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“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...” -
Isaiah 40:31

*Rebuilding the Lives of Homeless Men
One Precious Soul at a Time*

A Message from our Director:

“For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law, but when in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them.”
2 Chronicles 15:3-4



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September is always an exciting time at Calvary Rescue Mission as we start a new round of classes for those men who are interested. One night a week we have a team of volunteers who lead our Discipleship I class. It is designed to help those in the class better understand what it means to follow Christ using a workbook and group discussion. One afternoon each week we offer Discipleship II. This course is open to those who have completed Discipleship I and are ready to draw even closer to our Lord. They have a lesson each session and keep a daily prayer journal and reading journal. They also memorize the books of the Bible and key verses to lead someone into a relationship with Jesus. They also have to develop and give their short testimony. On another night of the week we offer our Addiction Recovery Program, led by a certified drug and alcohol counselor. Then, on a separate night, we offer a "Faith and Finance" class. This helps the men learn how to manage their money Biblically. Many of our men have never had a bank account or written a check or learned how to develop a budget. This class is led by a facilitator along with assistants, known as Allies, who help the men understand each concept. These are all good classes and many of the men get excited about learning more about their Lord.

Because of Calvary,
Dennis Rutledge
Executive Director drut1954@comcast.net

Our Volunteers!



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Client's Testimony, by Tim Schlum



Jimmy Seeley's academic and career accomplishments are incredible. He graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor's in Business Administration in 1992 and then graduated again from the University of Memphis with his Juris Doctorate (JD) in 2002. Jimmy was baptized as a baby and went through a confirmation class as a teenager, but he never actually came to know Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior until he was 34. He was about to be a father and would soon be the father to two daughters but he did not like the man he was and was concerned about the example he would be setting for his child. He felt apathetic toward God, he turned to alcohol during difficult times, and he recognized that if he didn't know his Heavenly Father, he would not be a good earthly father. He was convicted of this realization by the power of the Holy Spirit, he repented, ran to Jesus, and was saved and baptized! Shortly after his salvation, Jimmy landed an incredible high-level job at St. Jude's downtown! Life was going well, but as you all know, life isn't always fair and isn't always easy. After working for 10 years at St. Jude, his position was eliminated out of nowhere and he was laid off. He spent the next year looking for work. Despite awesome academic credentials, he struggled finding work. This brought a terrible amount of stress on Jimmy and his family, and he began falling back into alcohol to cope. He finally landed another job and spent 7 years there before being laid off again without notice, and during this time was going through a divorce. Between another layoff and an impending divorce, Jimmy hit rock bottom. He had to leave the family house because of the divorce and began sleeping in motels and even his car for a period of time. He struggled with severe depression and even thoughts of suicide. Jimmy explains that he felt the Lord's presence in a powerful way once he finally hit rock bottom. The Lord began to rebuild his life. He rediscovered his love for Jesus, began reading his Bible, and put down the bottle. By God's grace, Jimmy has been sober for the last year, he has been a part of a morning prayer group once a week, and has enjoyed being a client at Calvary Rescue Mission for the last couple of months. His daughters are so proud of him, and he is so proud of his daughters. Jimmy has found great friends among the clients and staff at Calvary and has appreciated the stability that Calvary has given him. He knows where he will sleep every night, he gets delicious meals each day, and is in a safe environment where he can grow in his walk with Jesus. He is currently pursuing employment opportunities and would appreciate your prayers and any contacts you might be able to send his way.

NEEDS & PRAYERS

Needs: Medium to XL boxer briefs; Canned fruit (Peaches & Pineapples), Canned Vegetables, Instant Oatmeal and Grits, Individually wrapped Snacks especially cupcakes, Twinkies and the like, Chips, Bottled Water, Deodorant, and twin - blade razors.

Praise: Please praise God for the many ways that he uses others to encourage us so that we can, in turn, encourage others and especially the many volunteers who come to encourage the men, yet leave far more encouraged themselves.

