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# The Mission SAVED MY LIFE.

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### "Now I have peace."

When Leon was a little boy, his father told him he was worthless, and Leon came to believe it

was true. "He always beat me down and made me feel like nothing," Leon says. "I didn't like myself."

He was just 13 when he began numbing his pain with alcohol and drugs. "I liked the way they made me feel and I continued using them all through my life."

As an adult, Leon was a functioning addict, starting a family and running a successful business. Then he suffered a severe back injury on the job and became addicted to the opiates he was taking for pain. His life spiraled out of control. "I went off on this crazy, wild goose chase after drugs. I was never able to calm down. It was an insane way to live."

Eventually, his fiancée left, taking their three children, and Leon fell into despair. "I didn't want to live anymore."

Finally, he turned to the Mission for help, and through our Life Change Program's Bible studies and chapel services, he gave his life to Christ. "I have a personal relationship with the Lord. I talk to Him all the time."

Leon's newfound faith and our Christian counselors have helped him address the root causes of his addiction and find healing for his heart. "They taught me a lot about myself," he says. "Now I can calm down, relax and not worry. I let go and let God."

He's rebuilding his relationships with his children, and after graduation he hopes to work here at the Mission, helping other men rebuild their lives. "This place saved my life and I'd like to give back," he says.

Leon is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it's thanks to the love you've shown for a neighbor like him. "I didn't want to live. But God brought me here and I came to Christ. Now, I'm happy."



Our sister Mission in Morristown, the Market Street Mission, has expanded and is now offering meals and shelter in Sussex County.

Our new 14-bed shelter for men is on Spring Street in Newton, adjacent to Christ Community Church. The Market Street Mission's Sussex County hospitality room offers hungry and homeless men a safe place to sleep as well as dinner and breakfast. Our ultimate hope is that those in Sussex County who are battling addiction and substance abuse will find further healing in our Life Change addiction recovery program in Morristown.

Please keep this expansion in prayer, that the Lord would guide our steps and make us good servants of people in the Sussex County area.

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

It starts with a meal for \$2.82.



A Message from DAVE SCOTT

# Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$19,740 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

#### We can't meet this summer challenge without your help.

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also crucial to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



G. David Scott
Executive Director

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Help meet our community's needs.

Your gift today provides:



7,000 meals



2,500 nights of shelter



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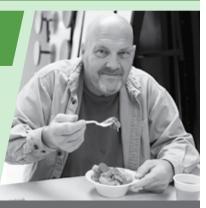


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PLEASE HELP TODAY.



98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



**Give now. JerseyShoreRescue.org** Support our Summer Campaign now.

# Do you know our

## SUMMER (3)





Our "Summer 6" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all summer long.

## We'd LOVE if you helped by donating any – or all – of these items.

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 701 Memorial Dr. in Asbury Park, seven days a week. It's a great way to care for our guests at the Mission this summer.

- 1. Bottled water
- 2. Men's deodorant
- Reading glasses, all strengths
- 4. Toilet paper
- Men's boxers or briefs sizes Large-2X
- 6. Detergent pods, any type



One of the most powerful ways you can support the ministry work of the Mission is through prayer. None of our work would be possible without the guidance and provision of the Lord, and we need to remember the importance of bringing our needs before Him.

And our praises, too. The Lord is always faithful and always good, and we see that demonstrated at the Mission day after day.

So please, join with us in lifting the Mission before the Lord. Pray especially for the people we serve – those who are hungry, homeless and struggling with addiction – that they would experience God's love and healing. We know that true life-change is only possible through the transformative power of Christ.

#### Great deals for a great cause



The Jersey Shore Rescue Mission Thrift Store offers so many opportunities to help people in our community. Just look at how lives are changed through this one store:

- Guests in our recovery program learn onthe-job training and employment skills while working here.
- Your local neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from items sold at the Thrift Store go directly to the Mission to support life-changing programs and services.

**Everyone benefits.** To donate items, you can visit 701 Memorial Drive from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tuesday – Thursday and 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – Saturday or call **(732) 807-3506** to schedule a pickup right from your home. And if you'd like to shop with us, you can find our Thrift Store at 701 Memorial Drive during 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday or learn more at **JerseyShoreRescue.org.** 

Thank you for your support of our Thrift Store to give donations a second life and give hungry, homeless people a second chance.