




Market Street Mission

Messenger

Changing Lives Since 1889

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**Ronaldo's heart
is filled with
gratitude
for YOU.**

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compassion and support
changes lives.

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“I was far away from God... on a path of self-destruction.”

Alcohol was part of life in Brazil, where Ronaldo grew up, so he started drinking as a teenager.

“It was just going out with friends and to parties. But my father was an alcoholic and his father was an alcoholic, and I became one, too.”

Ronaldo’s drinking only grew worse when he was in his 20s and both his parents passed away. He spent many years as a self-described functioning alcoholic, running his businesses and caring for his own family while using alcohol to numb his depression and grief. But when his oldest brother passed away, Ronaldo started drinking even more to cope with the devastating loss.

The turning point came when Ronaldo was arrested for DUI three times in a row. A police officer friend urged him to come to the Mission. “I knew that God was the only one who could help me overcome this addiction.”

The day he came to the Market Street Mission, everything changed for Ronaldo.

“It was strange to me to feel so much love and acceptance from the people here,” he says, smiling. “I even remember wondering what was wrong with these people.”

Ronaldo found hope and healing through counseling and group therapy. He loves learning about the Lord through Bible study and attends

one every day so he can read the Bible as much as possible.

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At the Mission I’ve been exposed to the real, practical love of God. This place runs on love.

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“I had a spiritual awakening, and I feel closer and closer to God. I can read the Bible and understand now. I’m even considering becoming a pastor.”

Ronaldo’s wife and teenage son have been supportive of his time at the Mission and the progress he’s made. “They’re proud of me for making the decision to get help. I’m becoming a better husband and father through the transformation God has done in my life.”

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives through God’s love.

“It’s really great to be here. I tell the group we’re making history because we’re going to come out of here as transformed men.”

A MESSAGE FROM
DAVE SCOTT

*You fill my heart
with Thanksgiving.*

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many of our neighbors have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to the Market Street Mission for food, shelter and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God's faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving "the least of these."

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others' needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you'll continue your compassionate support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



G. David Scott

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Executive Director

22,500
MEALS NEEDED BY THANKSGIVING

Join our
2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we'll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored:

***faith-based counseling • life-skills classes
vocational training • and more***

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for hurting individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**



Give now using the enclosed
reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at
MarketStreet.org.



***Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for
your faithful support.***

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



\$2.82
for 1 hot meal



\$22.50
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN LEAD
TO**



**Practical guidance
and God's
life-changing LOVE**

READ RONALDO'S STORY TO LEARN MORE.



**SHOP BLACK FRIDAY AT
OUR THRIFT STORE**



Your shopping at our Thrift Store changes lives. Find great deals on gently used items, and help support men in our Life Change Program with every purchase you make. Open Mon - Sat, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at 25 George Street, Morristown.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our 2020 Fourth of July 5K Race for Recovery went “virtual” to support the hard work of recovery while social distancing. We were blessed by 277 racers and 24 teams, who joined us June 26th – July 5th for a weeklong event full of challenges and prizes.

A month before, our community started logging “Miles for the Mission” – either by running, walking or biking. *Recovery does not come easy and neither did these miles!* We’d like to give a big shout-out to Columbia Bank Foundation, who provided us a grant for the first 1,000 miles earned. **At the end of the month, we surpassed our initial goal with an incredible 3,124.46 miles earned!**

Thank you to our sponsors, Brewer Direct, Star 99.1 FM, Crossway Radio, Sneaker Factory, Thrivent Financial, Charlie Brigitte Hair, and Tri-State Voice, for their encouragement, support and participation this year. Our event would not be possible without you!

Join our Jersey Shore Rescue Mission’s 5K Race on October 24th! Visit JerseyShoreRescue.org/5k to sign up and learn more.

Don’t Miss a Single Mission Moment

Follow us on social media and sign up for our emails to stay up-to-date on our Thanksgiving activities, urgent needs, special events and how your partnership is transforming lives. Be sure to tell your friends about us too, and encourage them to help this Thanksgiving.

Our Thanksgiving Needs List

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these items we need to feed our hungry guests throughout the Thanksgiving season.

Turkeys

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Yams

Dressing Mix

Canned Vegetables

Canned Cranberry Sauce

Pumpkin Pie

Whipped Topping



Drop off your donations at the Mission at **9 Market Street in Morristown.**

Thank you for helping!

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