

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

Happy Thanksgiving!

From prison and depression to stability and joy

Mike was ready to turn his life around.
YOU gave him a place to rebuild!

When Mike was released from prison, he knew he didn't want to go back to his old way of living.

"My life before was wrought with major depression, anxiety, suicide attempts, and alcoholism," he says.

Before prison, Mike was directionless and "beat up from the feet up." He didn't realize it yet, but time behind bars was the wake-up call he needed to make real change in his life.

Knowing he wanted to leave his past of pain behind him for good, Mike searched for a place where he could get back on his feet after prison. He walked through the doors of Haven of Rest and found everything he needed to build a life of stability.

TRANSFORMED BY COMMUNITY

Before coming to the Mission, Mike had no community to lean on. But here, he began to build life-time relationships with other men who care about the transformation taking

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Transform a life this holiday season with vi

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place in his heart and life. One of them was Dave, who happened to come out of the same prison as Mike.

"I don't know where I'd be if I didn't have Dave," says Mike. "It's nice to be able to experience life with a brother in Christ like Dave."

Not only did Mike build uplifting relationships with the people around him, but he also began growing closer in his relationship with God. He says, "The program here is life-changing."

HOPE REBORN

Right now, Mike is continuing to take steps toward a self-sufficient life and is preparing for a second

backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail. He has discovered deep joy in spending time in God's creation and meeting other believers on hiking trips. Mike is thankful for a place to live, for the ups and downs along the road back to stability, and for your compassion.

*"Thank you
for a second
chance."*

— Mike

"I don't know how to express it in words," he says. "Thank you for a second chance. Thank you for providing a treatment program that is God based."

*On behalf of Mike and the many others
who have found restoration in Jesus and long-term
stability, thank you. You help provide the vital care
and services that our struggling neighbors need to
overcome homelessness, hunger, and addiction!*

Happy Thanksgiving!



Dave and Mike (left to right) learned how important relationships are to recovery.



More than a meal . . .

A traditional hot dinner at our Thanksgiving celebration does more than just satisfy physical hunger. It also satisfies the hunger for community, life-change, and the warmth of Christ's love.

For a neighbor who is battling a crisis or struggling on the streets, an invitation through our doors gives them a reason to hope again. As they enjoy a nourishing home-cooked meal, they're given a Hope Tote full of personal care items and clean clothing, along with an invitation to participate in the restorative services you make possible at the Mission.

Every \$2.19 meal you provide will make this Thanksgiving transformational for a man, woman or child!!

Enjoy our special Christmas program!

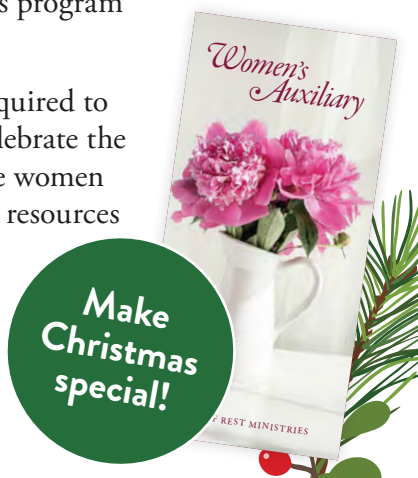
Celebrate the season with the Women's Auxiliary

Calling all ladies! On December 5, you're invited to kick off this joyful season with us at our Women's Auxiliary special Christmas program!

Start off with some bargain browsing at the Auxiliary gift shop from 10 a.m. to noon. Then enjoy a delicious lunch in our Dining Room. We'll wrap up the day with our special Christmas program in the Main Chapel from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

No registration, membership, or fees are required to attend. We hope you come and join and celebrate the Christmas season with other compassionate women who joyously invest their time, talents, and resources into changing lives at Haven of Rest.

For more information, please check out our website at www.havenofrest.org.



Transforming lives with the love of Christ



REV. JEFF KAISER
CEO

At Haven of Rest, we know that hope begins with Jesus Christ.

That's why everything we do during the holidays — whether it's

providing nourishing meals or wrapped gifts — is done with Christ-like compassion. We want every person we welcome through our doors to feel the love of God.

At this time of year, that's what struggling men, women and children need more than ever.

I am grateful for many things — especially how God has led you and other friends to partner with us in seeing lives transformed. When you support Haven of Rest during the holidays, you're equipping our guests to build a Christ-centered foundation for the future.

That's how our guests, especially children, find hope. None of this is possible without your prayerful support!

Together — at Thanksgiving and year-round — we can help many people overcome homelessness and discover the glorious gospel hope that transforms hearts. Thank you!

Jeff

Happy Thanksgiving!



**Bless families
in need this
holiday season**

**COMING UP THIS
CHRISTMAS AT
THE MISSION**

Every child and parent should experience the joy of the holidays. Here are two ways you can join us in preparing for the Christmas season to ensure no family is lacking!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

Help provide toys for our "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party so every child can take home a present and goodie bag to open on Christmas morning.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Bless parents who need extra help during the holidays by making sure they have gifts for their children!

For more info, contact Special Events Coordinator David John at 330-535-1563 or djohn@havenofrest.org.

**Bless your weary neighbors with
compassionate care this Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is a season spent surrounded by family and showing gratitude for the many blessings in life.

But for men, women and children who are facing homelessness, Thanksgiving looks quite different. Many will spend this holiday season lonely, hungry, and feeling like there is little to give thanks for. They need Christ-centered care you can help provide.

Won't you give today to make life-transforming care possible for our struggling neighbors who need a fresh start in Jesus Christ?

Your gift of care will bring physical relief, critical services that lead to stability, and gospel hope. Thank you for caring for the most weary souls during this season of gratitude!

Provide vital help and gospel hope this Thanksgiving!

*Please return this
form along with your
gift today. Thank you!*



MY GIFT TO PROVIDE VITAL CARE THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON!

JEFF, I want to provide life-transforming care this Thanksgiving that opens the door to restoration and salvation for hurting neighbors. I'm sending:

☐ \$_____ to provide compassionate care for as many people as possible.

Caring Friend
123 Street Address
City, State ZIP

**PLEASE REPLY BY
Wednesday,
November
22**

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Please make your check payable to Haven of Rest Ministries and return this form with your gift. See back to use your credit card. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Thank you!

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