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Good News

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“Drugs mess up your life!”

Greg’s family can definitely see how much he has changed since he came to the Mission!

He’s gone from being a “drug-head” who tried to commit suicide and a “special ed” student who couldn’t read to a Bible-reading Christian!

What an incredible transformation! And Greg says it’s Hiway 80 Rescue Mission

that’s put him on the Road to a New Life!

In his early teens and 20’s, Greg’s life revolved around drugs. And his drug use got him into plenty of trouble: “falling in with a bad crowd” in his teens; a motorcycle crash when he was 19; a girlfriend lost when he was 22.

Without a high school diploma, good jobs were hard to come by. Greg’s drug and alcohol use made them even harder to keep. So after years of floating from Texas to California and back again, Greg ended up out of work and living with his mother.

Spending a year in a program his sister found in Dallas didn’t change Greg’s desire to use drugs. Today, he thinks it was because he “didn’t want to believe in Jesus.”

Then his sister found another program. But this time, it worked!

Greg came to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission and found more than help to rid himself of his addiction – he found

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“people with hearts” who really cared about him.

“The Lord helped me start to learn to read,” says Greg with a smile. “Reading the Word. Reading the Bible. I feel really close to Him, and I know He’s always there with me.”

Greg also began serving here at the Mission. First, he was in the kitchen where he helped “newcomers” to the Mission. From there, he moved to the warehouse where donations to the Mission are taken in.

Today, a proud graduate of our New Creation Program, Greg has found the New Road to a New Life!



A Message From Eric Burger



“Is my gift really important?”

“Will it really matter if I don’t make a gift to the Mission today?”

Yes! It most certainly will.

It will make a difference to a mother and her children who might otherwise be living on the streets or in a car. It will make a difference to a man or woman trying to regain a life lost to alcohol or drugs by developing a relationship with Jesus Christ. It will make a tremendous difference to hundreds of men, women and children who depend on the Mission for food, shelter and hope!

As we give faithfully to others of our time, our talents and our treasure, we make an impact on the world for His glory.

Because of your faithfulness, people’s lives are blessed. They are fed and sheltered and their lives are changed forever.

YES. Your gift does make a difference!

Road to a New Life Starts Here

Rev. Eric Burger
Executive Director

A heavenly summer for boys & girls at Camp Rescue

What an awesome summer it was for the children who attended summer camp! Some were homeless boys and girls who live at our Women & Family Shelter. Others were at-risk



children living in hotels, joined by youngsters from the community whose moms and dads are barely making ends meet. Their counselors were Christian high school and college students who

shared with these children just how much Jesus loves them! A heart-felt “THANK YOU” to all those who supported and participated in this great summer camp!

Join us to Honor our Nation’s Heroes

Many people who come to the Mission for food, shelter and care are veterans of the U.S. military.

Each year, we honor these brave men, and women, with a special service and banquet.

You are invited to join us as we honor our veterans on Monday, November 11 from 12:15 to 1 p.m. here at the Mission.

To RSVP, or to volunteer your time, call Gary Crim at (903) 759-8101 or e-mail garyc@hiway80rm.org.



2013 Thanksgiving Campaign

Summer’s barely over...who’s thinking about Thanksgiving? We are! Because the months ahead are our absolutely busiest time of the year.

In the next 90 days, we need to:

- Serve more than 45,000 meals to hungry men, women and children.
- Provide over 15,875 nights of safe shelter for people who are homeless.

And today, we need to raise thousands of dollars to make it all happen!

That’s why your gift to our 2013 Thanksgiving Campaign is so

important. Because **without your support, there is no food, there is no shelter – there is no Mission.**

You demonstrate God’s love in tangible, life-changing ways – a meal, a night’s shelter, education, job training and counseling.

Please send a gift today to fill the pantry, stock the shelves and make sure the doors are always open to those in need.

You can use the gift slip and envelope with this newsletter. Or, make your gift safely and securely online at www.Hiway80Mission.org.

Thank you!

Finally, a place to call home.

Angelyca spent her early childhood years with her grandmother – safe, secure, and learning about God under the woman’s gentle guidance. “She is the one I did Bible studies with,” Angelyca says. “We were brought up to read the Bible.”

Angelyca was just a girl when her grandmother passed away and she went to live with her mother – a turn of events that would change her life forever. “I was sexually abused by the

man she was married to,” Angelyca says. “I wandered away from God because I was getting molested.”

Angelyca went into foster care for the next four years, but when she aged out of the program, **she had no safe and secure place to go.** Moving seven times, she kept looking for a place where she and her two young daughters could settle. “I was just trying to get my own place and get on my feet,” she says.

Unable to provide the secure home she wanted for her children, Angelyca called her foster mom and her aunt – both recommended Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, “I have lived in foster care shelters, but I don’t consider this place a shelter,” Angelyca says. “I like it. It’s a safe environment for me and my kids.”

The Mission has helped Angelyca return to her Christian roots through devotions and Bible studies.

“It has helped me get better into Christ,” she says.

When Angelyca leaves the Mission, she plans to go back to school. “I am going to work to get my CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) first,” she says. “I want to be a pediatrician.”



Christmas totes for the homeless

If you are looking for a Christmas project for your group, we are going to be filling “Totes of Love” for the homeless in the community.

We are seeking volunteers to purchase items to fill a tote bag with items to bless our guests, men and women who would normally not receive anything for Christmas.

Hiway 80 Rescue Mission will supply the totes along with a shopping list. We will then collect the totes and distribute to the homeless at our Christmas dinner.

If you are interested in filling a Tote of Love, please contact Gary Crim at (903) 759-8101 or garyc@hiway80rm.org.



Come One, Come All!

Ever wondered just what your gifts are accomplishing here at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission? We would love to show you! Personal guided tours can be arranged to fit your schedule. Individuals and groups are welcome!

Volunteers are also in demand for the holidays. You’ll find a complete list of upcoming events on our NEW website at www.Hiway80Mission.org.

To schedule a tour or volunteer your time, contact Gary Crim at garyc@hiway80rm.org, or call Gary at (903) 759-8101.

Did you know...

...last year, **51%** of those living in homeless shelters were women. Our Women & Family Shelter is **full to capacity** nearly every night.



New! Improved!

Learn more about the Mission and the people you are helping on our NEW and IMPROVED website at www.Hiway80Mission.org. Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities and read the latest news.



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A higher purpose.*

9 Graduate New Life Program

Joined by delighted family and friends who cheered them on, 9 men celebrated their graduation from the Mission's New Life Program on June 21. The ceremony in the Mission's Patsy Lacey Griffith Chapel honored each individual for his completion of the classes, Bible study and training that will enable them to become self-sufficient members of our community. We congratulate



each of our graduates on their accomplishments and welcome them into a new life!

A Nation of Givers

We are "a nation of givers." More than 70% of all American's make donations to non-profit organizations – the highest percentage of any country in the world!

Amazingly, the average amount given per family is more than \$1,000 a year.

This generosity certainly benefits the Mission, where more than 90% of our support comes from private individuals, some of whom have been our partners in ministry for many years.

By comparison, only 7% of us leave a legacy to carry on the



work of the organizations we've supported and nurtured.

If you've been thinking about ways to

leave a lasting gift to care for hungry, homeless men, women and children, our Executive Director Eric Burger, has some suggestions. Call him at **(903) 759-8101** or visit www.Hiway80Mission.org.

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