



Market Street Mission

Messenger

Changing Lives Since 1889

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Thank you for
bringing
GREAT
JOY to
hurting people

*You changed
Ken's life*

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“A reflection of what God has done.”



The future can be a worrisome unknown, especially during the uncertain times we've been facing. But for Ken, it's a huge blessing to have a future to worry about. Because only two years ago, he didn't believe he had one.

For years, Ken struggled with addiction to prescription drugs. His addiction consumed his life and left him homeless, couch-surfing with friends who would let him stay.

But one day, his friend told him he couldn't stay with him anymore – rather than helping, he was enabling him. When Ken heard the word *enabling*, he realized he needed to change. **That's when Ken came to the Market Street Mission and experienced the transformative love of God for the first time.**

After learning and growing through Bible studies, counseling, and life-change classes, Ken graduated from our program in July of 2019, and he has been serving with the Mission as an intern since then.

“Being an intern, you learn how to serve,” he says. “You take what you've learned in the program and apply it to a leadership role. The way you carry yourself, the way you help out, the way you serve – that's a reflection of what God has done in our lives.”

Since the start of his internship, Ken has served in a number of roles. Starting at our sister Mission at the Jersey Shore last summer, he worked most closely with the homeless population and overnight guests. Then in April – amidst the rise of the coronavirus – he moved up to Market Street to work as a House Manager in the program.

Not only was Ken navigating his first year as an intern, but he also had to adjust to the challenges of the pandemic. But that has not discouraged him from focusing on his faith and his role in ministry.

“I'm not panicking and being fearful of what's going on, and I can only attribute that to my faith,” he says. Instead of turning to his old, destructive ways of handling difficulty, he now knows he can rely on the voice of God that says, “Give it to me, I'll take the burden. You just rest.”

He has seen the men in the program devote themselves to their faith in this uncertain time as well.



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“The guys formed their own Bible studies, they run their AA meetings, and they're not going to let something like a pandemic get in the way of their recovery and spirituality. That's a testament to what God is doing in these gentlemen's lives.”

Because of your generosity and care, all who enter the Mission's doors – especially this holiday season – can receive the hope and renewal found only in God's love.

Ken is thankful for the opportunity to be part of this life-changing ministry as well. Every chance he gets, he uses his life experiences to uplift and encourage the other men in the program.

“It's not because of what I did – it's because of what God did for me and what He did through me. That's the most powerful testimony we have: what we were, and now what we are, and what we will continue to be.”

Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests of the Market Street Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. ***But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.***

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these people the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



G. David Scott
Executive Director

It Starts With You... You make transformation possible.



This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in Northern New Jersey who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU.



Your compassionate support provides:

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



Just \$2.82 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

Please Send Your Gift Today.



\$2.82
for 1 hot meal



\$22.50
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed
by God's LOVE**

READ KEN'S STORY TO LEARN MORE.

GREAT BARGAINS JUST FOR YOU



The Market Street Mission Thrift Store is where you can find hidden treasures and great bargains.

Come browse through 25,000 square feet of new and used furniture, clothing, housewares, appliances, sporting goods, office furniture and more – all at bargain prices.

Drop off or shop.

For your shopping pleasure, we're open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Donations can also be dropped off between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Donations are tax-deductible, and all proceeds benefit those served by the Mission. For more information, please call (973) 538-0427.

Help a family heal through our

CHRISTMAS TOY SHOPPE

This time of year can be especially challenging for the men in our Life Change Program. They're already separated from family and now they're missing holiday gatherings with their children... those special times to connect and grow closer.



Imagine what it would mean if you could provide a few special gifts to give to their children this Christmas. That's just what happens at our annual **Christmas Toy Shoppe**.

But your support is needed now to help stock the shelves.



Simply drop off new, unwrapped toys to the Mission at 9 Market Street in Morristown, NJ by Monday, December 7.

For a complete list of requested gift items to help you shop, visit bit.ly/MarketStreetWishList.

Your generosity will mean a father can show his love to his son or daughter in a meaningful way. You'll be helping to strengthen and heal those precious relationships.



Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Drink delicious coffee and
support the Mission at the same time?

Sign me up!

The Market Street Mission is now a charity partner of The Coffee Potter – a small family-owned, Christ-based coffee shop in Long Valley, NJ. Dave and GERALYN, owners of TCP, decided they wanted to use their business to reflect their heart for people and give back to the community they love – and the Mission is a part of that!

The Coffee Potter launched a new coffee subscription program, where you can order bags of coffee to be shipped to your house each month. And the best part? \$2.00 from every bag will go to the Mission if you choose us at checkout!

The Coffee Potter's website declares the heart of their mission in a quote from Bob Goff, which fits perfectly with how we endeavor to live here at Market Street: "Love is never stationary. In the end, love doesn't just keep thinking about it or keep planning for it. Simply put: love does."

Visit tcplv.com/dogood to learn more and subscribe. Plus, bags of coffee make great Christmas presents!



Have you heard the Word on Cross Way Radio 107.9?

It's a great Christian radio station that's sure to instruct **and** inspire you... and it's based right here in our area. 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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Dave, please use my Christmas gift to bless my struggling neighbors who have had such a challenging year:

- ☐ \$19.74 to feed & care for 7 people
- ☐ \$50.76 to feed & care for 18 people
- ☐ \$76.14 to feed & care for 27 people
- ☐ \$90.24 to feed & care for 32 people
- ☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible

This really helps.



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