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Meet *Jacob* He can't thank YOU enough!

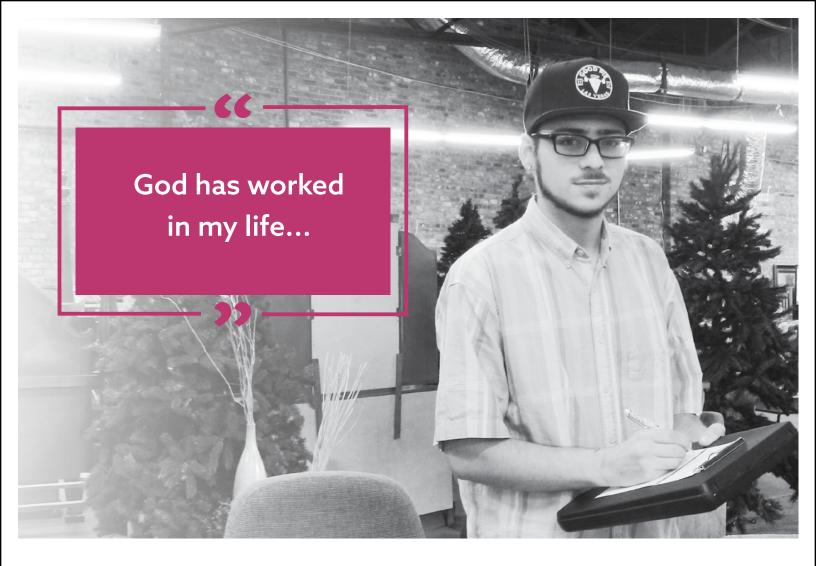
Because of you, Jacob's heart is filled with new hope this Easter.

DON'T MISS...

2 Darryl came for a meal... **3** "God has worked in my life..."

4 Easter Needs

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osing his mother changed everything for Jacob. "Instead of grieving properly, I turned to drugs to cover my pain, but it only made it worse," he says. He developed an addiction that eventually cost him his livelihood... his home... and his self esteem.

"I was living in my car – or bouncing from hotel room to hotel room – and doing the unthinkable to get by and support my habit," he explains. "I was digging myself into a hole I thought I would never get out of."

Overcome by depression and despair, Jacob attempted to end his life. When he was released from the hospital, he moved in with family members for support. But it wasn't long before he rekindled his self-destructive ways. Finally, knowing there was nothing more they could do to help him, his loved ones encouraged him to "give God a try."

"One night I knelt down and prayed to God for change," Jacob shares. His plea was answered when he entered a detox program and was referred to Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.

Today, in our Christ-centered recovery program,

Jacob is overcoming his addiction. With the guidance of compassionate counselors and volunteers, he earned his GED and is enrolled in a Culinary Arts program, building a foundation for his future.

While Jacob has worked hard in our care, he credits the Lord for his success. "God has given me the strength to fight through the bad days, the courage to take on new challenges, and the power to overcome the odds," he says. "God has worked in my life, and I've seen Him work in others around me."

My life was broken, and I was trying to fill a void with substance abuse and toxic relationships.

You may never meet Jacob, but he's eternally grateful for your support – today, his heart is filled with new hope for the future. "The Rescue Mission has been life saving and a true blessing."



Here's how YOUR gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!

15,872 meals to serve to men, women and children in our community



3,040 nights of shelter to provide for men in our recovery programs



76 men to care for in our Life Builders and Transformers Programs (on average)



1,295 hours of education & counseling to provide

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14, KJV



A Message from LOU CARRICO

YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon - and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate and shout, "He is risen indeed!"

I can't think of a truth that's more important to those staying at the Rescue Mission right now... men who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction.

That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer a hurting world hope resonates with our guests.

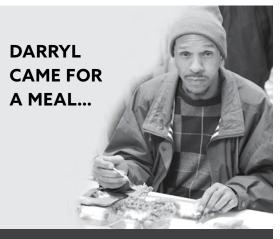
In Jesus, they see that they too can overcome! As they begin to trust Him, their past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. They walk in freedom, knowing that they're forgiven.

Forgiveness is a doorway to new life. It opens up our guests to accepting love - not just God's, but love from our staff, their families and even themselves. From there, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the glorious hope of the cross in your life... and remember that YOU are making it possible for hurting people to find forgiveness and freedom through the cross too. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

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Lou Carrico Interim Executive Director



... AND IT WAS THE START **OF A NEW LIFE!**

Darryl didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.05
 Each meal you give makes a big difference!
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

This Easter, as Darryl celebrates the hope in his life, YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care that's often the first step to healing and a new life in Christ!

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope. Sive online anytime at **wsrescue.org.**

Thank you again for your support of our Rescue Mission guests! Happy Easter!

YOU can help meet our EASTER NEEDS!

Friday, April 10: Our Easter Meal is at 5 p.m. and Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter, we're preparing to serve **15,872 hot meals to the men in our programs...** and provide the men in our recovery programs



with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.** During the same period, we serve 2,480 to-go meals for needy people on the streets that come to our door, and another 8,177 through our client-choice food pantry.

Our hurting, hopeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!

Get a closer look at how <u>YOUR</u> support is changing lives.

TAKE OUR RESCUE MISSION TOUR!

- It's easy to sign up!
- It's fun to visit!
- Best of all, you'll see your gifts at work!

To join our next Rescue Mission tour, contact Sandy Carrico!

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Hope to see you at the Rescue Mission soon!

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Friday, April 10**:

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- □ INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- **BUTTER**
- CANNED VEGIETABLES
- D POWDERED MILK
- DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- COFFEE
- □ CREAMER

Drop off donations at the Rescue Mission, 717 Oak Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. **Thank you so much!**

No time to shop? Donate now! **(336) 723-1848** wsrescue.org

Lend a hand this Easter season... VOLUNTEER!

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