

VISION

Change Lives

Fall 2022

ws Rescue
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BEN IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given him hope and
new life this holiday!



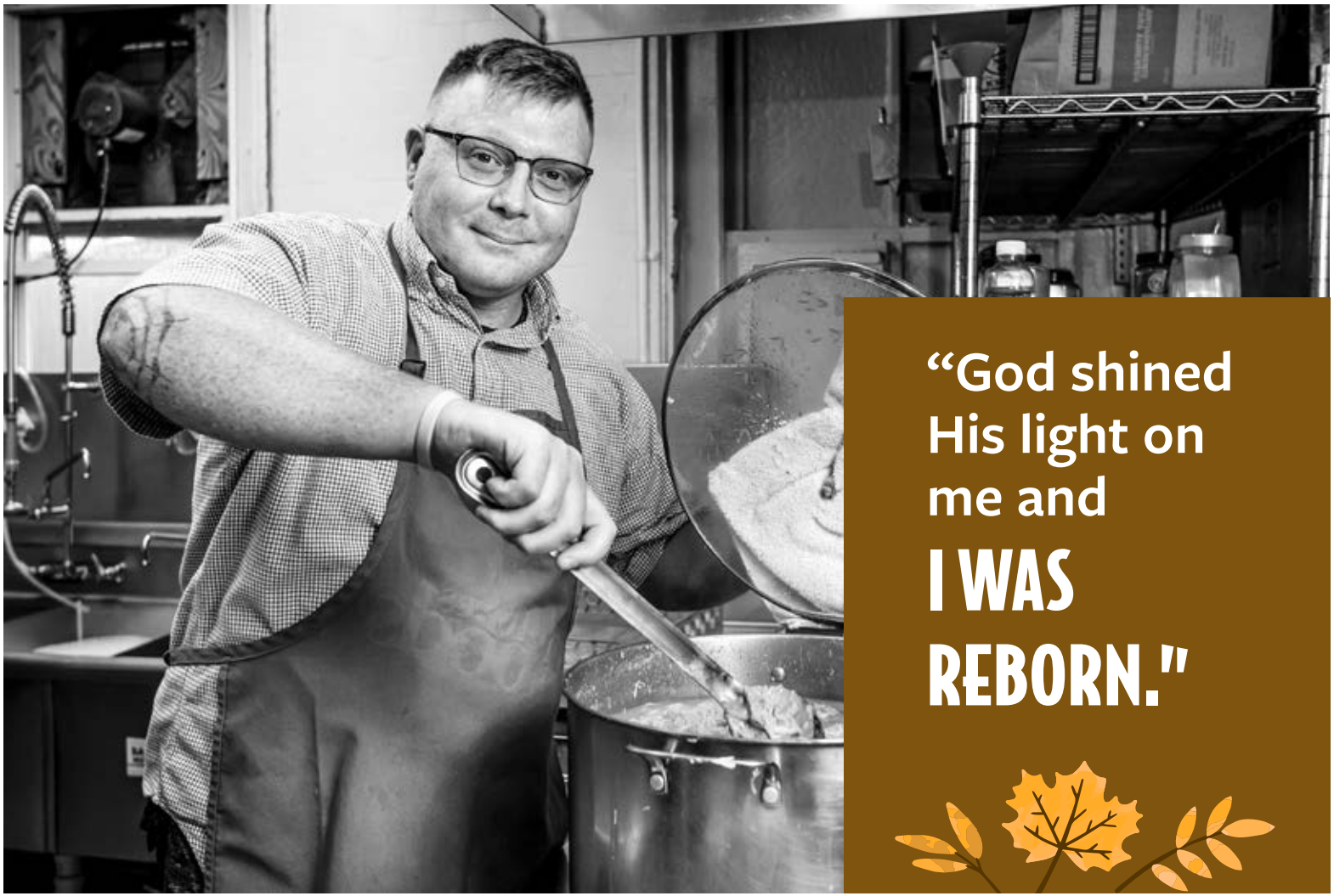
DON'T MISS...

2 Our Thanksgiving
Campaign has begun!

3 "I've been
reborn."

4 Help Us Get
Ready!

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“God shined
His light on
me and
**I WAS
REBORN.**”



When Ben was a boy, he had a close relationship with the Lord, praying every day and trying to do God’s will. But, when he was 12, his grandmother died, leaving him heartbroken and fearful of death, so he ran from the Lord and began numbing his pain with drugs. “I stopped praying and lost my connection with God.”

Over the years, Ben’s addiction escalated, damaging his family relationships and affecting his mental health. “I started hearing voices and having paranoid delusions and I became very reclusive.”

Then he became an uncle and his desire to be a good role model for his niece and nephew drove him to change his life. “I had a come-to-God moment and He led me to the Rescue Mission.”

Ben entered our Life Builders Program, where Bible studies, chapel services and Christian counseling have helped him draw close to the Lord once again. “Now, I talk to God often and I feel His presence,” Ben says. “Prayer and the Word are my weapons to battle addiction.”

Through his faith and sobriety, Ben has found healing for his mind and his relationships. “God has restored my mental health. It’s a true testament to His

power and grace,” Ben says. “And my family is really proud of me. My dad even started going to church because he saw what God had done in my life.”



Now I’m a better son, a good
uncle and a warrior for Christ.



Ben graduated from the program and earned a certificate in Radio Broadcasting and Production, with plans to, one day, start a Christian radio station. He also earned a Peer Support Specialist certification and is now on our live-in staff, monitoring our shelter in the evenings and sharing his testimony of transformation at every turn.

Ben’s heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life. “When I got here, God shined His light on me and I was reborn.”

Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from LOU CARRICO

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)* During fall and Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Rescue Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! Your generous giving and prayers have helped them feel God's loving embrace, receive biblical tools to overcome their struggles and experience an abundant life in Christ.

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation,

costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you and I will remain faithful to the Lord's greatest commands to love Him and our neighbor as ourselves.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Lou Carrico, Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

46,306

Meals Needed this Fall and Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome hopelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can help change that!

Just \$2.99 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love



We need your help to provide thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at wsrescue.org.**

Read Ben's story – a life you helped change!



Shop at our Thrift Store!



When you make a donation or shop at our Thrift Store, you are blessing others in so many ways!

Our impoverished neighbors find well-priced necessities. Our program guests receive on-the-job training. And Thrift Store proceeds support our work to save and transform lives.

Shop or drop off your donations at 704 Oak Street in Winston-Salem, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Or schedule a donation pick-up by calling ☎ (336) 842-5322. For more information, visit

🌐 wsrescue.org/thrift-store.

Thank you!

Help Us Get Ready!



You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the fall and Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a food drive or shop for these critically needed items, then drop them off at the Rescue Mission, **717 Oak Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.

Turkeys
Hams
Stuffing mix
Cream of mushroom soup
Milk
Dinner rolls

Recyclable cups and napkins
Fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, onions, potatoes



Thank you for making these meals extra special!



Leave a Legacy of Blessing

Thank you for your generous spirit. It's reflected in all you do to share your blessings with those in need.

Would you like to continue bringing healing and hope to the broken beyond your lifetime? When you remember the Rescue

Mission in your will or estate plans, you ensure that your spirit of compassion continues blessing others tomorrow and beyond.

For more information on planned giving opportunities, contact us at ☎ (336) 842-5308 or 📧 legacy@wsrescue.org.