

EASTER ISSUE 2023

THANK YOU FOR GIVING Shane A NEW BEGINNING.

Because of you, he has joy in his heart this Easter!



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"Now I believe in God, and every day I don't stop thanking Him!"

Anyone who comes to the Mission looking for a meal is sure to leave well-fed, thanks to Shane. As our Kitchen Manager, Shane can put his past cooking experience to work in a new way – serving others and glorifying the Lord for the new life he has been given!

At 5 years old, Shane contracted spinal meningitis and developed a learning disability. He stopped caring about school, and at age 18 he joined the National Guard. He became an infantry cook and learned about food preparation. But upon joining the Guard, he also began abusing substances.

With his mother and stepfather struggling with alcoholism, Shane's home life was difficult. His brother also struggled with alcoholism, and eventually committed suicide.

"I drank to cope with life," he said.

His drinking escalated and led to drug use, too, and soon his addiction took over his life.

One day, when life became too much for Shane to handle, he too came close to committing suicide. But at that moment, he felt God nudge him to call the police instead. He went to the hospital, and

realized he needed to change his life.

When Shane joined our addiction recovery program at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission, at our Asbury Park location, he didn't want anything to do with God. But as he attended church services and fellowshipped with other men in the program, he began to see God's love for him.

"I'm grateful now," he said. "I believe in God, and every day I don't stop thanking Him!"

Shane transferred to Market Street to finish our program here in Morristown, where he worked as a cook. When he graduated, we hired him to continue serving as our Kitchen Manager!

This Easter, thanks to your prayers and generous support, Shane is celebrating new life in Christ. In our program, he developed a relationship with God and learned how to stay sober – two things he is grateful for every day.

Shane finds joy working in our kitchen to give back to others what was freely given to him. "I'm thankful to the Mission because it has shined a light on my life, and I never thought I'd get this far at almost 60 years old," he said. "It's all thanks to God – I couldn't have done it myself."





A Message from DAVE SCOTT

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Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local neighbors feel welcome here at the Market Street Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Savior.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.

G. David Scott

CEO/Executive Director

HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for <u>more</u> neighbors this Easter!

- **♥** A hot meal for \$2.82 often the first step to a new life in Christ
- An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- Christ-centered care, addiction recovery & healing in our lifechange programs
- Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- Give online anytime at MarketStreet.org.



In addition to serving meals to our community and offering overnight shelter for men, an important part of the work we do at the Mission is our men's addiction recovery Life Change Program. Our residential Christian program includes components such as 12-step work, counseling, work therapy, Bible study, educational support, career preparation and a final phase of life skills classes.

It is our goal to help men rebuild their lives through the transformative power of Christ – and thanks to the generosity of friends like you, we are doing just that!

To learn more about our recovery program, visit our website at MarketStreet.org/what-we-do/addiction-recovery-program.





Serving
Up Meals
& Hope
in Sussex
County



Have you heard about the new service offered at our Market Street Mission – Sussex County location?

Along with providing overnight shelter for men and referrals to our addiction recovery program, last November we began serving dinner to the community every Sunday night at 6 p.m.!

We are excited about the opportunity for further outreach to our neighbors in the Sussex County community. Thanks to your support, we not only meet people's physical needs, but share the hope of the Gospel message with them, too.

Learn more about our Sussex County services at MarketStreet.org/Sussex.

NEW MARKET STREET MERCH

The Mission now has an online merch store, offering our Mission logo with different designs on items like t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and stickers! All profits from our sales help fund Mission programs like meals, shelter and addiction recovery. Buy some merchandise to show your support of the Mission AND help change the life of a neighbor in need at the same time!

Visit MarketStreetMerch.com to shop now!



"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV