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GATEWAY RESCUE MISSION



LIQUID GOLD!!

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*

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

"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

REX BAKER



I recently spotted a young man in our chapel service who looked like he didn't have a friend in the world. When the service ended, I sat down and talked with him a bit. He shared his background of drug addiction and pornography use and seemed to be in a state of paranoia. I wasn't sure if this individual would stay with us, as the double whammy of addiction induced psychosis and paranoia is difficult in the early days of sobriety.

So, I was a bit surprised over the next few days to see this young man stay with us. He began helping out in our kitchen serving the homeless at mealtime. He started getting to know our staff and the guys in our addiction recovery program. Then he came to me one day and asked if we could talk for a moment.

At Gateway Rescue Mission, I've learned the words "I'd like to talk to you for a minute" can lead to a whole lot of drama. So, I said "sure," not quite knowing what to expect. Here's what he asked. "Mr. Rex, I see a lot of people coming to our shelter and I was wondering if it would be okay if I gave them some of the clothes and hygiene supplies that donors bring by the mission?"

He shared that living in our shelter has taught him what people need when they come by for help, and he wanted to be the person who could help them. I had to say a silent prayer for forgiveness because I had totally missed what God was doing in his heart.

In our human state, we cannot always see a person's heart. We can write people off as too far gone because of their sins. A nameless thief on the cross, a harlot in Jericho named Rahab, and a woman at a well with a history of failed marriages when she met Jesus are just a few biblical examples of really messed up people who had a God encounter that changed their destiny.

I don't want to give you the wrong impression of life at Gateway Rescue Mission. It's not one big Sunday School class. Not everybody makes it. I see drug addicts walking the streets of Jackson everyday who have not had a God encounter, at least not yet. A guy joined our program a couple of years ago. One day he snarled "I hate people and I love drugs." He left our program and is on the streets today, still hating people and loving drugs.

Yet, God is sovereign. He is mighty to save, and sometimes the Lord shocks my soul by changing a heart when I didn't see it coming. At Gateway Rescue Mission, we are stressing with staff that everybody who comes to our kitchen to eat, our shelter to sleep, or drops by for a bottle of water, is created in the image and likeness of God.

Like George Washington, I cannot tell a lie. We don't always love everyone perfectly at Gateway Rescue Mission. In the daily deluge of humanity tempered by summer heat, sweat, mental illness, drugs, and the occasional bad attitude, we miss the boat on loving all as Christ would have us love despite our best efforts. But God loves perfectly. We get a front row seat in watching God transform the lives of people most of society has written off.

The beautiful thing is that sometimes, when we say "here am I Lord, send me", we find that God doesn't just want to transform the lives of the people we think we're here to help. He wants to transform our hearts also.

Blessings,



Rex Baker
Executive Director
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Water is a beautiful sight at Gateway Rescue Mission this summer. With hot Mississippi weather, dehydration is a threat for people on the streets. Water is the number one request from people walking through our doors. So, we'd like to send a big THANK YOU to all our supporters who have dropped off or sent donations of water!! Rocky and Paul are pictured here hauling water dropped off by good donors during hot weather.

Our shelter is also running full blast these days. We open the shelter early to allow people to come in and beat the heat. We've had an uptick this summer in guys joining our New Life Program. Our kitchen continues to churn out three meals a day, seven days a week.



We wish to thank all of you for your monetary donations, your volunteer services, and your prayers. Not every problem faced by a homeless person can be solved overnight. However, a bottle of water and a meal can keep someone alive until they have a God-encounter moment of reckoning when they make a decision to do whatever it takes to effect real life change.

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The Gallatin Street-Highway 80 corridor continues to be a hotspot for homeless activity. We recently snapped a few pictures of a Gallatin Street average day. While many people have written off this part of Jackson, we believe God has not written off these people.

When you support Gateway Rescue Mission, you invest in God's work on this earth that has an eternal value. This time next year, our ministry will have doubled in size and impact. Please pray for us as we are about to launch a ministry expansion through our Restore Life to Jackson campaign that will offer hope and new life to many more people who need it.





Current Needs

- **Water,** and lots of it. Summer is not over yet.
- **Coffee.**
- **Socks, underwear, and t-shirts.**
- **Towels and blankets** for our shelter.
- **Non-perishable food items** to put in care packages.
- **Please pray that God will provide resources to complete His vision for our ministry.**



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