



Market Street Mission **Messenger**

Changing Lives Since 1889

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Because of you...

***“My Story
Has a New
Beginning!”***

Your gifts bring **JOY** to people like Anthony at Christmas and all through the year!

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“I’ve seen so many broken people in need of help... it’s so important to reach out to them.”

“I strayed away when I became a teenager,” Anthony says.

Anthony was raised in a Christian home, with loving parents, but he made the choice to hang out with the wrong crowd in his neighborhood. He started drinking at age 15, turned to drugs in his 30s, and then addiction took over his life. “It was terrible... it drove me away from my children.”

The turning point came when Anthony was on the verge of becoming homeless. “That was a wake-up call for me because I’ve never experienced homelessness before. I was about to lose everything, and that brought me to the Mission.” **Here, through**

your gifts, he was blessed with the essentials of safe shelter... nutritious meals... and everything he needed to feel comfortable and at home.

“I was really broken... hoping to find God because I grew up following Him and knew that He would accept

me how to be a man and take care of

myself and family. Now the relationship with my family is so strong, and I thank God for it.”

This Christmas, because of your compassion and

God’s love, Anthony’s story has a new beginning. Through the gift of Christ’s birth, his future is filled with joy and hope for the future. “Before I came to the Mission I was worthless. Now I’m a priceless child of God.”

“Coming to the Mission changed my life in a great way,” Anthony shares. **“It saved my life and brought me back to God.”**

me back. I feel like He brought me back to the Promised Land.”

For the first time in years, Anthony celebrated the miracle of Christmas clean and sober – filled with God’s peace and joy.



Have you heard the Word on Cross Way Radio 107.9?

There is a great Christian radio station right in our area that’s sure to instruct and inspire you. Cross Way Radio features high quality Bible teaching from some of the best Bible teachers in the U.S., plus the best in Christian music.

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A MESSAGE FROM
DAVE SCOTT



Your Gifts
Fill Hearts
With *Joy*

The “Christmas story” isn’t fiction, fable or fairytale. It’s God’s reassuring Truth.

Christ was born to bring hope to a troubled world and healing to broken souls.

That’s the joy-filled message we’re honored to share with our guests at Christmas, and remain faithful to every day of the year.

Jesus’ birth begins a new story for all of humankind. But for a new story to begin, an old one often must end. Through the Christ-centered care your generosity provides, we help individuals close chapters of loneliness, pain and tragedy in their lives and ask the Lord to be the author of their futures. I invite you to partner with us in the coming weeks to provide gifts of food, shelter and life-restoring guidance, as we celebrate the joyous new beginnings the season brings.

The redemptive story of Christmas continues today, each time friends like you reach out with compassion to those who are homeless, addicted and downtrodden.

Thank you for keeping the story of Christ’s birth alive – and filling hearts with the joy of Christmas – every day of the year.

May God bless you and yours this holiday season and into the New Year.

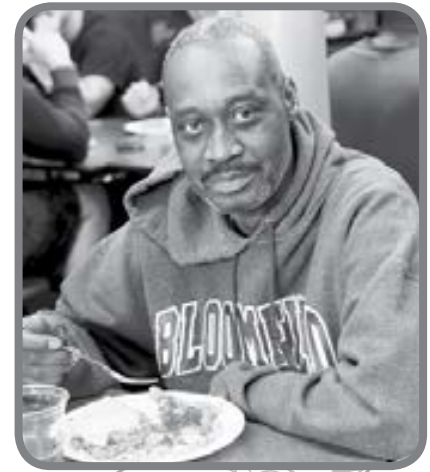

G. David Scott
Executive Director



Give a Meal... *Change a Life*
7,500 meals by Christmas

A plate of hot, wholesome food can change someone’s story from struggle to strength... from heartbreak to hope... from despair to joy. With each meal you give, you offer so much more:


- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God’s life-changing love




It costs only \$2.82 to provide a meal and care for one hungry person...

Please Send Your Gift Today.



 Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

 Give online anytime at **MarketStreet.org.**




December 3 is
**#GIVING
TUESDAY**

Now in its eighth year, **Giving Tuesday** unites compassionate friends and partners in caring for their neighbors and communities. On this special day of generosity and kindness, your gift will bring life essentials and life-changing guidance to those in our care at the Market Street Mission.

**No Need to Wait Until December 3...
Send Your Gift Today.**

 Give online at **MarketStreet.org.**

 Add your special gift to the reply card and send it today.

**Donate your car...
Change a life!**



Have a car that no longer runs, or that you no longer need? You can donate it to the Mission to help our hurting and homeless neighbors! We accept cars in any condition and sell them at the car lot we run, and all proceeds go directly to support our ministry and life-changing programs. You will receive a credit for a tax-deductible donation for the value the Market Street Mission receives from the sale of your donated vehicle.

If you are interested in donating a vehicle, please call **(877) 676-2271** or visit **MarketStreet.org/donate-your-car** to learn more.
Thank you!



ALUMNI Spotlight

As I sit here this morning, reflecting on the last two years, I am absolutely overwhelmed with gratitude. It was just three years ago when I walked into this building a broken man. Angry, lost, confused, underweight and destitute. Bill Little and Joe Gallow immediately met me with kindness, patience and understanding. I was given some chores to do and a mat to sleep on. I started participating in the program having no idea what to expect, only that I didn't know what else to do. This was the first time in my life I ever had more questions than answers.

One night on the chapel floor, after not sleeping for 10 weeks, I prayed. It went something like "I don't care what you want from me, I'll do it. I can't do this anymore." I immediately fell into a deep, restful sleep. I woke up convinced that there was a living God looking out for me. I started asking questions, asking anyone who would listen. Tom Giglio, Diane Young, Nate Towers, Kevin Gillespie, Daniel Webb and others not only listened to my questions, but answered me honestly. Fair to say these were new experiences.

While here, I was able to deal with my issues of anger, family, faith and work. My issues had issues!

As I approached graduation, I was offered an internship. My first response was "thanks, but no thanks. I've got stuff

to do." I can imagine God placing His head in His hand at this. But I was warned by Bill Little and Dr. Dan Berardesco (aka Dan the van man) not to dismiss the idea outright. They expressed to me that service to others brought with it a fulfillment straight from the Lord and that in time my life's trajectory might alter dramatically.



Needless to say, they were right. Under the guidance of George Moussab, Phil Richards, Chaplain Gregory Cole and Patrick Tansey, I found a joy I had never known before – ministering to men who were just like I had been. I started seeking out different career paths, becoming increasingly convinced that I would not go back to truck driving.

So here we are in office 42, at 6:30 a.m., at the tail end of two years in which I have seen, heard and smelled things I will never forget. With the help and guidance of MSM and JSRM, I've been ordained as a chaplain, and am well on my way to becoming a substance abuse counselor. My life looks absolutely nothing like it did three or even two years ago.

I have tasted the joy and peace of the Lord, and I really wish I had a better word than gratitude to describe how I feel. It feels bigger than that. This has been an experience that I will never forget, and it has given me stories that are etched in my mind with feelings of unmitigated joy. It has been an honor to serve with you.

– Chaplain Christopher Byrne