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

FAMILY REUNION!
I’ve grown skeptical of people who offer simple answers to complex problems. These are the folks that say “you’ve just got to turn it over to God” or “all you need is Jesus” when you are facing a complicated situation in life. While we certainly need Jesus, God often puts us in a dark, quiet place for an extended period of time to do a deep, private work in us.

A few days ago, I met with my Wednesday morning group of guys who graduated from our New Life Program and now work for Gateway Rescue Mission. James, one of our program guys turned employee, stated “God is not a sugar daddy.” He made the statement during a conversation about how we often want God to do a quick miracle to get us out of a tough spot.

Sometimes we treat God like a genie in a bottle. Rub the bottle and out pops Jesus, granting us three wishes. I’ve gotten angry at God during certain times when He was slow answering a prayer. However, sometimes God is doing a slower, transformative work in our lives that would be short-circuited if He granted a quick answer.

I’ve seen guys join our New Life recovery program and when asked “why do you want to join the program”, the answer for some might be “I need to get my driver’s license” or it’s “hot on the streets this summer.” However, we see our best results with those who are willing to do a deep, long-lasting inner work.

Jesus said “what I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear. Proclaim upon the housetops.” (Matthew 10:27) I am in such a period right now where God is speaking to me in the darkness. God is reminding me that the work of ministry is no substitute for spending time hearing from Him through prayer and Bible reading. He’s convicting me to put down the smart phone with its distractions and interact with my family at home.

At Gateway Rescue Mission, we see a direct correlation between a person’s willingness to allow God to do a long, quiet, and sustained inward work and long-term success over drugs. Those who rush too quickly back into the world often suffer the consequences of going back to the old life.

In My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers wrote “are you in the dark just now in your circumstances, or in your life with God? Then remain quiet...When you are in the dark, listen, and God will give you a very precious message for someone else when you get into the light.”

At times, God may move in a miraculous instant when you offer a prayer at the altar. However, God is most certainly not a sugar daddy. He’s the sovereign Lord God who wants to transform us and will take His own sweet time doing it. The process cannot be rushed. When God takes you to the closet to do a work in the dark, rejoice because it means He wants to do something in you and through you.

Blessings,

Rex Baker
Executive Director
Gateway Rescue Mission

Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.

- C.T. Studd

Visit gatewaymission.org for more information on how you can help someone today.
Godfrey came to Gateway Rescue Mission with a scowl that could stop a grizzly in its tracks. Today, that scowl has been replaced by a smile. Godfrey graduated from our New Life Program and is now gainfully employed. He recently visited his kids for the first time in a long time, and it looks like they inherited their daddy’s big smile.

Godfrey is a prime example of someone who is allowing God to do a long-haul work in his life.

Meanwhile, the summer continues to roll along at Gateway Rescue Mission. It’s always interesting when 18-wheelers drop by with donated food. On this particular day, our guys formed a relay to get the food off the truck and into the freezer.

We are thankful for all of you who remember us in your prayers and with your donations!
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75TH ANNIVERSARY

2023 marks the 75th Anniversary for Gateway Rescue Mission. That’s 75 years of feeding hungry people, sheltering the homeless, and offering a message of hope in Christ. We would like to invite you to join us for a special 75th Anniversary get-together this coming August 24th, at the Sparkman Auditorium at the Mississippi Agricultural & Forestry Museum, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (come and go as it fits your schedule.)

We’ll have food, fellowship, and hear some powerful stories of life change from people who have gone through our programs. Please RSVP to Mitch Lott at mlott@gatewaymission.org, or you can go the old-fashioned route and call him at 601-353-5864.

CURRENT NEEDS

- Water.
- Personal Hygiene Supplies. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, soap
- Pens & Notebooks.
- Canned and Non-Perishable Foods.
- Vienna Sausage Cans & Snak-Pack Sized Crackers. These work well for care packages and don't require utensils to eat.
- 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

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