Please pray: Please pray for us to have the funds for the furniture, fixtures and equipment for our new chapel.

Please pray: Please pray for our Feed the 400 program, held on the day before Thanksgiving, where volunteers prepare 400 "to-go" plates of turkey, dressing, yams, cranberry sauce, sweet peas and a roll and deliver them in the neighborhood around us, that we will receive enough to feed 400 people. We need Stove-Top Stuffing, Large Cans of candied yams, jellied cranberry sauce, sweet peas and rolls to feed 400 people.

Please pray: Please pray for us to identify the person that God has selected to serve as our Chief Financial Officer.

YOU CAN FINANCIALLY HELP CALVARY ...

WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A PENNY!!!

If you shop at Kroger you can register for your Kroger Rewards Card at: Kroger.com.communityrewards Our No. is XV227. We would appreciate you signing up with Kroger's listing Calvary Rescue Mission as your charity so we will receive a percentage of your purchases. Last Quarter: **\$942.69**

CRM 2024 - Thanksgiving - Feed the 400!

If you would like to serve at this event please contact Tim Schlum at 901-775-2570 ext 5, and leave a voicemail if no one answers. The date is November 27, 2024, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Feed the 400!



CRM's Children's Christmas!! Saturday December 14th,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

We need New toys to gift to the neighborhood children. We also need new bikes. We also need Volunteers to help us fill the bags ahead of time, and ones to help pass out gifts for these precious children.

Memorial or Honorarium

Would you like to make a donation to either our Operating Fund or Building Fund in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone. You can fill out the information and send with your donation in the enclosed envelope.

Please contact: Hatch_CRM@outlook.com

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF _____

Send acknowledgement to: _____
(relationship to person)

Address to send acknowledgement:: _____

“Volunteer Highlights”, by Dennis Rutledge



Sammie Armstead has a unique relationship with Calvary Rescue Mission. He is the only one who has served the men at the mission in every possible role. Sammie first came to Calvary as a homeless man who had been living on the streets and sleeping under bridges and overpasses. Soon, he was asked to serve as a staff member and he gladly started working for us. Sammie served both as a cook and as supervisor. He eventually got a job with Corky's, got married and moved into his own house.

Even though he was no longer staying at Calvary Rescue Mission, Sammie still wanted to serve the men who live here. He served many years on our Board of Directors but has now moved into Director Emeritus status. Having served as a client and as a staff member, Sammie gave other board members great insight into things that were needed at the mission. Sammie's greatest impact, however, has been his many years of faithful attendance as lay preacher on the first Wednesday night of every month. He also attends on the second Wednesday night every month to support another pastor and encourage the men. Sammie's call to ministry has even carried him outside the walls of Calvary Rescue Mission in ministering to the homeless. For many years, Sammie and his wife, Betty, conducted their "Church Without Doors" in Beale Street Park on Sunday afternoons. They used 5-gallon buckets and lumber to form benches for the people to sit while Sammie preached God's Word and Betty led them in song. They also fed those who attended and provided them some clean clothes if they needed them. Sammie Armstead is truly a unique individual and a blessing to Calvary Rescue Mission in so many ways.

Chicken Champions

- David & Christy Moore
- Mack & Barbara Rickman
- Dennis & Mary Fry
- Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Young
- Jerry & Lynn Young

**Want to become a
Chicken
Champion??**

"Sponsor the cost of supplies (\$250) for our monthly luncheon so that all money received at that luncheon goes into our Building Fund."

July

2024

Lodgings	2,110
Meals	6,330
Clothing	198
Saved	34

Our October Business Luncheon

Our Next Luncheon will be September 10th! Our speaker will be Don Gilbert! The Luncheon begins at 11:00 a.m. Of course, we'll have Robert's famous fried chicken and all the fixing's! We look forward to seeing you all at Calvary!

****Due to construction of our new chapel, parking on-site is very limited for the next several months. We will direct you to other nearby locations where we will have men watching the vehicles and provide shuttles to the mission.****

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