OUR MISSION
To offer life changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men, women, and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling and discipleship.

SMILES AND SUMMER DONATIONS!
People in rescue ministry are a different breed of cat, as my daddy used to say. I recently attended the national Citygate Network conference, made up of rescue mission folks across the country. As I fellowshipped with kindred souls around the dinner table one night, I was struck at how God calls people from such varied background into His work.

I was glad to see Buddy, a gentle soul who runs a Florida rescue mission. A guy at Buddy’s mission once whipped out a knife. Buddy simply pulled out his gun and informed this individual that “you just brought a knife to a gunfight.” The miscreant immediately left the premises. Jon, an energetic young man, served as a sniper in Afghanistan. He says that fortunately, he never had to shoot anyone. However, the bad guys used children to transport bombs. Jon was trained to stick his guns in children’s faces and says he is still haunted by those faces. Jon will likely soon be the director of the upstate New York mission where he now serves on staff.

Perren walked away from a successful career as an attorney. She now serves as Executive Director of a mission in Alabama. Michael is the experienced, smooth-spoken, and wise director of a mission in North Carolina. Tom is the now-retired rescue mission veteran who stops by and visits Gateway Rescue Mission in his new role as a field representative for Citygate Network with missions in the South.

Missions across the country are dealing with addiction and mental illness. Missions are grappling with how to do effective fundraising in a post-Covid world. Missions are trying to make ends meet in a period of rising inflation. Missions from Alaska to Jamaica are working with broken people seeking life change one person at a time.

I am witnessing several rescue ministry leaders who were younger leaders in their missions back in my rookie days now stepping into retirement. I am also seeing God raise up new leaders in rescue ministry. He always sustains His work, no matter what.

Rescue ministry can take place on an island. While you may have numerous churches in one city, the local mission often stands on its own. That’s why I cherish the friendships I’ve made over the years in the rescue community nationwide.

Gateway Rescue Mission opened its doors in 1948. This year marks 75 years of broken people ministering to other broken people right here in Jackson. I want to thank you for your support and your prayers. May God bless you in your life ahead.

Blessings,
Rex Baker
Executive Director
Gateway Rescue Mission

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- Romans 5:5

Please visit gatewaymission.org for more information on how you can help someone today.
We are blessed to have friends who support our ministry. The Orchard retirement center recently sponsored a drive to collect donations for our folks to use. Mitch Lott, our Director of Donor Ministries spent some time with the good folks at the Orchard and we made quite a haul for the day. The reigning Teen Heart of Madison, Brook Emerson Ogden, can be seen here with Mitch as they display socks, Tide Pods, cereal, and assorted clothing. Jamie from our Gateway kitchen crew came along to help organize the donations and load them onto our truck.

All this goes straight to the front lines to the people who need it at Gateway Rescue Mission. We want to thank everyone who supports our ministry through financial contributions, in-kind donations and through your prayers.

Please continue to pray that God will restore and transform broken lives through Gateway during this summer season.
We continue to feed hungry folks during these hot days of summer. We continue to serve about 70-80 meals each day at lunch to anyone who wants to drop in for a bite. Nobody goes hungry who comes to Gateway Rescue Mission.

We also continue to operate our overnight shelter and our New Life Program of addiction recovery for men seeking a new direction in life. God is always faithful to restore those who call upon His name. Sometimes His name is called upon in a prison cell, in a crack house, on a city street, or in our own lives. May we all realize that God always finishes what He started, including His transformation of the lives of His children.

**Current Needs**

- Breakfast Cereal.
- Canned fruit.
- Canned vegetables, especially the #10 cans.
- Coffee.
- Various non-perishable food items.
- Men’s boxer underwear.
- T-shirts and socks.
- Donate Used Items. Remember, you can always make in-kind donations of used, but still usable household items through our thrift store in Pearl. You can schedule a pickup by calling our dispatch department at 601-932-1668