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# Good News

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Holiday 2016

## ED'S LONELY, ISOLATED LIFE AS A LONG-HAUL TRUCKER

LED TO A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND AGONIZING DEPRESSION. HE WANTED TO DIE...

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22,500 meals by December 25

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The Perfect Gift?

## “Let there be joy!”

Caroling angels. Christmas pageants. Celebrations around the world.

Christmas is truly a miraculous time.

It’s a time to share love. A time to raise hopes. A time to be joyful!

And that’s exactly what makes it **a very difficult time** for the men, women and children who make their home with us here at the Mission.

Many are apart from their families, separated from spouses and children. Most would tell you they have very little to celebrate.

It is your gifts that **make Christmas the very best day possible** for them.

Special meals. Decorations. Small gifts. And above all, a celebration of that very first Christmas... a reminder for them – and for all of us – that miracles do happen and prayers are answered!

This then is my Christmas wish for all who join us here at the Mission during the holidays, and for you and those who are near and dear: **Let there be joy!**

Road to a New Life Starts Here



Rev. Eric Burger  
Executive Director



## That’s our goal this holiday season.

Each meal you sponsor today is so much more than a plate of food.

It’s a chance for you to help change a life.

To end hunger. To end homelessness.

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Make your gift online at **Hiway80Mission.org**.

Or use the enclosed reply card and envelope.

**Thank you for sharing your blessings and your bounty!**



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“I WAS *SUICIDAL*  
WHEN I CAME HERE.”

Ed was a successful long-haul trucker, but too much isolation on the road took a heavy toll. “It’s a very difficult lifestyle,” he says. “I made a lot of money, but **I had a nervous breakdown and suffered from very bad depression.**”

but functional, and I started working temporary jobs.”

Along the way, Ed had lost his driver’s license for too many tickets and it limited his employment opportunities. “It got to where **I couldn’t find any more work,**” he says.

my walk,” he says. “**Being here has taken all the distractions away and has helped straighten my priorities.** I’ve been able to get a firmer foundation. The Bible is coming alive to me.”

Ed is looking forward to reentering

“I spent **FIVE YEARS IN BED** with the covers pulled over my head.”

Ed received treatment for his depression and came out from under the covers. Then, while living on his savings in Fort Worth, he cared for his mother and sister who were both critically ill.

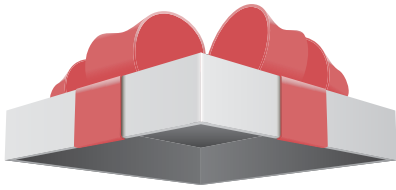
“They died, and I moved here at the advice of a long-time pastor friend,” he says. “I was still very depressed,

Then, Ed’s pastor friend suggested he come to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission’s New Creation Program. Ed agreed, hoping our Christ-centered program would bring him close to the Lord once again.

“When I was on the road, I wasn’t very dedicated to getting into the word and I let myself get very superficial in

the workforce when he graduates, and he credits God and the Mission with his new lease on life.

“I was suicidal when I came here. **If not for the Mission, I believe I’d be dead,**” he says. “Now I’m very content because I’ve become very dependent on God instead of myself. It’s a night and day difference.”



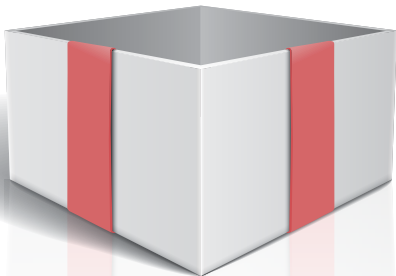
## The perfect gift? Look no further!

For homeless people in our community, Christmas is a season of lonely days and cold nights. Your Christmas Gift means food, shelter and the basic services that provide hope for happier days and nights ahead.

### It's easy:

1. Choose a gift.
2. Add it to your reply card.

Or visit our Christmas Gift Catalog online at [Hiway80Mission.org/GiftCatalog](http://Hiway80Mission.org/GiftCatalog).



### 12 Cans of Food

For homeless neighbors, just a single meal can make a huge difference. Become a sponsor of our "12 Cans of Christmas Challenge," and you'll be providing canned food for individuals and families who live on the edge of hunger.



\$12



\$25

### Love Totes, care packages for the homeless

Help us fill Love Totes with toiletries, warm clothing and notes of encouragement to give to men, women and children in need. For many, this will be the only Christmas gift they receive. Let's make it count!



\$35

### Meals

Provide meals to feed the hungry men, women and children who come through our doors. For many, the nourishing food served at the Mission will be their only hot meal of the day.



\$100

### Safe Shelter

Even in East Texas, many people suffer through cold nights without any kind of shelter or even a blanket. Give a man, woman or child safe shelter, warm blankets and the chance to finally rest.

These Christmas gifts are representative of the needs of people served by Hiway 80 Rescue Mission. Donations may be used to support the area of ministry where the need is greatest.

# Tributes

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