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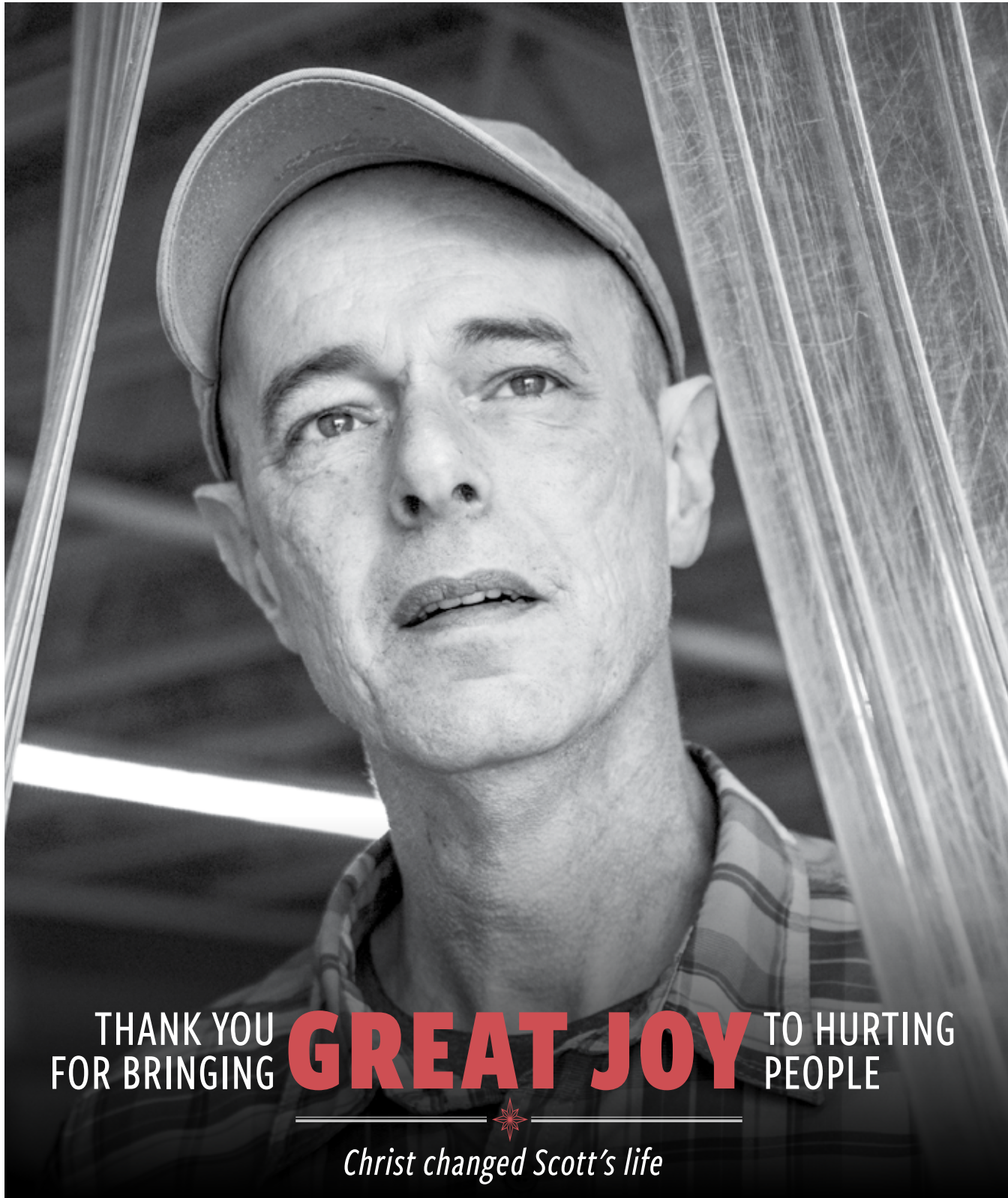


