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# Good News

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## Who cares?

Dear Friend,

In these days of instant, worldwide communications, we are bombarded with one crisis after another.

Often, the needs overwhelm our desire to help.

We are blessed that you have chosen to help people right here in our community!

**Who cares for homeless men, women and children?** You do!

Your support provides emergency shelter and meals.

**Who cares for those who want to heal and return to their families?** You do!

Your gifts support the life-changing New Creation Program for men and the New Directions Program for women.

**Who cares for our communities' at-risk children?** You do!

Your donations provide a Summer Camp experience that helps children build a relationship with Christ.

Along with our gratitude for your care comes this promise from Psalm 41:

*Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the LORD delivers them in times of trouble. The LORD protects and preserves them—they are counted among the blessed in the land.*

Road to a New Life Starts Here

Rev. Eric Burger  
Executive Director

## "God was calling me."

**I**f you ask Jonathan what life was like before he came to the Mission, he'll tell you that what he had really couldn't be called a life.

"Every day was a struggle. It was all about getting the next fix."

You see, Jonathan was **just nine years old when he was handed his first marijuana joint** by an uncle!

From pot, he progressed to methamphetamines, then to "whatever was going around."

Jonathan was here at the Mission the first time in 2012. He left, got a job, got a car and got his life straightened out – for a time.

But about a year ago, he felt God calling him back to the Mission... calling him out of a life of drugs. "I told my friend I was staying with, 'If we keep going like this, we're going

to die.' **That night, I packed my bags and walked two hours to the Mission!**"

Jonathan joined our men's New Creation Discipleship Program and has never looked back. He not only appreciates the tremendous changes the Mission has made in his life, but what it's done for countless others.

>>> **Jonathan** continued



## New Life Banquet Inspires, Entertains



**F**ood, fellowship and a very special presentation by Ron Hall, author of *Same Kind of Different as Me*, were the highlights of the Mission's annual New Life Creation Banquet on April 21.

Thank you again to all our wonderful donors and volunteers who help us minister to and serve Longview and Tyler's hungry, homeless men, women and children. This ministry could not do its work without you!

To see photos of this year's banquet, visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/Hiway80RescueMission](https://www.facebook.com/Hiway80RescueMission).

# Lives transformed at summer camp!

**O**ur campers come from different cultures and families...all of them living below the poverty level.

But God doesn't care. He can use a game, a Bible Study, a Field Trip or quiet time with a Christian counselor to show His love and promises.

The Lord is using this summer camp to make changes in people's hearts and lives. But your support is vital.

Your gift today will make sure no one is turned away.

\$24 provides 2 full days of camp. \$60 means a full week of camp for one child. Your gift of \$120 sends two fortunate children to camp for a week.

Please, make a gift today to make sure no one is turned away.

**Thank you!**



Camp not only helps children build a relationship with God, but with their Christian counselors as well.



Most of our kids have never visited a zoo, bowled or played mini golf. They'll carry these great new experiences with them for a lifetime.

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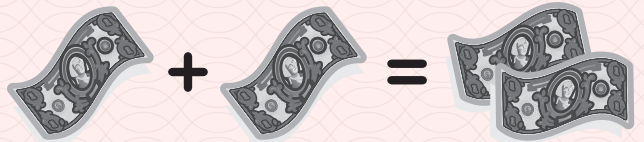
"I've seen so many people come through here...lives have been turned around, families have been restored. I've never heard of a place that helps people as much as the Mission does."

God has continued to speak to Jonathan during his time here at the Mission!

"I recognized that **He was calling me to the ministry**. I'm hoping and praying that my church and the Mission will help me go through seminary."

Jonathan now has moved out, has a job and is also working around his church doing odd jobs.

## DOUBLE the impact of your next gift



With fewer donations coming in over the summer, it's more difficult to provide food, shelter and care for the men, women and children seeking life-changing help here at the Mission.

But there is good news: A generous donor has given Hiway 80 Rescue Mission a \$20,000 Challenge Gift.

Matching this gift with an additional \$20,000 from faithful partners like you will provide \$40,000 worth of meals, shelter and care plus help send more kids to camp!

Please help us meet this challenge – and **DOUBLE** the impact of your next gift – by responding **before June 30**.  
**THANK YOU!**