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GATEWAY RESCUE MISSION



BREAKING GROUND!!

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



Mike dropped by for lunch recently at Gateway Rescue Mission. We greeted each other and I asked how he was doing. Pointing to a picture of Jesus on our kitchen wall, Mike responded, "I'm doing what He wants me to do." Mike has a good heart and likes to help people. I've seen Mike help homeless people, even as he lived on the streets. On this day, Mike looked clean and neat, which was a good thing.

Then Mike said something that touched my heart. "What y'all are doing with that building next door is giving a lot of us hope," said Mike. "That building next door" is a warehouse we are renovating to house our New Life Program. We recently broke ground on this renovation and work is underway for Phase One of our comprehensive *Restore Life to Jackson* campaign. New construction is a sight for sore eyes in our part of town.

This campaign is a dream come true. The individual who donated this warehouse to Gateway Rescue Mission in the 1990s is now in heaven. Some leaders at Gateway back in those days knew this warehouse would be our building of the future, yet some of them did not live to see this day. When I came to Gateway in 1998, a campaign of this type did not seem possible.

But with God, all things are possible. About four years ago, God began planting the idea in our minds that the time had come. It started with talk of merely constructing a new chapel in the warehouse. Today it has grown to the point where we have raised the funds to complete the first phase of our campaign.

Phase one will create new dormitory space for 36 beds, new office spaces, meeting rooms and a new chapel twice the size of our current chapel. This phase should be complete by May of 2027. This will allow us to house the men in our addiction recovery program in a separate facility from those simply seeking a bed overnight.

But this campaign also touches on something deeper that I heard in Mike's voice in the kitchen. It will be a new, modern, up to code facility specifically for men who want to break free from addiction. We have men living on the streets who haven't slept in a new, clean bed in years. This facility will show them they are loved. In Christian circles, we often talk of the love of Jesus. Sometimes, we need to show that love through something tangible, like new living space.

Let me be clear. This is only our first phase. We are still raising money for a second phase that will provide efficiency apartments for transitional living. But this is an exciting time for our ministry. What began as discussions in meetings, and progressed to a fundraising campaign, and finally to backhoes excavating dirt for a new parking lot, has now spread to excitement for people on the streets who see a ray of hope.

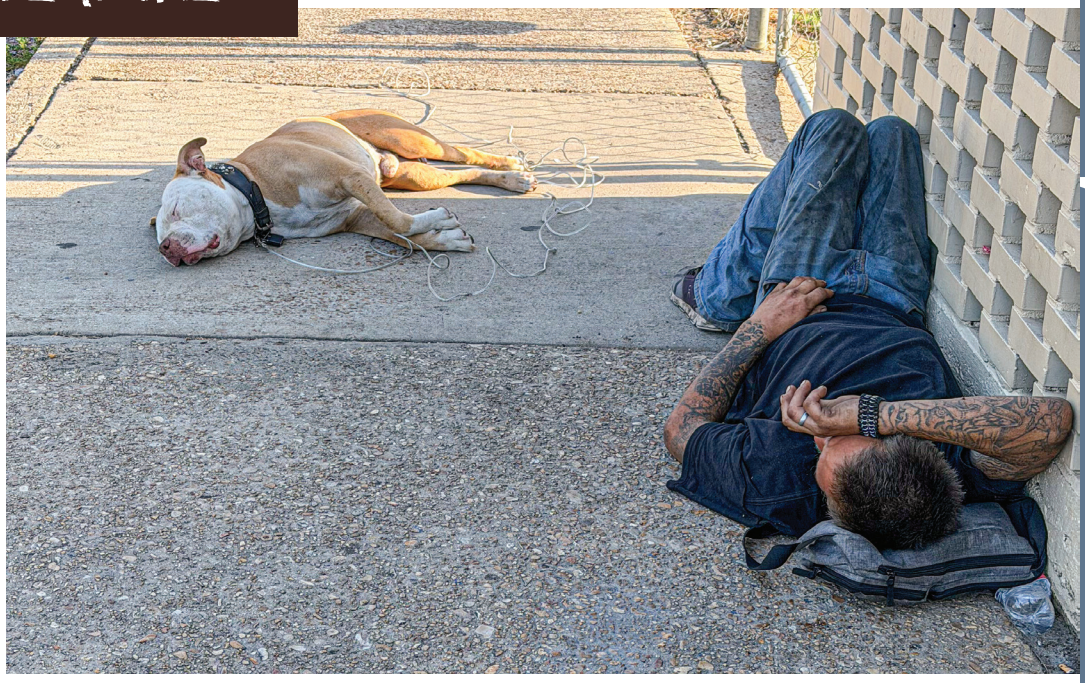
I came to Gateway Rescue Mission as a rookie in 1998 and have now been here 28 years. God willing, and He is willing, the results of our *Restore Life to Jackson* campaign will bless people long after my Gateway days have ended. Sometimes God gives us the opportunity to do a work that has both an immediate and an eternal impact. This campaign is such a work.

Blessings,

Rex W. Baker

Rex Baker
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When Gateway leadership broke ground recently on our New Life Center, it marked a milestone in our ministry. It also brought to mind a question. Why do we need an expanded addiction recovery program?

In World War II, film director Frank Capra produced a series of documentaries called *Why We Fight* to educate Americans on the reasons for fighting the war. Today, we are expanding our addiction recovery program and our homeless program to fight a war against homelessness, poverty, addiction, and mental illness.



A couple of pictures shown here demonstrate the reality of our war. Each person in these pictures is loved by God. Phase One of our *Restore Life to Jackson* campaign will create 36 beds for men in our New Life Program. It will also allow us to double the number of homeless men we can house each night, going from our current 20 beds to 40 beds in our overnight shelter. We have raised the funds to complete Phase One and that work has started.

We are now raising money for Phase Two, which will provide transitional housing for men who have graduated from our initial program and want to enter into a second phase where they get a job, but still desire the support of our program community in their recovery journey. ***Thank you*** for all who are currently supporting our ministry. Please pray that God will raise up the people and the financial support to complete this campaign.

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Meanwhile, we continue to feed hungry people and share God's love at Gateway Rescue Mission. Teri, one of our fine volunteers from First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, is shown here sharing a devotional word with our lunch guests. At a recent "resource day", we provided clothing and supply bags to our Gateway visitors.

Hard to believe, but we are just over a month away from what we in the nonprofit world call the "fourth quarter." The final three months of the year is when things go from really fast to downright crazy at Gateway Rescue Mission. Please consider a generous fourth quarter financial gift during this time, such as a gift from your IRA Required Minimum Distribution.

Current Needs

- **Laundry pods.** We do laundry daily and the laundry pods work great!
- **Coffee.** Folks at Gateway enjoy a smooth cup of java in the mornings and we go through lots of it.
- **Reading glasses, notebooks for journaling, and ink pens.**
- **Recovery Bibles.** (These can be ordered on Amazon and shipped to our street address, which is 328 South Gallatin Street, Jackson MS, 39203)
- **Canned foods and non-perishable food items.** It's not to early to start planning a fall food drive.



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