

THE

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Providing a path of hope, redemption, and empowerment through Jesus Christ

THANK YOU
FOR SHARING



Christmas blessings

WITH MORRIS!



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“I FEEL FREE, COMFORTABLE, AND HAPPY.”



Morris grew up in the church – a spiritual foundation during a tumultuous childhood. But when his parents divorced due to his dad’s drug addiction, that foundation crumbled. “We stopped going to church,” he says.

Without that support and community, Morris’ life began to unravel. “I started doing what I wanted to do,” he says. He got into trouble at school, on the streets, and with the law – a path that led to addiction and homelessness.

He spent time in jail, where he kept the Bible close. “I

knew the truth and the right path,” he says. “I knew I was going to have to change, but it’s not easy to do when you grow up with my experiences.”

Eventually, Morris hit a breaking point. A friend told him how the Rescue Mission is different from rehab – it’s faith-based and Morris needed Jesus in his life.

As a graduate of our life-recovery program, Morris has finally been able to focus on faith and rebuild a stronger spiritual foundation. “As long as I have God in my life and I’m doing the right thing, I’ll be alright,” he says.

Morris has also learned to manage anger and process



“It feels great learning. Journaling, reading, and putting in the work have really helped me.”



emotions in healthy ways. “Whenever I got mad, I used to turn to drugs or want to fight people,” he explains. “The Rescue Mission is helping me stay focused on myself instead of doing things that harm me or make me feel bad.”

Morris is working on getting his GED and is considering college. He also wants to help others. “I feel

that I can help other people in my family who are not on the right path,” he says.

This Christmas, Morris is experiencing the gifts of peace and hope for a brighter future. Thank you for sharing the blessings of Christ’s love with him! “Since coming to the Rescue Mission, I feel free, comfortable, and happy.”

You share the gifts of peace and hope at Christmas

Christmas is an exciting season as we celebrate the peace and hope of God's greatest gift – our Savior, Jesus Christ. It's also a powerful opportunity for His Gospel to be shared with our hurting neighbors.

Many are cold, hungry... and have nowhere to go. **God sends them here.**

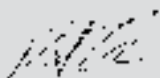
They think they're coming to the Rescue Mission for a hot meal, a warm jacket, or a place to stay. That might be their only plan – but it's not God's. He's leading them here so we can walk alongside them, build relationships, and introduce them to Jesus Christ.

As the year draws to a close, what better way to invest than in changing lives through Christ's love? One powerful example is our kids' program.

Thanks to caring community members like you, we've invested in staff who teach children about Jesus at a young age.

That's the beauty of this season: God uses your support to bring peace, hope, and His Son to people in need, like Morris (whose story is on page 3). As Isaiah 9:6 reminds us, "For to us a child is born" – a Savior who brings lasting peace.

God Bless,



Pat Chastain
President/CEO



Give a meal. Share *peace and hope!*

For our neighbors who are struggling, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gifts of PEACE and HOPE.** Just \$3.09 provides a nourishing Christmas meal to a resident in our long-term recovery program – and shows that you care about them this holiday season.



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

A Christmas they look forward to, thanks to YOU!

Christmas Morning: Thanks to the generosity of people like you, men, women, and children in our recovery program experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.



Holiday Meal: Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our residents – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

The Miracle of Jesus: Worship, prayer, fellowship, and an uplifting message of God's love. Our guests gather in the chapel to celebrate the peace and hope of Christmas together.

Thanks to you, our neighbors don't have to spend this Christmas alone and on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals, fellowship, and a reminder of the true reason for the season!



DONATE HOLIDAY FOOD ITEMS

Your donations help provide holiday meals for our residents. Here's what we need most right now:

TURKEYS

HAMS

CANNED GREEN BEANS

MAC AND CHEESE

INSTANT MASHED
POTATOES

CANNED CORN

SUGAR

COFFEE

FAMILY SIZE TEA BAGS

Drop off donations or mail them to Sarah Grace Smith at:

Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia Administrative Office
6601 Zebulon Rd
Macon, GA 31220

12 DAYS OF GIVING BACK



What better time to experience the joy of giving than the Christmas season! It's also a wonderful time to teach children the importance of giving, or to partner with a friend or family member to give back.

Get inspired to share the blessing of Christmas with these ideas for **12 Days of Giving Back**:

DAY 1 Sponsor a child at the Rescue Mission	DAY 2 Make a plan for year-end giving	DAY 3 Donate winter coats
DAY 4 Write a Christmas card	DAY 5 Pray for staff at the Rescue Mission	DAY 6 Give a gift in honor or memory of someone
DAY 7 Supply hygiene items	DAY 8 Create a care package	DAY 9 Provide food
DAY 10 Host a donation drive at your school or work	DAY 11 Share our social media posts to spread our mission	DAY 12 Pray for families at the Rescue Mission

To learn more about ways you can share the peace and hope of Christmas with Rescue Mission guests, give us a call at **(478) 743-5445** or visit us online at rescuemissionga.com!



Find a Treasure. Change a Life!



When you shop in one of our thrift stores, you are making a difference in hurting lives! Every dollar you spend – and every item you donate – supports our life-recovery program for men, women, and children in Middle Georgia.

We gladly accept new or gently used items. You can drop them off at one of our 22 local donation bins or at one of our two thrift store locations. You can also schedule a pick-up. For more information, give us a call at **(478) 743-5445, ext. 314** or visit rescuemissionga.com/thrift-stores.