

# VISION

Change Lives

Holiday 2022

ws Rescue  
MISSION

The best Christmas  
gift there is...

*Michael*  
has joy and new life,  
thanks to you!

**DON'T MISS...**

**2** The Joy that Comes  
from Christ

**3** "God restored  
my soul."

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for Christmas

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# “God restored my soul.”

Michael was raised by a single mother, and although she did the best she could, he needed and longed for a male role model. “My father wasn’t in my life at all and I didn’t really know what it meant to be a man.”

When he became a father, Michael was overjoyed that his own son would grow up in a two-parent home. But before long, he and his girlfriend separated. “It filled me with grief, shame and guilt,” he says. “Instead of pursuing Christ Jesus for comfort, I chose to numb my pain with drugs and alcohol.”

Within a few years, Michael’s beloved mother died unexpectedly, sending his addiction and his life spiraling out of control. “I lost my job, my vehicle and my home, and I was growing distant from my child. I felt like there was no way out.”

He was thinking of taking his own life when he had a moment of clarity. **He realized that it was only by God’s grace and mercy that he’d survived the years of addiction, so perhaps God had a purpose for his life.** “I said, ‘I surrender, Lord!’”

Then he came to the Rescue Mission, where God’s Word, chapel services and Christian counseling transformed him. “The staff taught me, guided me, loved me and challenged me. Now, my relationship with Christ is closer than ever.”

Today, Michael is a godly role model for his son, shares messages in our chapel services and leads Bible studies for other program men. He also serves on our Thrift Store staff and has begun to pursue a degree in Biblical studies at Carolina University. “God has called me to ministry,” he says. “Now, I have a purpose.”

“The Lord has made me whole and given me

# PEACE

that surpasses all understanding.”

**Michael is excited to celebrate the restored hope he has been given this Christmas – and wants YOU to know just how grateful he is.** “The Rescue Mission pointed me back to the Lord and He restored my soul.”



# Help meet our **\$5,500** GIVING TUESDAY Goal!

*Tuesday, November 29*

## A Message from LOU CARRICO

### The JOY that Comes from Christ

Don't you just love the words of John 1:14? *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

As we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, it's such a blessing to know God fills our hearts with joy everlasting – today and every day. His faithfulness sustains us through every circumstance and His grace offers renewal in our lives... as well as in the lives of those we serve.

While we do provide Christmas gifts to the guests in our care, what's most important is that they know about Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of salvation that is freely given to us all.

Thanks to your friendship, we're able to share the "good tidings of great joy for all people" during the holidays and throughout the year. Your fervent prayers and ongoing support help restore lives – and wrap local men, women and children in God's loving embrace.

Just like Michael, whose story we've shared on page 3, God still works miracles in the lives of people all around us.

This Christmas, I hope your heart overflows with peace, joy and love as your blessings abound.



Lou Carrico  
Executive Director

## SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL...

You can help make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors who are hopeless and hurting. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and to experience God's love!



**\$2.99**  
for 1 hot meal



**Safe  
shelter**

**CAN GIVE  
SOMEONE**



## Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!



## Donate a Vehicle. HELP CHANGE A LIFE!

It's hard to imagine that an old car could help change someone's life. But that's just what happens when you donate your used vehicle to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission!

Proceeds from selling or recycling your donation support our programs that sustain and transform the lives of hopeless and hurting people here in the Triad. Donating is easy!

- **If your vehicle is running**, contact Dane Smith at America's Auto Mart, Inc. at ☎ (336) 785-1205.
- **If your vehicle isn't running**, contact Foss Recycling at ☎ (336) 788-9122.

These trusted vendors will take care of moving your vehicle, transferring titles and all other necessary paperwork. And all donations are tax-deductible. *Thank you!*

*"And my God shall supply  
all your need according to  
His riches in glory by Christ  
Jesus." -Philippians 4:19*

**May the Lord bless  
you abundantly this  
Christmas!**



As we prepare our hearts for the miracle of Christmas, we just want to thank you for being a tremendous blessing in the lives of our hopeless and hurting neighbors. **This year alone, your generosity has opened the door for healing and transformation through God's unending love by providing:**

- 163,514 nourishing meals
- 18,985 nights of safe shelter
- 267 lives changed in our life recovery programs
- 42,511 hours of classes/counseling/job training

Just as you have given generously to help the Rescue Mission meet our needs, may God meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory. *Thank you for your caring and compassion, and have a wonderful Christmas!*

## Stock our pantry for Christmas

We're always in need of donations of food and warm clothing, but Christmas is an especially busy time for us.

Please consider making a donation of some of these much-needed items:

### KITCHEN NEEDS

*Turkeys and hams*

*Boxes of stuffing*

*Bags of potatoes*

*Canned fruits and vegetables*

*Fresh carrots, celery and onions*

*Coffee, creamer and sugar*

*Cream of Mushroom soup*

*Milk*

*Dinner rolls*

*Cool Whip*

*Recyclable cups & napkins*

*Paper towels*



### SEASONAL NEEDS

*Cold medicine*

*Cough drops*

*Heavy coats*

*Thermal sets*

*Winter pants and shirts*

*New underwear*

*Sweatpants*

*Men's and women's pajamas*

*Hats, gloves and socks*

*Deodorant and soap*

*Disinfectant wipes*

*Toilet paper*

Please drop off your donations at the Rescue Mission, 717 Oak Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. ***Thank you!***