

RESCUE LINE

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THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Ed* A NEW BEGINNING.

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





A Message from DEAN GARTLAND

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

"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

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 men, women, children and veterans feel welcome here at City 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.**

Dean R. Gartland, M.S.
President/CEO



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS



Help make a new beginning possible for more men and women this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.49 - often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-changing programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at citymission.org.

Easter²⁰²³
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Life transformation starts with YOU!



14,650 meals
\$2.49 for a meal!



5,178 nights
of shelter



175 men, women & veterans in our recovery programs (on any given day)



460 visits to our Career Training & Education Center

Thank you for providing these services this Easter season.

“The Mission has given me a new life in Christ.”



When Ed was a little boy, he endured unimaginable trauma. “My father abused me in every way possible, but I buried the memories deep inside.”

They stayed buried for decades, while Ed started a family, built a business and bought a home.

Then, when he was 40, he fell into a deep depression, and when he sought the help of a therapist, the abuse came to light. It was almost too much for him to bear, but there was more pain to come, for when Ed shared the traumatic memories with his mother, he discovered that she’d known about the abuse all along. “She said, ‘I couldn’t hurt your father’s career by telling anyone what he was doing to you,’” Ed says. “I was devastated.”

He didn’t speak to his mother for 10 years. Then, in an effort to forgive, he invited her to his birthday party. “It brought back all kinds of bad memories and I started using drugs to alleviate the hurt.”

Ed battled his addiction for years. “I lost everything,” he says. “I hated myself. I wanted to die.”

Finally, he was admitted to a hospital behavioral health unit. When he was discharged,

they referred him to our Life Recovery Program, where he had a life-changing encounter with the Lord. “Through reading the Bible, chapel services and devotions, I found something I’d never had – a connection with Jesus Christ and an inner peace I hadn’t felt in 69 years of life.”

Through counseling, faith-based recovery classes and fellowship with other program men, Ed

“ I found God and it changed my life. ”

has also addressed the root causes of his addiction and learned to live his life in a new way. Now he serves as a Resident Assistant here and hopes to join our staff one day, helping other men find the healing and hope he’s found at the Mission.

With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Ed is grateful for your support this Easter. “The Mission has given me a new life in Christ.”

“The Mission’s door is open.”

Anthony was in solitary confinement in prison when he realized he was exhausted. He always tried to act like a tough guy – getting into fights and resisting authority – but now he was tired. It was time to change.

While in prison, Anthony joined a recovery program and found a mentor who helped him heal emotionally and spiritually. By the time he was eligible for parole, he was a new man and had even enrolled in college. But he still needed support transitioning back into society, which is why he came to City Mission.

“People like me who are getting out of prison need a chance. A lot of doors are shut to people like us, but the Mission’s door is open,” Anthony says. “It was the best decision for me. They gave me the little nudges I needed. The Mission gives every single person who comes through its doors the opportunity to succeed.”

Today, Anthony continues to focus on his education. He wants to become a counselor who specializes in substance abuse recovery. “It’s my passion,” he says. “I want to be there for people, as people have been here for me.”

Anthony is on a new path of hope and success – thanks to support from friends like you that made it possible for him to continue his recovery at City Mission. Thank you for making his story and so many others like his possible!



YOUR PRAYERS CHANGE LIVES!

Prayer is powerful. That’s why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!

- Pray that God will lead people in need to the Mission.
- Pray that our residents’ hearts will be open to God’s Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our residents, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods and country. God bless you!