

Hiway 80 Rescue Mission • Men's Shelter • Women & Families Shelter • Tyler Gateway to Hope

Easter 2017

A CHANCE FOR **NEW LIFE**

HOMELESS AND SUFFERING FROM A LUNG DISEASE, ROBERT CAME TO THE MISSION WHERE OUR MEN'S NEW CREATION PROGRAM BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO HIS BODY **AND** HIS SPIRIT.

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, you share new hope with people like Robert!

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We want to say **"THANK YOU!"**

HIWAY 80 RESCUE MISSION ANNUAL NEW LIFE BANQUET

APRIL 27TH Noon

TYLER ROSE GARDEN CENTER, TYLER

APRIL 27TH 6 p.m.

MAUDE COBB CONVENTION CENTER, LONGVIEW

This ministry would not be possible without the encouragement and support of all those who help us care for homeless men, women and children in Longview and Tyler.

To say "Thank You," we invite you to be our guest at a very special celebration where you'll enjoy good food, great music, testimonies, the fellowship of other Mission partners and a special guest speaker, Darryl Strawberry (NY Mets Baseball Player).

Make your reservation TODAY for either the noon or 6 p.m banquet.

Call (903) 759-8101 or go to our website at **Hiway80Mission.org** and click on "What's Happening/Upcoming Events."

SHARING HOPE STARTS HERE

What does it look like to share hope?

Compared to a plate of nourishing food or a warm blanket, it's often hard to visualize how hope changes lives.

But for the homeless and hurting people you're helping through your gifts, hope is transforming their lives in very tangible ways.

Take Robert, whose faith and health were failing when he came to the Mission... he thought he was out of hope.

Meals, shelter and care changed his life from the inside out. Experiencing God's love showed him that a new life is possible. He began believing in a better future – and began living that life every day!

When you see Robert today, you see hope... made real in his life <u>through your generosity</u>. Just as Christ shared hope with you and me through His glorious resurrection on Easter, you share His hope with men, women and children through your prayers, your acts of service and your generous financial support of this ministry.

Thank you for sharing with our community's homeless – and for making Hiway 80 Rescue Mission a refuge of encouragement and hope for everyone in need.



Road to a New Life Starts Here

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Rev. Eric Burger Executive Director

TYLER UPDATE

Our Gateway to Hope has served over 1,200 guests! Thanks to YOU, it's a place where hurting people can not only shower or do their laundry, but also find support and encouragement as they seek employment or look for housing.

We are now operating a medical clinic at Gateway to Hope! Our guests can receive basic medical care for illness, wound care, or other general health issues.

THIS IS RONNIE.

You'd never guess that he once believed all hope for his life was gone... until he came to the Mission.

There are so many like Ronnie – in need of new hope for a new life.

You can share new hope this Easter by sharing meals, shelter and God's love with homeless and hungry people. A meal is just \$2.11!

□ Share online at Hiway80Mission.org.
Share now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.

LAST EASTER, ROBERT WAS HOMELESS.

BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD, BOTH HIS FAITH AND HIS HEALTH HAVE NOW BEEN RESTORED.

NOW I FEEL LIKE I AM AT HOME. THIS PLACE IS LIKE FAMILY TO ME. Robert lost a lot throughout his life: both of his parents, his home, and eventually his ability to breathe.

Smoking for twenty-nine years left him with a progressive lung disease that makes breathing more and more difficult over time.

And even though he grew up in a home with a Pentecostal father and a Baptist mother, he wasn't "that close" to the Lord. Without anyone to rely on, he often felt lost.

When living with his sister in Houston didn't work out, Robert moved with a friend to Oklahoma, but ended up in a homeless shelter. It was there he heard about Hiway 80 Mission!

Thanks to the grace of God, everything has changed!

"I got on a bus Thursday and was here Friday morning," Robert says with a smile. "Monday morning I joined the program, and it has brought me a whole lot closer to God."

Robert grew up in a Christian home, so he knew God. "But I just wasn't close to Him until I joined the program and started going to Bible studies, doing devotions and worshipping."

That was just the kind of inner support Robert needed while facing his disease. "I had smoked two packs a day for years, but I quit smoking cold turkey about four months after I came here." When his disease put him in the hospital for five days, the Mission was there to pick him up when he was released.

"I had been working in the kitchen, but when I got out of the hospital, they put me in the clothing room where I helped out as much as I could." Through work, medical assistance and prayer, Robert watched his body and spirit begin to heal.

"I'm really blessed to be here," Robert says. "I'm blessed that God came into my life and I'm closer to Him. I wake up every morning and I give my day over to God!"

Join us for EASTER AT THE MISSION

You're invited to join us for our 7th Annual Community Celebration, where together we will celebrate the joy of the resurrection, and the abundance of new life it brings!

GOOD FRIDAY April 14, 12:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY April 15, 10:00 A.M.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT & FAMILY EASTER SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY April 16, 6:30 A.M.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

CAN YOU HELP WITH EASTER DINNER?

Your donation of any of these items will ensure a bountiful Easter feast and enough treats for all the children at Saturday's Easter egg hunt:

- Ham
- Potatoes
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Dinner rolls
- Eggs

- Pies
- Butter
- Individually wrapped Easter candy
- Plastic eggs

Please bring donations to the Mission at 3117 W. Marshall Ave. For more information, call **(903) 759-8101**.THANK YOU!







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