



Market Street Mission **Messenger**

Changing Lives Since 1889

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A Personal Word from David Scott

Dear Mr. Sample,

22,500 meals. 7,500 nights of shelter. Thousands of hours of counseling, education and Bible study.

There are lots of numbers here at the Mission, but the most important number is one.

One person rescued from homelessness. One life saved from the horrors of addiction. One man or woman returned to a family who needs them.

But perhaps the best “one” of all is one soul committed to Christ. As the hymn says, “I am one with Thee, Lord Jesus, One in spirit now with Thee; All Thyself I now possess, Lord, All Thou art now lives in me.”

John is one of the people whose lives you’ve helped change. You’ll find his amazing story in this issue of the *Market Street Messenger*.

Thanks to your donations, your prayers and your time, lives like John’s are changed here every day – one at a time!



G. David Scott
Executive Director

A Broken Man Cries Out to God...

“Show Me the Way”

While his mother was working two jobs as the sole support of her family, John was running in the streets, drinking and doing drugs.

“I got mixed up with the wrong crowd,” he admits. “That (eventually) led me to prison and rehab, but when I came out, I did the same thing over and over and over again.”

By 2003, John was facing another 10 years in prison. But **his mother was very ill, and her last wish was to see her son again.** So the family bailed him out and John came home to “make amends.”

“I asked her to forgive me for all the problems I had caused,” he says shaking his head. “And she did.”

It was at that point that **John finally realized that his life was broken.** “I just sat down and prayed and asked God to please help me. I had never called out to Him before, and I said, ‘I need you.’”

God heard John’s pleas. Through his sister, John learned about the Life Change Program here at the Market Street Mission. Though he was a practicing Muslim at the time, John came to the Mission and “found a joy that I had never had before.”



John gave his life to Jesus and was baptized. He finished the program at the Mission, then began to rebuild his life. **Today, he runs a substance abuse ministry here at the Mission** and preaches on Sunday.

“God has been so good to me,” says John, his eyes shining. “When I preach a sermon, at the end, I always ask God to bless the Market Street Mission and the leadership and those who donate, because without their gifts, the Mission would not exist.”

Golf Outing Benefits Mission

Jayson Williams and his friend Justin Raho took a tour of the Market Street Mission. They were so moved by the work of the Mission that they decided to do something to help.

In August 2012, the Jayson Williams Foundation held a golf outing at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains, which raised almost \$7,000 for the Mission.

We are so thankful for their compassion and generosity!

To learn how your group can benefit the Mission, check out www.marketstreet.org.

A Very Special Visitor

A few months ago, Mrs. J. Sickles, granddaughter of Thomas B.



Ironside, the superintendent of the Mission in 1890, came in for a tour and shared tidbits of the Mission's history with Executive Director G. David Scott.

To learn more about the Mission, schedule a tour by contacting Nancy at (973) 538-6337.

Alumnus Named Associate of the Year

We want to congratulate Malcolm Butler, a graduate of our Life Change Program, for earning the Associate of the Year award at ShopRite of Parsippany. This is a great honor that has been bestowed on one of our own!

To learn more about the life-changing services offered through the Mission, visit www.marketstreet.org.

ServSafe Certified

Congratulations to Mike Williams, alumnus and Kitchen Manager, who



recently passed the national ServSafe Food Exam. He is now our second certified ServSafe

Manager who oversees our kitchen that serves more than 90,000 meals each year!

Follow us



Hidden Treasures & Great Bargains

At the end of George Street, off Martin Luther King Avenue, is one of Morristown's best kept secrets: The Mission's George Street Thrift Store and Warehouse.

25,000 square feet of new and used furniture, clothing, housewares, appliances, sporting goods, office furniture and knick-knacks – all at bargain prices.

Drop off or shop.

For your shopping pleasure, we're open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. (If you'd like to drop



off items, the donation dock closes at 4 p.m.)

Donations are tax-deductible, and all proceeds benefit those served by the Mission. To have your donated items picked up, please call (973) 538-0427.

Backpack + Supplies = Success

It's hard to believe there are children whose parents can't afford a few pencils and notebooks, some crayons, glue sticks, markers and a package of colored pencils.



Danielle Coons shows off the school supplies she donated to Project Backpack in 2012.

But the truth is, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands right here in Morristown.

Through Project Backpack, you can bring smiles to children's faces.

Just fill a new backpack with the items on the enclosed shopping list. Or include a special gift with your donation, and we'll buy and fill a backpack for you.

See the enclosed insert for more information on how you can volunteer or donate to Project Backpack.

Girl Scouts Beautify Mission

We want to thank Hayley McIsaac (pictured, right), Sarah Heditsch and Brianna LoPiccolo, Girl Scout Cadettes from Long Valley Troop #518 for creating paper flowers to brighten and beautify the Mission.

You have brought joy to the hearts of our guests!

If your group is interested in helping out at the Mission, call Nancy at (973) 538-6337.



"Summertime and the Livin' Is Easy..."

That old song from *Porgy and Bess* may be a classic, but it certainly doesn't reflect what happens here at the Mission!

If anything, summer is our most difficult time.

First, there are fewer donations. It's not that people forget those in need, they just have other things on their minds. Meanwhile, there's not much drop off in the number of people we feed and shelter. If anything, numbers increase as the days, and nights, grow hotter and more unbearable.

Your gift today will go a long way toward providing those who are hungry and homeless with 22,500 meals and more than 7,500 nights of shelter in the next 90 days... along with the compassion and Christian care that can truly help turn their lives around.

You can make a safe, secure donation online at marketstreet.org. Or use the enclosed envelope. Then, **enjoy your summer, knowing that you've helped those most in need.**

Hundreds of kids need our help.
We don't want to turn anyone away!

Thanks to you, he will get the
tools he needs to succeed in
school...and in life!

www.marketstreet.org.

Project Backpack Shopping List

2-pocket colored folders
Pencil sharpener
2 glue sticks
Highlighters
Pencil cases
Spiral notebooks
Flash drives

Packages of 3" x 5"
index cards
Boxes of mechanical
pencils
Box of crayons
Box of washable
markers
Box of colored pencils
Black, blue & red pens
Pencil-top erasers

3-hole punches
4 oz. bottle of glue
12" ruler
Large eraser
Notebook filler paper
Composition books
1" binders
Small scissors, blunt
and sharp tip
5-tab notebook dividers

Project Backpack is just one more way the Mission reaches out to needy and at-risk boys, girls and their families. Please help today. Thank you!