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Good News

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Weary hearts rejoice

LINDSEY AND JERRY WERE EXHAUSTED FROM THEIR STRUGGLES AND WERE SEARCHING FOR A WAY FORWARD.

Today, they feel the thrill of hope in their life – because of YOU!
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"These holidays are going
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With parents rarely home, and a brother deep in a world of drugs, Jerry fell into a lifestyle modeling his family's. “I can remember being a little kid and having to carry backpacks full of drugs,” he shares.

From a young age, Lindsey also lived in this world. But it was only one side of her suffering. Soon after high school, she began a relationship with a man that led to ten years of severe abuse. “I never unpacked my stuff.” **She was always prepared to run. “He was going to end up killing me.”**

Jerry suffered a different abuse in his first marriage – a wife unfaithful to him. The devastating news contributed to a relapse after many years of his successful sobriety.

Both broken and alone, Jerry and Lindsey met and would later marry – but even together, they struggled to escape the pain of their past.

This unhealthy lifestyle resulted in jail time for both. But soon after their release, Lindsey became pregnant with their son, Gunner. **“We’d already made the conscious decision to be sober, and I think God blessed us,”** Lindsey says.

For a time, the couple saved enough to live in a small apartment. But two weeks before Gunner's birth, Lindsey fell and broke her ankle. The added medical expenses meant they'd be short on rent and would have nowhere to stay. **“But the Mission helps whoever comes through these doors,”** Jerry says.

At first, Lindsey feared relapsing at the Mission. But God made His plans and provision clear. “I heard the same Scripture five times in three days,” she remembers. “‘Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you.’ **God said, ‘Don’t worry... just work on our relationship, and everything else will be taken care of.’”**

Jerry and Lindsey are grateful for the Mission's supportive and safe environment to live as a family. Here, God has not only provided them with shelter but also with a community that encourages them on their road to recovery, giving them a reason to rejoice during our Christmas celebrations. **“These holidays are going to be our sober holidays,”** Jerry says, **“and they’re going to be the ones that mean the most to us – the start of a new life.”**



“We were running the streets, and before we knew it, we were living underneath the bridge... homeless.**”**



Bring **HOPE** to weary hearts

Caroling angels. Christmas pageants. Celebrations around the world. Christmas is truly a thrilling time of year.

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

I think the Christmas carol "O Holy Night" puts it best: **A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices / For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!**

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

While it feels like the world is rejoicing around them, most of our guests would tell you they have very little to celebrate. Many are apart from their families, separated from spouses and children. Their hearts are weary from their struggles with homelessness or other desperate situations.

It's your gifts that **make Christmas the very best day possible for them** – and provide them with the thrill of new hope!

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!

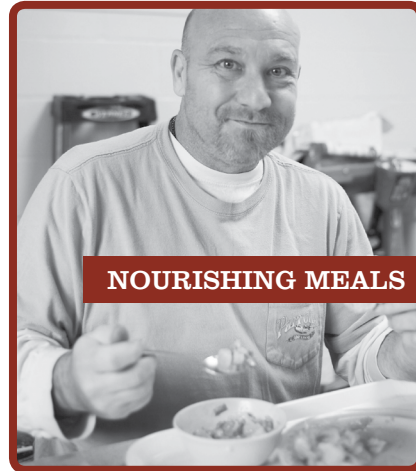
As you keep the East Texas area's hurting and homeless in your prayers, I pray you'll share the joy of the season through a gift that transforms lives forever... filling people with joy and new hope.

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 weary hearts experience the thrill of hope!**

Road to a New Life Starts Here

Rev. Eric Burger
Executive Director

The perfect gift? Look no further!



\$25

A hot meal at the Mission may be people's only meal of the day.



\$50

It's so much more than a bed! Share warm blankets and respite from the cold.



\$75

Give even more with our Holiday Hero Pack! It includes 10+ hot meals, 2+ nights of shelter & access to clothing, medical care & recovery programs!

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.

Make your #GivingTuesday gift now by shopping our Christmas Gift Catalog – it's full of ways to save and change even more lives in East Texas!

Shop our Gift Catalog online at **Hiway80Mission.org/GiftCatalog**. Or simply add your special Christmas gift to the enclosed reply card.



26,600
MEALS BY DEC. 25

OUR GOAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Each meal you provide today is so much more than a plate of food. It's a chance to end someone's hunger or homelessness – and offer them the gift of a thrilling new life this Christmas.

✉ GIVE NOW

using the enclosed reply card & envelope.

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anytime at **Hiway80Mission.org**.

Thank you

for sharing your blessings & bounty!

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