

STORIES of HOPE

A PUBLICATION OF GATEWAY MISSION • EASTER 2022



TERRY IS *celebrating new life* **THIS EASTER!**

Thank you for touching
his life with hope.



DON'T MISS...

- 2** Celebrate Easter **3** "Jesus gives me hope." **4** It's our 115th Anniversary!

“Jesus
changed
my life... He
gives me
hope.”



Terry still remembers the pain he felt when his parents divorced, and his beloved family members died a few years later.

“I was a pretty angry youth... mad at the world. I lost my older sister when I was 17 and my grandma a few years before that.”

He fell in with the wrong crowd and turned to drugs because he “liked the way they made me feel.” Terry dropped out of high school and spent decades lost in addiction, struggling to maintain jobs and relationships.

The turning point came when Terry and his wife, who was also an addict, separated. Terry was devastated and went to live with a friend, staying in a tent before moving into a rundown camper with no running water or electricity.

“I was feeling sorry for myself... I let the whole world crumble around me.”

Then Terry’s health began declining, and it was the wake-up call he needed to finally admit he needed help. “My wife came to the Mission because she was homeless when we separated, and she told me about it. I was just hoping to find a place to go and get a job.”

Though Terry wasn’t looking for sobriety when he came here, he quickly started healing and growing.

Classes have taught him how to deal with his anger in biblical ways, and he loves learning more about the Lord through Bible study.

“I came to the Mission because I had no place to go, and the Gateway program found me. When I got here, I was hopeless... and now I know that God is working in my life.”



When I got here I was hopeless...
and now I know that God is
working in me.



Today, Terry is planning to get his GED and see what kind of job he can find with his health challenges. He’s strengthening his walk with the Lord daily, while he waits on guidance for his next steps.

Your generous support has filled Terry’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. “As long as I stay in church and stay in the Bible, I’ll be good. Jesus has changed my life!”

Easter²⁰²² ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

You can help transform hearts and lives!



13,440 meals

\$2.05 for a meal!



3,738 nights of shelter



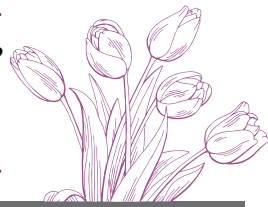
30 men & women in our recovery programs (on average)



Thousands of hours of education & counseling

Thank you for sharing hope & joy this Easter!

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” – Luke 24:5-6, NIV



A Message from **DARRYL BARTLETT**



The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, “*And God is able to bless you abundantly...*” (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Darryl Bartlett
Executive Director



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.05 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **hopefoundhere.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



Celebrating 115 Years of Helping Our Neighbors Overcome Homelessness for Good

It's our anniversary! **For 115 years, Gateway Mission (formerly known as Holland Rescue Mission) has been offering biblically based programs and services to provide healing for transforming lives.** Inside our walls, men, women and children can find a place of refuge and restoration. Here, they'll receive meals, shelter and opportunities for transformation through the love of Christ.

At Gateway Mission, it's our desire to see homelessness end for each person who walks through our doors. We do this by offering them a hand up, not a handout, to address the root issues of homelessness to help restore and transform lives.

Our biblically based values ensure that our services don't enable unhealthy lifestyles. Instead, we empower participants to grow personally and professionally as they discover new life in Jesus. In our care, they can find the freedom and fulfillment of healthy, successful, independent living and restored family relationships.

Thank you for walking beside us, praying and supporting us as we declare and demonstrate the love of Christ by providing housing and programs for people who are homeless and less fortunate.

To learn more about Gateway's ministry, visit our website at **hopefoundhere.org**. God bless you!

The Best Selection in Town... for the Last 5 Years!

Come in today to celebrate the 5th anniversary of our Gateway Thrift Store – and experience one of our community's favorite places to shop for gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys, bikes and more.

Your purchases – as well as your donations of items you no longer need – raise money to support the Mission. You also help provide work experience for men and women in our programs and clothing for those who are homeless.

Drop off donations at 661 E. 24th Street, Holland – Monday through Saturday 9am-8pm. Or, call **(616) 355-6221** or visit **hopefoundhere.org/gateway-store/** to schedule a pick-up.

Thank you for supporting us for the past five years!

