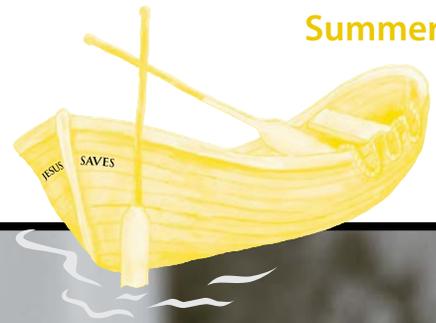


The **LIFELINE**



A lifeboat to the lost

Jon-Erik's challenge:

finding his true self

Jon-Erik lost himself in a world of drugs...
and never knew if he would find himself again.

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"I became a different person."

Jon-Erik grew up way too fast. "I had a good home and supportive parents," he says. "But **by fifth grade, I was hanging out with high school kids, drinking and smoking pot.**"

Over the years, Jon-Erik's drug use escalated to painkillers and heroin, costing him jobs and destroying relationships. "I became a different person," he says.

Jon-Erik was saved and became clean in a Christian recovery program, but eventually relapsed when he "lost focus on spiritual things." It was then that he entered the Life Change Program at our sister Mission in Morristown. There, he found the emotional healing and spiritual restoration he needed. "Now, the Lord gives me strength through everything," he says. "**I'm spiritually sound.**"

Halfway through the program, Jon-Erik knew he wanted to spend his life ministering to others just as the Mission had ministered to

him. So after graduation, he came here to the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission to complete an internship.

"It's giving me the opportunity to continue growing spiritually and give back," he says. "**I rest well at night because I've done good and I wake up in the morning wanting to do the same thing. That's a good way to live your life and I want to do that for the rest of mine.**"

When Jon-Erik completes his internship, he's heading back to the Market Street Mission to join their staff as kitchen manager and help lead classes and Bible studies. "Coming to the Mission has made me realize that **God has a greater plan for me than I could have imagined,**" he says.

WITH YOUR HELP, Jon-Erik and others like him are finding that God's hope and healing are for everyone, regardless of their past or circumstances. Thank you for your generous support.

"I didn't care about anybody but myself."

THE GREATEST CHALLENGE

How do you challenge yourself?

Maybe you've trained for a marathon or half marathon and pushed yourself to run across that finish line.

Or maybe you've been challenged by family, friends or a pastor to open your heart to someone who's very different than you... or to live out God's love in new and powerful ways.

Right now, we're in the middle of a challenge from our Board of Directors and staff to match their generous \$10,000 gift with an additional \$10,000.

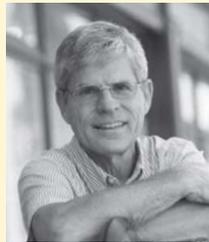
But our greatest challenge is a daily one: inspiring new hope in the lives of people struggling with an addiction or abuse, unemployment or homelessness, hunger or hopelessness.

In this issue's cover story, you'll hear Jon-Erik's testimony of how

our Life Change Program has transformed his life.

His story is powerful because of you. You understand the challenges our neighbors in need face, and we're grateful you share the truly life-changing gifts of meals, shelter and care.

We can meet the challenge of caring for our community's hurting because of you and your faithful support. Thank you for giving to bring new hope to countless lives forever.



G. David Scott
Executive Director

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Your donations make all the difference

Paper products, kitchen utensils, school supplies, sheets, towels, and socks – these are just a few of the items we need here at the Mission.

Your donations not only help our program guests, but they also bless needy individuals and families referred to the Mission by pastors and social workers. We're able to help everyone who comes to our door free of charge, only because of you.

You can drop off your donations between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the Mission, 701 Memorial Dr. in Asbury Park. For more information, call **(732) 807-3506**.



URGENT NEEDS LIST

Clothing & Hygiene Items

- Sport & dress socks
- T-shirts (sizes L-XXL)
- Boxers (sizes 32-46)
- Shower sandals & slippers
- Pajamas & bathrobes (sizes L-XXL)
- Towels & washcloths
- Twin sheets, blankets, comforters, pillows

Classroom

- Casio fx-260 pocket calculators

Kitchen

- Ground coffee
- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Aprons & oven mitts
- Dish towels & sponges
- Paper products