



Market Street Mission **Messenger**

Changing Lives Since 1889

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Turning Faith into Action

Philippians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.”

Many people interpret this to mean that God will never give us more than we can handle. But I’ve got to tell you, so far 2014 has been a mighty challenge.

Just four months ago, we were struggling through a very long, miserably cold winter. It strained our resources as we tried to make sure that as many people as possible were fed, sheltered, clothed and kept out of the bitter cold.

Now we’re facing summer—when donations almost always drop way down, but when just as many people really need help and support.

I believe God and His grace will see us through. Please help us by being one of our partners and help us turn faith into action for our neighbors in need.



G. David Scott
Executive Director



Thomas made his mother proud!

Thomas grew up in a happy home. “We had everything and we had love,” he says. Yet in high school, Thomas “went with the wrong crowd” and eventually, he became an alcoholic.

He lived with his addiction for many years, able to hold down jobs—but his money always went toward alcohol. “If I start, one is too many and a thousand is not enough. I was that thousand man. I would drink until I fell,” he says. “I’d wake up in a jail cell and not know what I had done to get there.”

Yet there was something Thomas wanted more than alcohol. **“I told myself that before my mom leaves this earth, I am going to be clean and she is going to see it,”** he says. “The things I was putting my mother through were terrible. I told myself I had to do something.”

Thomas completed an outpatient program, but knew he needed more, so when the pastor of the outpatient program recommended the Market Street Mission’s Life Change Program, Thomas agreed.

“When I came here, I still had a negative attitude and wanted things my way. I didn’t have a heart. I was an iceberg,” he says, but the program changed that. “I’m doing big boy things instead of little kid things.”

Thomas graduated from the program and now has his own window cleaning and power washing business. In his free time, he shows his gratitude to the Mission by volunteering at the Thrift Store and warehouse. **His mom is grateful to the Mission** as well. “She is still saying how thankful she is for everything they have done,” Thomas says. She lived to see her son clean after all.

Celebrating 125 years of changing lives



We made over \$1,000 on both days of the sale! Thank you to everyone in the community who came out and supported us – we're so thankful for all you do.

For more information on events at the Mission, please visit jsrescue.org.



On April 25 and 26, we celebrated the arrival of spring with a huge garage sale at the Mission! Clothing, furniture, household items, all at bargain prices... and all proceeds benefit our services and programs.

Project Backpack

Hundreds of kids need your help!

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.

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

Last year, through Project Backpack, more than 1,100 boys and girls started school worry-free with new backpacks filled with school supplies provided by loving individuals, churches and businesses in our community.

This year, our goal is to fill 1,200 backpacks. In order to meet this need, we need to raise at least \$12,900.

Here's how you can help:

- Purchase supplies from the shopping list
- Drop the supplies off at the Mission before July 31

If you're short of time, send a gift in the enclosed envelope and we'll buy and fill a backpack for you. Or make a donation on our secure website at www.marketstreet.org.



Project Backpack Shopping List

2-pocket colored folders

Pencil sharpeners

Glue sticks

Highlighters

Pencil cases

Spiral notebooks

Flash drives

Packages of 3" x 5"

index cards

Boxes of mechanical pencils

Boxes of crayons

Boxes of washable markers

Boxes of colored pencils

Black, blue & red pens

Pencil-top erasers

3-hole punches

4 oz. bottles of glue

12" rulers

Large erasers

Notebook filler paper

Composition books

1" binders

Small scissors,

blunt and

sharp tip

5-tab note-

book dividers



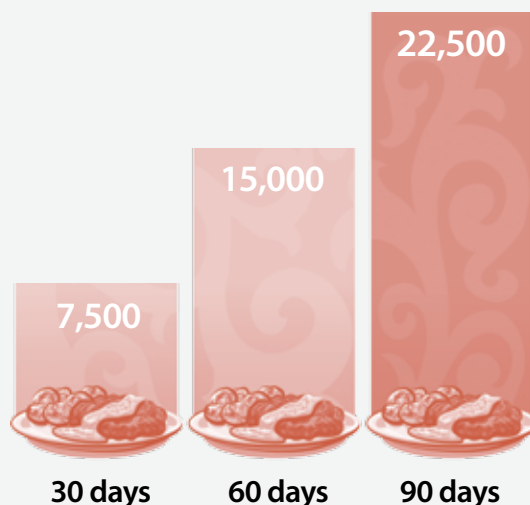
My Daughter's Closet

We want to extend a special thank you to My Daughter's Closet, a local consignment and resale shop in Caldwell. During the last coat drive, they went above and beyond to collect gently used coats and warm clothing for the hungry, homeless families we serve.

This little shop sells gently used frocks...that totally ROCK! We are so thankful for their willingness to give new life to old clothes, and to help keep our neighbors in need warm and fashionable throughout the year!

To learn more about My Daughter's Closet, visit MyDaughtersCloset.net.

Help serve 22,500 meals in 90 days



Hungry, homeless men, women and children need your help and support this summer.

In just 90 days, the Market Street Mission will serve more than 22,500 meals, and provide the shelter, care and spiritual healing that will change the lives of those who come to us for help.

Your support is vital if we are to meet this challenge. Please send a gift today in the enclosed envelope. Or provide immediate help by making your gift on our website at www.marketstreet.org.