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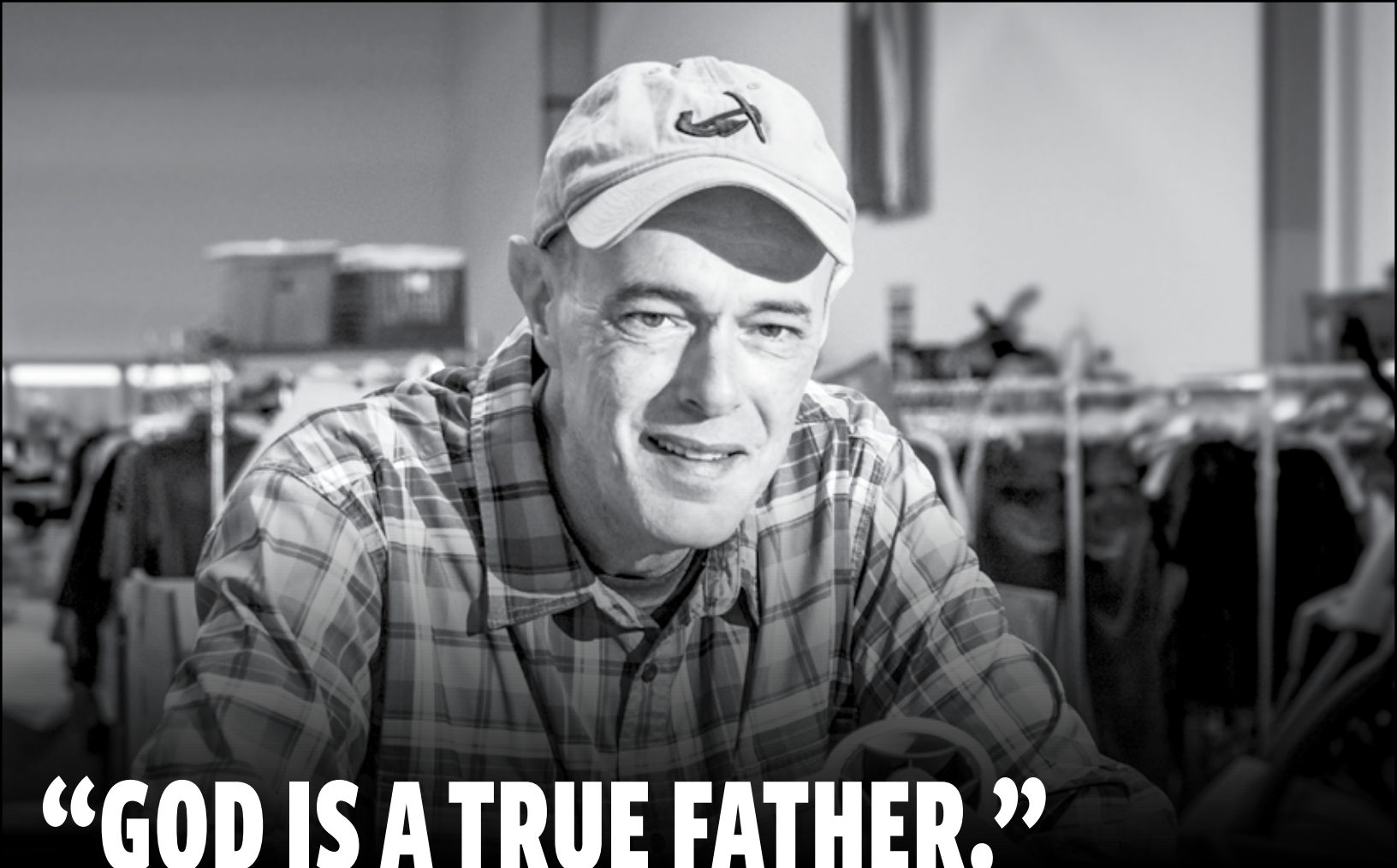
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THANK YOU FOR BRINGING **GREAT JOY** TO HURTING PEOPLE

*Christ changed Scott's life*



# “GOD IS A TRUE FATHER.”

Scott didn't know how to cope when he lost his mom, dad and brother in a period of about six years.

“I had a lot of confusion and loneliness and hurt, and just wondered ‘why?’ I started using drugs to numb the pain and fell into substance abuse. Things went awry really bad.”

Throughout his addiction, Scott lost custody of his son and couldn't keep a job. “It pretty much started to run my life. I just couldn't handle it anymore.”

