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Good News

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A Personal Word from Eric

What a blessing it is to be able to share stories like Arthur's with you!

This incredible testimony of a life transformed is the reason this ministry exists. It is the goal that drives us – that keeps our doors open, offering a warm Christian welcome to each and every person who is hungry, homeless or in need of care and compassion.

But we can only do that because you share your blessings.

Your prayers. Your time. Your gifts. These are the blessings you bestow on those who are hungry and homeless. These are the blessings that change – and save – people's lives.

As Thanksgiving approaches, my staff and I will be sending up an extra prayer of thanks for your support and encouragement.

It truly is a blessing to have friends like you who help feed, shelter and care for "the least, the last and the lost."

Road to a New Life Starts Here

Rev. Eric Burger
Executive Director

The power of surrender

Arthur lay in a tent in the woods near I-45, drinking himself to sleep night after night. "I was pretty much hopeless and at the end of my rope," he said. **"I really wanted to die."**



Arthur had grown up in an unhappy home; his mother had committed suicide; and his alcohol abuse had estranged him from his family. Yet, he'd turned his life around, had joined a Christian recovery program, and had a home and a job he loved...until his girlfriend died of a drug overdose.

"It overwhelmed me," he said. "I went out and started drinking." It wasn't long before he found himself living in that tent near the freeway.

A "miracle...in the form of a police officer" helped Arthur into a detoxification program rather than arresting him. "It got me dried out

enough to figure out that I didn't want to die," he said. "I had to do something."

Arthur had learned of Hiway 80 Rescue Mission's Christian, Bible-based program four years earlier when visiting the area. **"I knew that my only chance was with Christ,"** he says, so he called a pastor friend who gave him the money to travel to the Mission. When he arrived, he knew he was in the right place. "It's like God sent me here," Arthur says.

The Mission's New Creation recovery program has changed his life. Through the Making Peace with Your Past class, Arthur was able to surrender his mother's suicide to God. "I found out that I needed to do a whole lot of surrendering to a whole lot of other things in my past. I feel more at peace every time I surrender something."

Arthur recently graduated from the program, and is currently seeking employment.

He also hopes to reconnect with his children one day. "I really believe God is going to find some way," he says.

He encourages support of the Hiway 80 Rescue Mission in every way possible. "Even if you save one soul, it's worth the time and the effort," he says. "When we do this, we do this for God."

National Hunger & Homelessness

AWARENESS WEEK

Did you know one out of seven Americans lives in poverty? You may not see them every day in East Texas, but they are here, and Hiway 80 Rescue Mission is working hard to help them. November 17-23 is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week – a time set aside for every American to help fix the problems of hunger and homelessness. Your support is one of the best solutions. So make this your special time to volunteer, organize a food or clothing drive, or make a special donation.



Together, we can eliminate hunger and homelessness – one person at a time!

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Thanksgiving Needs

Turkeys
Hams
Onions
Celery
Canned green beans
(#10-size cans)
Canned yams
Cream of Mushroom soup
Potatoes
Pies
Cornmeal

Chicken broth
Butter
Granulated sugar
10 lb. bottles of cooking oil
Salt and pepper
Garlic powder
Poultry seasoning
Baking powder and soda
Foil
Plasticware

Please drop off donations at 3117 W. Marshall, Longview, TX. For more information, call (903) 759-8101 or visit www.Hiway80Mission.org.

Volunteers Wanted

This holiday season, we'll serve thousands of meals, and we need volunteers to help prepare and serve them!

The time and care you give will make a tremendous difference in the lives of men, women and children who are hungry and homeless.

Make it a family, church or office project... a time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings you have received this year.

Please call Gary Crim at (903) 759-8101 or visit Hiway80Mission.org.



An Enduring Gift

We would like to thank all those who have established legacy gifts to benefit the Mission or have



named the Mission in their wills. This enduring support is a true blessing to the Mission, as well as

a lifeline for men, women and children throughout the East Texas area who are hungry and homeless.

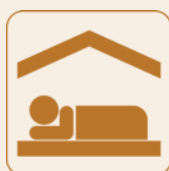
For those who are still considering ways to leave a lasting gift to continue your legacy of care for those in need, our Executive Director Eric Burger has some suggestions. Call him at (903) 759-8101. There's no obligation.

Feed the need or fix the problem?

In the next couple of months, your mailbox will be filled with requests from all kinds of organizations asking you to "Feed hungry people at Thanksgiving."

We think that's wonderful. But, why just at Thanksgiving? And why just food?

People who are hungry and homeless need more than a meal. They need shelter. Clothing. Job training. And most of all, they need **life-changing** programs



that will not only address the causes of hunger and homelessness, but work to overcome them!

Addiction, hunger and homelessness can be fatal. Your support provides the year-round, all-day-every-day food, shelter, Christian care and counseling that save lives. Your gifts bless men and women with the ability to transform their lives through our New Creation program.

Your gift today to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission will do so much more than feed the need. You will help fix the problem. Thank you!