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# Good News

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## A Personal Word from Eric

Dear Mr. Sample,

45,000 meals. 15,875 nights of shelter. Hundreds of hours of counseling, education and Bible study.

There are lots of numbers here at the Mission, but the most important number is one.

One person rescued from homelessness. One life saved from the horrors of addiction. One man or woman returned to a family who needs them. One soul committed to Christ.

Each person who comes to the Mission for help is important. And now that the temperature is edging toward 100 every day, we'll have even more chances to change lives as we open our doors 24/7 to anyone who needs shelter from the heat.

Ashley is one of the people whose lives you've helped change already. You'll find her amazing story in this issue of *Good News*.

Thanks to your donations, your prayers and your time, lives like Ashley's are changed here every day – one at a time!

Road to a New Life Starts Here

Rev. Eric Burger  
Executive Director

## Abandoned by her dad, but not by her Father!

**T**he day he was paid, and a day before the rent was due, Ashley's stepfather abandoned Ashley, her sister Holly and their mom.



He left the girls with no roof over their heads and nowhere to go. "Nobody would take us in," Ashley remembers. "My best friend John and his mom let us stay with them for a week, but the landlord said we couldn't stay any longer."

The night the family left John's house, **they ended up sleeping on the streets of Longview**. Ashley says it was "scary" because you don't know what kind of people are out there. But her mom was brave. "She stayed awake all night and let me sleep."

The next day, the family found a home at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission's Women & Family Shelter. Here, they had their own room, a place to sleep and be together. The girls began attending Bible study classes, and Ashley soon realized that instead of punishing her, **God loved and cared for her and wanted her to "do something" with her life.**

Within a month, Ashley was back in school – even though she hadn't wanted to go.

Ashley's mom is working hard, too. She's graduated from our New Creation Program and is studying to get her GED. Her next step will be to find a job and then, move the family into their own home.

Ashley's excited about the family having a place of their own again, but she's committed to coming back to visit her Mission family and volunteer and help with "the little kids."

**"This is an amazing place," she says. "A place where people can come to get back on their feet."**

## Annual New Life Creation Banquet

We want to thank everyone who attended our New Life Creation Banquet on April 25. We held two banquets, at noon and 6 p.m., as a small way of saying THANKS to our wonderful volunteers and donors who help us minister to and serve Longview and Tyler's hungry and homeless people all year long.



We enjoyed good food and fellowship, along with a special presentation by Tony Nolan, author of *Hurt Healer*.

To see photos of this year's banquet, visit our website, [www.Hiway80Mission.org](http://www.Hiway80Mission.org).

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## Beat the Heat

As the temperature continues to climb, conditions become critical, especially for disabled and elderly neighbors and those who are homeless.

The Mission has two ways to help everyone "stay cool." First, there's the Mission itself – our doors are open 24/7 to anyone who needs a respite from the relentless heat.

We're also partnering with the Beat the Heat program; men from the Mission expect to help install more than 100 air conditioners.

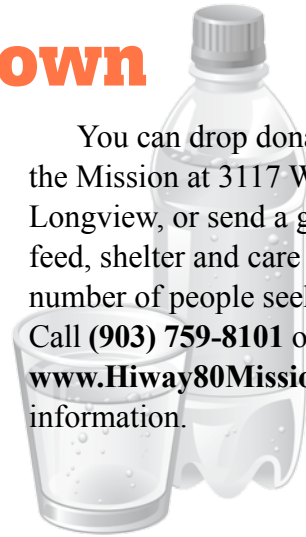


If you'd like to be a volunteer installer, e-mail Gary Crim at [garyc@hiway80rm.org](mailto:garyc@hiway80rm.org) or call (903) 759-8101.

## Help Us Cool Down

As the temperature rises here in East Texas, the Mission's need for your help increases as well. Here are just a few of the items that are always in short supply as the thermometer climbs.

Gatorade  
Water bottles  
Fresh vegetables  
Fresh fruit  
Hard candy  
Sunscreen  
Hats



You can drop donations off at the Mission at 3117 W. Marshall in Longview, or send a gift to help us feed, shelter and care for the increasing number of people seeking relief here. Call (903) 759-8101 or visit our website [www.Hiway80Mission.org](http://www.Hiway80Mission.org) for more information.

## Host a Food Drive!

Is your church or organization looking for a way to give back?

The Mission is always in need of non-perishable food items and household cleaning supplies, especially in the summer months when our food supply is lowest. Consider hosting



a food and supplies drive to provide some of our most-needed items!

Contact Gary Crim at (903) 759-8101 or [garyc@hiway80rm.org](mailto:garyc@hiway80rm.org).

## "Summertime and the Livin' Is Easy..."

That old song from *Porgy and Bess* may be a classic, but it certainly doesn't reflect what happens here in East Texas!

If anything, summer is our most difficult time.

First, there are fewer donations. It's not that people forget those in need, they just have other things on their minds. Meanwhile, there's not much drop off in the number of people we feed and shelter. If anything, numbers increase as the days, and nights, grow

hotter and more unbearable.

Your gift today will go a long way toward providing those who are hungry and homeless with 45,000 meals and more than 15,875 nights of shelter in the next 90 days...along with the compassion and Christian care that can truly help turn their lives around.

You can make a safe, secure donation online at [Hiway80Mission.org](http://Hiway80Mission.org). Or use the enclosed envelope. Then, **enjoy your summer, knowing that you've helped those most in need.**

# “A Summer of Blessings!”

When you ask most kids what they like best about camp, they talk about the field trips, or the games or the food.

But camp is really about making a difference in their lives. About helping them come to know God and accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior.



## Who are these children?

They are homeless boys and girls who live at our Women & Family Shelter. At-risk children living in motels. Youngsters from the south side whose moms and dads are barely making ends meet.

Their counselors are Christian high school and college students who are serving here at the Mission as summer missionaries – young adults who are able to share with these children just how much Jesus loves them!

**Every day is going to be chock-full of activities, swimming, field trips, games and great meals.**

An experience like this can cost hundreds of dollar a week at a private camp. But we offer day camp free of charge. The entire cost is paid through donations.

**Our goal this year is to provide a summer camp experience for as many as 70 children. Your gift today will help make sure no one is turned away. Thank you!**



**Hiway 80 Rescue Mission**



# Make This a Summer of Blessings!



Somewhere in Longview, there's a boy or girl who's hoping and praying that you'll help them go to camp this summer.

It could be a boy or girl whose family is just barely making ends meet and can't afford to pay for summer camp. Perhaps it's a child from a home where drugs and alcohol are more common than Christian love and education. It could be an abused youngster who needs the nurturing attention of a Christian counselor. Or one of the many homeless children living at our Women & Family Shelter.

The child waiting to hear from you today could be any one of the more than 70 children hoping to go to camp this summer... a child who'll be so blessed by a week or two of swimming, sports, and great food in a loving atmosphere.

Just how many of them see their dreams come true depends entirely on friends like you.



**Please decide how many children you can help and let us know today.**

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