Scott hit rock bottom when he became homeless. He was walking outside one

summer day, “admiring God's creation,” when he decided to get away from his lifestyle and get help.

**The day he walked into Holland Rescue Mission, everything changed for Scott.**

“I just couldn't do it on my own anymore,” he says. “I needed to let the Lord help me deal with it instead of trying to fight it myself.”

Scott came to the Mission looking for change, and he found a relationship with God to sustain him. “I've always believed... I was just unwilling to surrender everything and follow His will before.”

In our long-term restoration program,

Scott found healing for his hurts and learned how to deal with his grief in a healthy way. “I learned God is loving and caring and desires to help. He is a true father.”

Scott is restoring the relationship with his son and enjoys the time they spend together on the weekends. He feels a calling to go into ministry so he can share his story and God's love with others.

**This year, Scott will be celebrating Christmas as a new creation, filled with the great joy of God's love.** “Now I see myself as a child of God. I'm loved and cared for and I know God has a plan for me. It's amazing.”

*“The Mission gave me the time and the tools to grow closer to the Lord. To figure out what He wants me to do instead of what I want to do.”*

A Message from  
DARRYL BARTLETT

## Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests of Holland Rescue Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. **But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.**

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these men, women and children the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



*Darryl Bartlett*

Darryl Bartlett  
Executive Director

## *It Starts With You...* You make transformation possible!

This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in West Michigan who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!

Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love



Just \$2.05 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

**Please Send Your Gift Today!**



**\$2.05**  
for 1 hot meal



**\$68.00**  
for 1 night of  
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE  
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed  
by God's LOVE**


**READ SCOTT'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!**


## Give Hope Before the Year Ends!



This has been a trying year for so many of your neighbors who experienced significant losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. **But your year-end gift will give them help... and hope.**

Your donation before December 31 may be tax deductible for 2020 – and it will certainly change lives in 2021!

 Give online at [hollandrescue.org](http://hollandrescue.org).

 Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.

**Thanks to the recently passed CARES Act, your gift today could qualify for a greater tax deduction. Please check with your tax adviser for more information.**



# LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

You clearly have a heart to help people in your community who are hurting. But did you know there's a way you can continue to bless others *after* your passing?

You can create a legacy that lives on to offer lasting hope by including Holland Rescue Mission in your will... often referred to as a "bequest."

You can choose how you wish to give: cash, real estate, property or stocks. And it's easy to update your wishes at any time.

Ready to talk about leaving your legacy? Or just interested in learning more?

Please contact Rachael Neal, our Development Director, who would love to tell you more! ☎ (616) 396-2200 | ✉ [rachaeln@hollandrescue.org](mailto:rachaeln@hollandrescue.org)

## Turn Your Car into Care!

Did you know that your car, truck, boat or other vehicle that's just taking up space around your home can provide food, shelter and life-changing care? Your vehicle donation through Holland Rescue Mission Auto Sales helps your hungry, homeless neighbors.

It's easy to donate your vehicle to the Mission:

- Simply drive your vehicle to our drop-off location or contact us to see if it qualifies for pickup.
- Your vehicle will be offered for sale to help people in our community.
- You'll receive a tax receipt for the value of your charitable contribution.

Ready to get rid of that vehicle you no longer want *and* help change lives in the process? Visit us at [hollandrescue.org/auto-sales](http://hollandrescue.org/auto-sales) today to learn more!

## Holiday Shopping List

Hams  
 Canned vegetables  
 Canned potatoes  
 Instant stuffing mix  
 Canned yams

Cream soups  
 Dinner rolls  
 Cool whip  
 Foam cups and napkins  
 Paper towels

Donations can be dropped off at the Mission at 166 S. River Avenue. Call Rachael Neal at (616) 396-2200 for more information.

### Darryl, please use my Christmas gift to bless my struggling neighbors who have had such a challenging year:

- \$20.50 to feed & care for 10 people
- \$51.25 to feed & care for 25 people
- \$75.85 to feed & care for 37 people
- \$92.25 to feed & care for 45 people
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible
- Plus, \$\_\_\_\_\_ to provide a special Year-End gift

*This really helps!*



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Donate now! ☎ (616) 396-2200

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