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The Beauty of New Life

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Joyful Times This Easter

A Note From Rev. Eric Burger

Dear Friend,

You will always find a story or two in our newsletters about someone whose life changed completely — from night to day.

We see them when they first come here. Most feel unloved, wounded and hopeless. But when they reach out to Jesus, a gladness comes. They know they have been changed and go around telling others, “If God can change me, He can change anyone!” The change is real, and they want to tell others.

They are a light in the world, and they want to shine. It is delightful to see.

I hope these stories encourage you to keep praying for those you know who are currently far from God. Most here once had no love for God at all. **Now they are living examples of His grace.**

No wonder Easter is a joyful time around here.

Please celebrate with us. Even the angels sing when a lost person turns to God.

Thank you. May God bless you.

Road to a New Life Starts Here



Rev. Eric Burger
Executive Director
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P.S. God is working at Hiway 80 to save people from their sins and give them everlasting life. Thank you for your part in bringing broken and desperate people to have peace with God.

Our Mission At Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, we preach and teach the Word of God while winning souls to Jesus Christ. We accomplish this by providing food, shelter, clothing and the opportunity to hear and receive the Gospel.

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Celebrate with Us

Our Easter weekend of fun, fellowship and time praising our Savior is fast approaching! Please join us at one of our events as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the promise of new life.



Save the date

Friday, April 19 at 6:00 PM:

A Good Friday meal followed by a special chapel service

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 AM:

Our Community Easter Egg Hunt with prizes for different age groups

Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 AM:

Sunrise Service to be held for everyone outside at the Women and Families Shelter. A special breakfast at both shelters to follow.



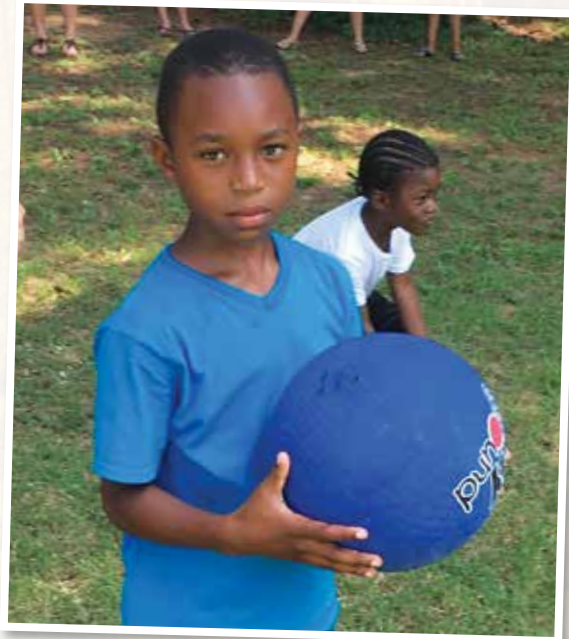
A Wonderful Summer Ahead

In about 2 months, Camp Rescue will start. Every summer since 2013, at-risk kids in 1st through 6th grade spend eight weeks with our summer missionaries. Through crafts, Bible lessons, summer activities, field trips and games, the children will have multiple opportunities to get to know their Heavenly Father.

Please pray for us as we prepare to work with and support these beautiful children. Last summer, we had 35 children at Camp! If you or anyone you know would like to work as one of our summer missionaries, please contact Erica Tumblin at (903) 234-2583.



Octavious first came to Camp Rescue when he was 6 years old. He's now 10. He has grown so much during the last 4 summers. When asked what he loves about Camp Rescue, Octavious said, "My favorite part of camp is going to the zoo each year."



Vanessa Finds a Safe Haven

Vanessa was 16 when they met. He swept her off her feet. A baby boy was born. She was 17.

When Hurricane Katrina hit their hometown of New Orleans in 2005, they evacuated together leaving her mother behind and breaking ties that would be hard to heal.

Then the authorities caught up with her husband and deported him back to his home in Africa. They went and lived there together. But the marriage failed and she came home.

“You make mistakes in life and hopefully learn from them,” says Vanessa. A sweetness remains with her. “I have a beautiful boy from that marriage whom I dearly love.”

She settled into living in Shreveport and turned to God for comfort. Her grandparents had taken her to church as a child and the seeds planted there remained. She watered them with Bible reading and worship. But at the same time most of her leisure time was spent in bars and clubs.

Then she met a nice man. They were engaged and a new baby was born. She named her Fanta, an African name meaning “Beautiful Day.”

Earlier this year, she became pregnant again, but in May her fiancé was arrested and given a six-month prison sentence. She was on her own with her young children and unable to pay her bills. Vanessa felt she couldn’t go back to her mother, but there was nowhere else to go. She was afraid of becoming homeless.

Someone told her about Hiway 80 in Longview.



She called and we told her to come. We had a place for her to stay. We welcomed her, and she became part of a community of staff and guests. Her new baby was born in August here at Hiway 80. Vanessa named her Jamaica, meaning “Land of Springs.” She and her children became part of a big, caring family.

“This place has really helped me,” she said. “My bond with God has grown much stronger.”

Now she has left Hiway 80 and is living with her fiancé’s family nearby. Her fiancé is being released in November and looking forward to returning to his growing family and getting to work to provide for them.

Earlier this year, life was falling apart for Vanessa. But thankfully you provided a place for her at Hiway 80. She made it through that hard time and drew close to God. Now she is ready to make a new start.



Thank you for giving safe shelter and support to people in trouble. You give them the opportunity to correct their life and walk the path that leads to peace.

Thank you.



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Do people ever really make lasting improvements in their life?

Jesus said they do. He came to set the sinner free from their way of life, forgive their offenses against God and empower them to live with God forever. It’s called salvation, and it comes from Jesus Christ who rose from the dead.

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~ John 3:16, NIV

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May God bless you, lead you and empower you this Easter and always.

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ANNUAL NEW LIFE BANQUET

May 9th

6:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn - North
Longview

Reserve your spot today!

For reservations, call (903) 759-8101.

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Rose Heights Church
Tyler

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Exciting things are happening!

Gateway to Hope continues to be a place of refuge for the homeless in Tyler. Men and women are able to get out of the elements, take showers, and do their laundry.

Through these opportunities, lives are being transformed. This past month, a pregnant mom was able to move off of the streets and into the Women and Families shelter in Longview. She had a safe home when she gave birth.

By the end of this month, men in the New Creation Program will also be living at Triumph Village. Here men can connect with churches and find employment after the program without having to move out of their home town. We are extremely excited about the chance this gives the mission to expand its ministry and impact the lives of even more people.

**Thank you for being
a beacon of hope
in the East Texas area!**

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