

Summer ISSUE 2021

## YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING HORACE A SECOND CHANCE

and he can't thank you enough.

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### "I totally lost myself... then GOD BROUGHT ME HERE TO THE MISSION."

orace's father abandoned him when Horace was two. With no dad around and a dysfunctional homelife, Horace felt like he never measured up. To cope, he tried drugs and alcohol at age 16.

"Peer pressure was a strong motivator. I had feelings of inadequacy, like I was below everyone around me. Alcohol made me feel more accepted."

As an adult, Horace managed to work as a truck driver for many years – despite his drinking. Then he had an accident on the job and slowly became addicted to the medication he was prescribed to deal with the pain.

"I started struggling with jobs. Bounced around a lot... became unreliable. It caused problems with my wife and three children. I felt ashamed, so I wouldn't come home to my family much." When Horace became homeless and overdosed, a cousin told him about the Mission.

The moment Horace walked through the doors of the Market Street Mission, his heart transformed.

I had accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, but my drug and alcohol use caused a separation. Now I no longer feel alone.

"Something touched me and I can't explain it," he says, smiling. "I feel more at peace than I ever have in my life."

In our care, Horace rededicated his life to Jesus. The support of his counselor, as well as meetings and chapel services, have helped him rebuild his life on a strong foundation.

"Doing Bible studies is something I never did before. But now it's something I've grown to love."

Today, Horace serves as an intern at the Mission, sharing his experiences and faith with others. He's restoring relationships with his family, and they're amazed by the joy and strength he now has.

"I'm a work in progress. I'm still healing and I know that every day I'm getting stronger. I am at peace."

Horace is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it's thanks to the love you've shown for a neighbor like him. "I've never been in a place like this, so I didn't realize how people offered their help to the less fortunate. I just want to thank everyone for the many blessings I've had here."

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. It starts with a meal for \$2.82.

#### A Message from DAVE SCOTT

#### Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$56,400 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

#### We can't meet this summer challenge without your help.

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also crucial to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



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Help meet our community's needs. Your gift today provides:



# Do you know our SUMMER S?

Our "Summer 6" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all summer long.

#### We'd LOVE if you helped by donating any – or all – of these items.

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 9 Market Street in Morristown, seven days a week. It's a great way to care for our guests at the Mission this summer.

- 1. Bottled water
- 2. Men's deodorant
- 3. Paper towels
- 4. Toilet paper
- 5. Large mesh laundry bags
- 6. Individual packs of wet wipes



One of the most powerful ways you can support the ministry of the Mission is through prayer. None of our work would be possible without the guidance and provision of the Lord, and we need to remember the importance of bringing our needs before Him.

And our praises, too. The Lord is always faithful and good, and we see that demonstrated at the Mission day after day.

So please, join with us in lifting up the Mission before the Lord. Pray especially for the people we serve – those who are hungry, homeless and struggling with addiction – that they would experience God's love and healing. We know that true life-change is only possible through the transformative power of Christ.

For updates on specific ways you can pray for our guests, staff and current challenges, become a part of our Prayer Team. Visit our website at **MarketStreet.org/prayer** to learn more.



# **BIG** NEWS

The Market Street Mission has expanded... we're now offering meals and shelter to struggling men in Sussex County.

Our new 14-bed shelter is located on Spring Street in Newton, adjacent to Christ Community Church. Market Street Mission's Sussex County hospitality room provides hungry and homeless men with a safe place to sleep, as well as dinner and breakfast. Our ultimate hope is that men in Sussex County who are battling addiction and substance abuse will seek further healing in our Life Change addiction recovery program in Morristown.

Please keep this expansion in prayer, that the Lord would guide our steps and make us good servants to the people in the Sussex County area. Thank you.



Gather your friends and loved ones, and come run or walk with us at this annual event – rain or shine. All proceeds support the Market Street Mission and help our neighbors who are struggling to overcome challenges and rebuild their lives.

Everyone is welcome. To learn more or register for this event, visit us online at **MarketStreet.org/5k-race-for-recovery-2021/.**