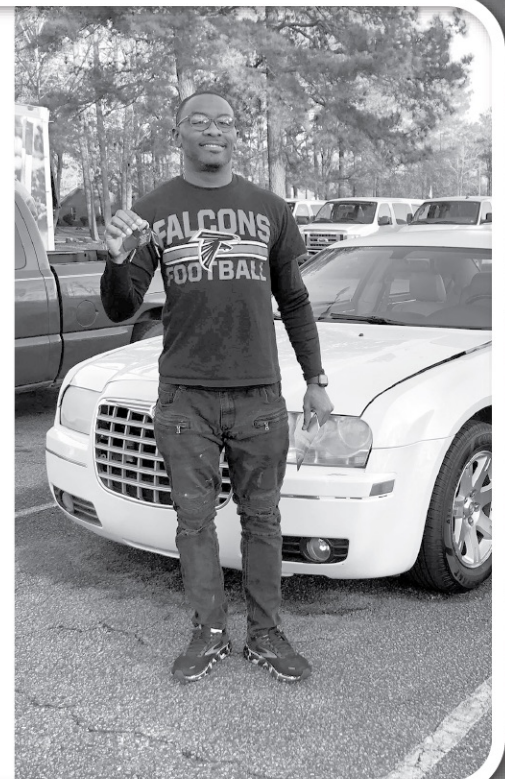
I know God has a plan for me, and I pray that He will restore my relationship with my daughter. I feel that He has prepared me to finally be the father He has called me to be. I have found that I am passionate about helping others, especially those with struggles like mine. I enjoy lending a helping hand or just listening to what may be bothering them. I enjoy spending time on the water. I use this time to relax and talk with God. The Mission campus has provided me with a serene, peaceful place to meditate and thank Him for everything He has done for me. I am truly thankful for His love and forgiveness. I will never forget the Rescue Mission and those that have loved me through the recovery process. The staff and residents here will forever be a part of my family.

# Wheels to WORK

Terrace Meadows, a 2022 graduate of our Men’s Life-Recovery Program is all smiles as he receives his new set of wheels. Thanks to a generous donor he now has transportation to “take me to my new job at Lowe’s and to church. This is a life-changer for me,” says Terrace.

*Did you know that gently used vehicles that are donated to the Rescue Mission are passed on to our graduates?* So many of them don’t have vehicles which presents a challenge when looking for employment as they integrate back into the community. When you support Wheels to Work, you are having a direct impact on one of the graduates of our life-recovery program.

We currently have 6 recent graduates who have secured jobs and are in need of transportation. If you have a gently used vehicle that you would like to donate, we’d love to hear from you. Please contact Dawn Burns at 478-743-5445 ext. 301 or dawn@rescuemissionga.com.





# YOUR LOVE & SUPPORT IS Changing Lives



It's because of the love and support from friends like you...



Row One: Leighanne Bommer, Leah Whitby, Phyllis Schooley, Vicki Rutherford, Chase Combs, Anthony Thomas, Dezi Wainright  
 Row Two: Eddie Taggart, Doug Higginbotham, Wesley Hill, Bryan Hill, Simon Smith  
 Row Three: Jeff Abercrombie, Jeff Postell, James Nelson, Robbie O'Neal, Mike Terrell, Steve Jackson

What an incredible way to kick-off the new year, watching 17 men and women graduate from the Rescue Mission's life-recovery program! We couldn't be prouder of all they've accomplished on their journey to recovery. It's been an amazing privilege to witness the transformation that's taken place in their lives over the past 12 months as they received, and walked in, God's incredible love, healing, and grace.

It's because of the love and support from friends like you that 17 lives have been transformed by way of Jesus Christ...that 17 futures are so much brighter and full of promise and hope...that 17 men and women, and their families have been impacted forever!

Thank you!



## QUESTION...

How much toilet paper can 175 men, women, and children use in a month?

## ANSWER...

# A LOT!

One of the greatest ongoing needs we have at the Rescue Mission is for toilet paper. It's not the most interesting or fun thing to be asking for but with 175 people in our life-recovery program, staff, volunteers, and visitors on the campus every day it sure is the most needed.

If you can donate toilet paper we **SURE WOULD APPRECIATE IT!**

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If you're reading our Mission Bell, it means you've blessed the Rescue Mission with your love and support, and for that we're VERY GRATEFUL...THANK YOU!

Because you share our vision of seeing hurting people healed and freed from the struggles of their past, redeemed through a relationship with Jesus Christ, and empowered to lead a transformed life, we want to invite you to become a **LIFE CHANGERS monthly partner**.

Every day new people come to the Mission hurt, struggling, and desperate for change. That's why we're inviting you to become a **LIFE-CHANGERS monthly partner**. Your recurring monthly gift will help ensure that everyone gets the daily essentials and life-transforming care they need, like meals, housing, counseling, job training, Bible study,

spiritual mentoring, and life-skills classes. **LIFE-CHANGERS** partners provide the Mission with the consistent and reliable source of funding that allows us to meet day-to-day needs and plan ahead.

When you become a **monthly partner**, you join a special group of people reaching out each month to provide real life change to our struggling neighbors. We hope you'll take a moment to consider becoming a recurring monthly donor through the **LIFE-CHANGERS monthly partners** program.

#### What are the benefits?

- Reduce the amount of mail you receive from the Mission asking for support which also saves the Mission money on printing and mailing costs so your gifts will have a greater impact on program activities
- Convenience of automatic monthly checking account or credit card withdrawals which also reduces administrative costs
- You'll receive regular updates with success stories of our residents so you can see the impact of your investment
- You'll provide a consistent, reliable stream of support which assists the Mission with long-term planning
- Recurring monthly donations help ensure that essential programs and

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