

The **LIFELINE**



Thanks to you...

Isaiah

has been given a
life-changing gift
this Christmas.

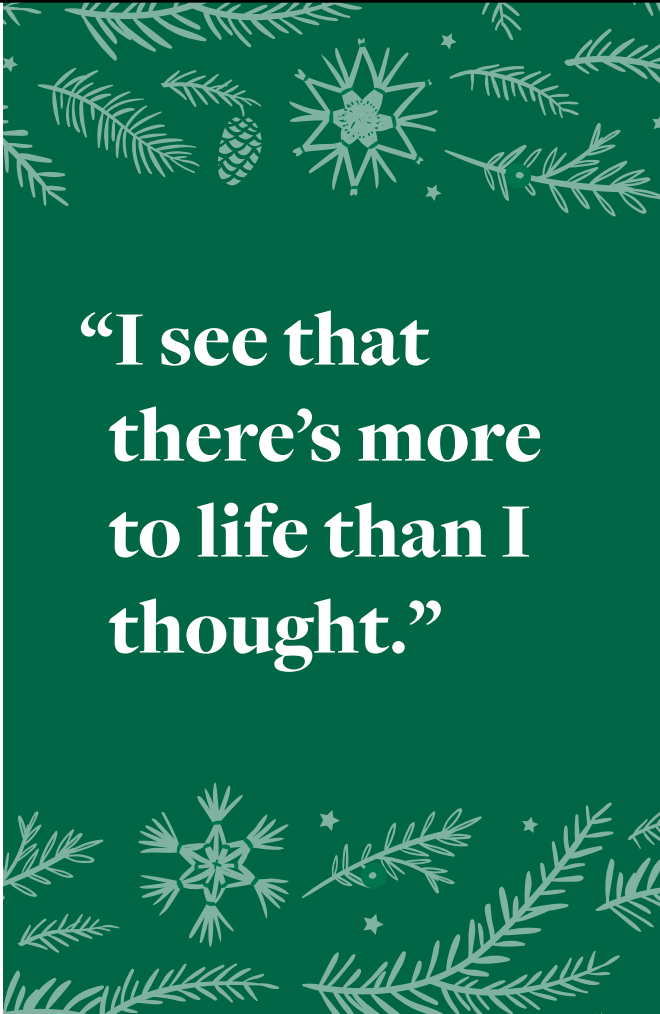


Don't miss...

2 Celebrating rebirth
this Christmas.

3 "There's more to
life than I thought."

4 Give the gift
of hope.



**“I see that
there’s more
to life than I
thought.”**



Living in poverty, with both parents battling addiction, childhood was a struggle for Isaiah. He began drinking as a teen to fit in with his friends, and realized that alcohol helped tone down the emotions he’d been pushing aside for years. He found the same numbing relief in Xanax, and soon developed an addiction.

A few years later, Isaiah was living in his own apartment and had an altercation with his roommate. He called and asked if he could live with his father for a while. To his surprise, his father agreed.

After Isaiah had detoxed, his father, who is a graduate of our recovery program, called and asked if we had space for his son. Then Isaiah got the call that changed everything: “Do you want to come and change your life?”


Isaiah decided to give our addiction recovery program a try. He didn’t want to be here at first – but once he stopped trying to control everything, he began noticing God working in his life.

“I started praying and asking for things to change and to be forgiven, and I started feeling different,” he says.


When he joined our program, Isaiah was angry and

anxious. He didn’t think he could get better, and life didn’t seem worth living. But now, he trusts that God has a better plan for his life.

As a graduate of our program, Isaiah wants other struggling young people to share the hope he’s found. “I’d like to encourage anybody who’s young and going through these real problems to reach out and ask for help. Don’t let your situation paint a picture of you that’s not really you. At the end of the day, God forgives you for anything if you ask.”



**“I don’t have to carry
this weight anymore.”**



It’s going to be a Christmas filled with joy for Isaiah – and he is so grateful to you for this wonderful gift of a new life found in Christ. “I’m starting to grow into myself as a person. I see that there’s more to life than I thought. I’m just glad to see another day every morning.”

Celebrating Christmas with JOY for All People

In Luke 2:10, the angel says,
*"Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all
people."*

During the Christmas season,
we hear a lot about joy. It has me
thinking about how joy is something
all people can have in their hearts.
This time of year, our greatest joy is
celebrating the birth of our Savior
and the eternal life we have been
freely given.

That joy is what fills our hearts
Christmas morning... and, hopefully,
every day of the year. It's the
same joy I see on the faces of the
neighbors that have come to the
Jersey Shore Rescue Mission and
experienced God's life-changing love
up close and personal. The joy YOU
help them experience through your
heartfelt prayers and support.

This Christmas, as you reflect on
the "reason for the season," I hope
you will remember our neighbors
who are hurting. As Isaiah's story
shows, your generosity offers help.
Healing. And a chance to be held in
the arms of a loving God.

I am continually humbled by the
faithfulness of friends like you who
joyfully bless others. Thank you, and
may God fill your heart with peace
and love.



G. David Scott

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Executive Director

A delicious Christmas meal for our homeless neighbors...

... STARTS WITH YOU.

As you prepare to celebrate the joy
of Christmas, please remember our
hurting neighbors. It's been another
really tough year for so many in our
community – and the very best gift
you can give them is the help they
need right now.

Just \$2.82 provides a meal and care for
one person.

That meal is often the first step
toward a new life through God's love.



\$2.82
for 1 hot meal



\$22.00
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**

**Healing
Hope
And a Second
Chance.**



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today.

SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE ISAIAH'S LIFE.

The Best Bargains in Town

The Jersey Shore Rescue Mission's Thrift
Store houses hidden treasures and great
bargains, like gently used clothing, furniture,
household items, tools, toys and bikes. And
when you make a donation or shop at our
Thrift Store, you're blessing those in need in so
many ways.

- You're raising money to support our work
that saves and transforms lives.
- You're providing work experience for
men in our Life Change Program.
- You're providing affordable essentials
for our neighbors in need.

Drop off your donations or shop at our Thrift
Store at 701 Memorial Drive, Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m. Donations are tax-deductible, and all proceeds benefit those we
serve here at the Mission. For more information, please call **(732) 807-3506.**





Healing and Hope In Sussex County

Did you know that we've expanded our ministry? Now hungry and homeless men in Sussex County have access to safe shelter, nutritious meals and the encouragement of loving staff at our 14-bed Sussex County hospitality room.

And those men who are seeking to transform their lives receive referrals to the Life Change Program at our sister Mission, Market Street, in Morristown.

For more information on how you can help support this life-changing work, visit JerseyShoreRescue.org/Sussex.

Thank you.

Give the gift of hope this *Christmas* season

You can bless our guests this holiday season by providing essentials they need to succeed at Christmas and year round.

Just select a gift from our urgent needs list below and drop it off at the Mission, or go to our Amazon Wishlist at

JerseyShoreRescue.org/JerseyShoreWishList and choose from a pre-selected list of much-needed items.

No matter what you give – bedding, winter wear, socks, hygiene supplies – you'll be letting our guests know they're not forgotten this Christmas season. You'll be sharing the love of Christ in a tangible way.

Thank you for your generosity.

URGENT NEEDS

T-shirts (sizes L-3X)

Boxers (sizes 32-46)

Thermal shirts and pants (sizes M-2X)

Sweatshirts (sizes L-3X)

Shower flip-flops

Towels

Twin-size sheet sets, blankets & pillows

Disposable razors & shaving cream

You can drop off your donations between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily, at the Mission, 701 Memorial Dr. in Asbury Park. For more information, call ☎ (973) 538-6337.