

the mission Gate

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The Ministry of Hope

“For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.” -Romans 5:10

Dear Friend,

I love Easter. I love the signs of a coming spring and the evidence of new life appearing. But I especially love the reminder of the new life I have in Christ. I, and everyone who knows Jesus, have been reconciled to God through the miracle of Easter. And it's through that reconciliation that we have hope: hope that we can be freed from addiction, hope that our needs will be met, and hope that families can be restored.

This month, you're going to hear the story of a man who has that hope. His name is Joel, and though his story begins in addiction, I'm happy to say he's reached a place of reconciliation and hope.

It's a story we never get tired of telling: Christ's death allows us to be reconciled to God. No matter how our stories start, they can end with us being saved and finding hope in Christ.

That's what we do here at Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission. We minister that hope

by meeting the needs of those in crisis and introducing them to the One who saves. And you play a large part in this! Every time you pray, give, or volunteer, God is using you to change lives like Joel's.

As we celebrate Easter, I want to thank you for joining us as we extend hope to men in our community. It's a joy to share these stories of changed lives, and we hope you are blessed this Easter as you continue to minister hope along with us.

Sincerely,



Rick Rutter
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Window Update and Upcoming Projects

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to complete our window installation at the Mission before the beginning of the New Year! Here's an update:

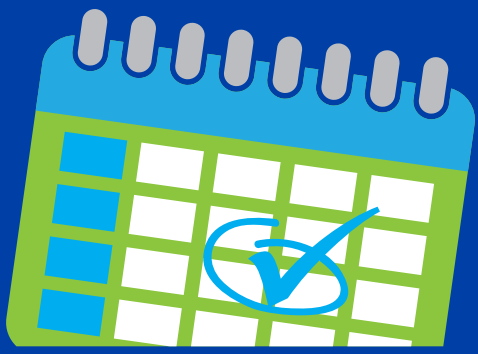
- Our upstairs windows have been replaced! This will decrease heating costs and provide more money for ministry.
- Our Leadership Challenge Partners set the pace for this project while donors like you also contributed.
- Faithful friends from the Northeast District of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions contributed the final dollars so we could complete the project without impacting our finances.
- Leadership Challenge Gifts were made by: Joanne Berrios, Calvary Chapel of Nashua, Robert

Christiansen, Carol Corette, Ifen Foster, Artie and Danielle Gardiner, David Grant, Perry Jones, Michael Rank, Deborah Sabine, Ed and Dawn Spurlin, Peter Swenson, and Keith and Therese Wilson.

Our next project is the installation of two chair lifts to assist guests with limited mobility. Funds for this have been provided by Crossway Christian Church.

If you or your group would like to help with upcoming facility maintenance projects, please email us at office@nashuarescuemission.org or call 603-889-3421. Upcoming projects include:

- Painting, inside and out
- Replacing a sink
- General maintenance



mark your calendar

- ✓ **MARCH 25—Good Friday Lunch & Service at 12 p.m.**
Come help us serve a hot meal for our hungry neighbors before we worship together.
- ✓ **MARCH 27—Easter Banquet at 5 p.m.**
Help us serve dinner or volunteer in another way at our annual Easter dinner for the homeless.
- ✓ **SEPTEMBER 16—Second Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet**
Save the date, and join us at Trinity Baptist Church for our Fall Fundraising Banquet. Watch for more details on our website, our Facebook page and in future newsletters.

To volunteer, or for more information about any of our ongoing projects, call Rick Rutter at (603) 889-3421.

Phyllis Spreads Hope by Serving Meals



Nine years ago, a group from Phyllis' church came to serve the Easter Banquet at the Mission. Phyllis came with them, and she's been serving here ever since!

"The Mission has an 'All Jesus, all the time' atmosphere that I love," Phyllis says. "My relationship with Jesus has grown stronger, and I have learned to trust that God will supply what is needed."

Phyllis rejoices to see growth in the men during their time at the Mission. "My heart is so happy for them...I've seen the power of God working in [their] lives. Lives are changed, including mine!

"Just come and see!" she encourages. "You'll see Jesus at work and want to come back."

If you, your church group or coworkers would like to get involved, consider taking on one of these volunteer positions:

- Volunteer Coordinator—help us manage and place other volunteers for special events like the Easter banquet.
- Board Member—help provide leadership and direction for the Mission.
- Gift Center Team—sort and display donated clothing, toiletries and other items, then help clients "shop" in the Gift Center. The Gift Center is open on Tuesdays.
- Hot Meal Server—help with basic meal preparation and service to neighborhood guests.

Can You Spare a Little Hope Today?

WAYS TO GIVE

Encourage your church, office or neighborhood to collect loose change in glass jars to donate to the Mission. You can pick up jars at the Mission, or invite Rick talk to your church or group.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 30 – TOILETRY DRIVE

Bring items to the Mission Monday–Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Most-needed items include:

- Men's body wash, soap or shampoo
- Razors & shaving cream
- Toothbrush, toothpaste & dental floss
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Deodorant

Fresh Hope

How Christ brought hope and restoration to Joel's life



Joel's life was on the rocks. Once a manager at an auto parts store, years of alcohol abuse, addiction to painkillers, and PTSD stemming from an earlier incident eventually landed him behind bars in the

Hillsborough county jail.

During Joel's five weeks as an inmate, his wife moved out of their place into an apartment of her own. Unable to return home after his release, Joel called the Mission.

Here, Joel immersed himself in his spiritual recovery. "I had that on the back burner, and it wasn't working," he says. "I needed to get back into the Bible...just get back on track, and I have!"

Joel embraced the program and learned the skills he needs to get back on track. "I'm not moving forward until I learn how to forgive," Joel says. "And [ask] for forgiveness, because I hurt a lot of people through my destructive behavior."

Happily, Joel and his wife are in the process of reconciling, and he's found freedom from addiction. Joel is grateful to God for saving his life and thanks friends like you for helping him find hope: "Thank you for helping save my life, because without all the pieces of the body of Jesus, I don't know if I'd be here." Your faithful prayers and gifts help us minister to men like Joel. "Thanks," he says, "for saving my life."

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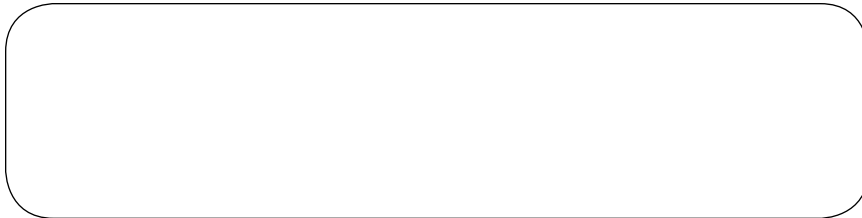
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your new **mission Gate** newsletter enclosed!



*Read the
story of
Joel's new
start...*

thanks for giving hope to the homeless

Yes, I want to partner with the Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission to give help and hope to homeless and hungry neighbors. I've enclosed a gift of:

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123 Any Street
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**You can include
the Mission in your will!**

Would you like information about this and other planned giving opportunities? YES

Check with your employer on matching gift opportunities, increasing the impact of your donation.

Thank you!

You will receive a receipt for tax purposes. We never sell, rent or exchange our supporters' names!

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