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Will you join us by offering more than hope?

By C. Lee Clark, Rescue Mission CEO

One of the greatest blessings at your Rescue Mission is witnessing impact in both big ways and small ones.

Recently, I was standing near our main entrance waiting to meet a young man who wanted to learn more about the Rescue Mission. As I waited, a woman hurried through the doors, visibly overwhelmed and out of breath.

When our receptionist asked how she was doing, she paused for a moment and quietly replied, "I'm trying to be okay."

Then she shared her story.

The apartment where she had been staying had been cleared out, and she had lost nearly everything she owned. At the same time, she had just been accepted into a recovery treatment program that would provide housing and help her begin again.

"But all the clothes I have," she said

softly, "are what I'm wearing."

Her requests were simple: underwear, a change of clothes, and maybe a skirt she could wear to church on Sunday.

Our receptionist immediately responded, "Let me walk with you over to our voucher store and we'll see what we can do today. Then we'll get you set up with a voucher card for additional clothing as you need it."

I stood there watching grace in action.

One person's kindness provided far more than clothing. It offered dignity, encouragement, hope, and the reminder that someone cared.

Your Mission team lives out these moments every day and every night as they meet people where they are and offer tangible kindness in the middle of adversity.

We often celebrate the big impacts—

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Food drive donations from the youth at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church.



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and we should. In this newsletter, Matt shares part of his journey from active addiction to becoming a loving father and husband, roles he once believed he would never experience. That transformation is powerful.

But when you look closely, life-changing impact is almost always built through hundreds of smaller moments:

a warm welcome,
a meal served with a smile,
a safe place to sleep,
a hot shower,
clean clothes,
a listening ear,
a ride to an appointment,
encouragement to take the next right step.

At your Rescue Mission, these small moments often become the foundation for lasting change.

From there, the blessings continue to grow through access to medical care, recovery support, case management, job training, and housing resources. The major

milestone of moving from homelessness into stable housing is usually preceded by hundreds of faithful, everyday acts of care and consistency.

It seems to me this is part of what it means to follow Christ.

So many of us have experienced thousands of small moments of grace throughout our lives—acts of kindness that quietly surround us until we realize how deeply we are loved by God and by others.

Some people live daily surrounded by these blessings. Others are simply trying to be okay.

This Father's Day season reminds us how deeply people long for stability, encouragement, belonging, and love. Strong fathers, mentors, families, and communities are often built the same way lives are restored—through consistent acts of grace over time.

Together, we can help hold one another up in faith, goodness, mercy, and love.

Will you join us in offering more than hope?

Together, let's create a movement of kindness by sharing Christ's love in hundreds of small ways each day. When we do, God multiplies those moments into impacts far greater than we could ever imagine.

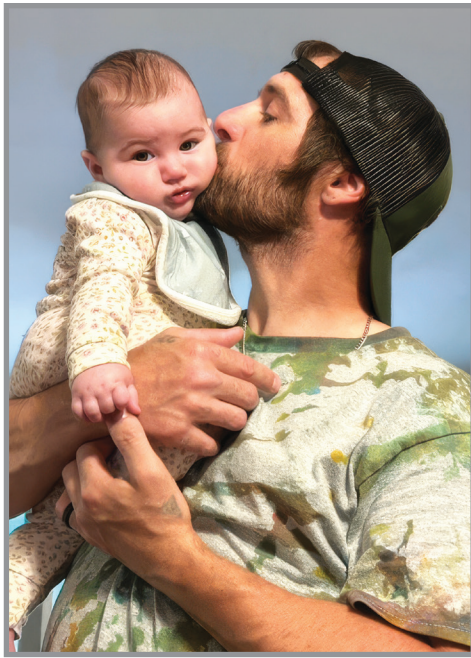
Just like in Matt's life.

And just like in the lives of the more than 200 men, women, and children currently staying in Emergency Shelter at your Rescue Mission.

This month, will you join the kindness movement by volunteering and giving?

Every volunteer hour and every gift helps create life-changing impact for people who simply need someone to walk beside them and remind them they are not alone.

Whether you are simply trying to be okay, or overflowing with blessings, I am grateful for you. Thank you for joining us on this journey.



More Than Hope: When God Rewrites the Story

By Lisa Thompson, Rescue Mission Development Director

Matt never thought he would live long enough to build a life worth fighting for.

For years, addiction controlled everything. Alcohol came first, then pills, meth, chaos, homelessness, broken relationships, anger, and despair. What began as experimentation eventually became a prison that stole his peace, his purpose, and nearly his future.

"I never thought I'd make it to the age I was when I came into recovery," Matt shared. "My life was a disaster."

But even in the darkest moments, God was pursuing him.

One night, overwhelmed by the emptiness around him and exhausted from the chaos of addiction, Matt finally broke down crying and prayed a desperate prayer: "God, I cannot do this anymore. I don't know what faith is. I need You to show me."

The very next morning, everything changed.

After a probation violation landed him in jail, Matt was unexpectedly released with nowhere to go. Through a series of God-ordained moments, he was connected to the Way Forward Recovery Program at the Rescue Mission. One week later, he arrived ready for a fresh start.

For the first time in his life, Matt found structure, stability, and people who truly understood his struggle. "I was surrounded by people who met me where I was and helped me grow," he said. "They gave me a start — the one I always wanted but never thought would happen." Through Bible studies, accountability, and honest conversations, he began to understand grace, mercy, and love in a way he never had before.

The Way Forward program became more than recovery. It became family.

And then God brought someone else into his life.

Jenn's path to addiction began after the overdose death of a close friend. What started with pain pills eventually spiraled into years of addiction, homelessness, gambling, and hopelessness in Las Vegas. But God wasn't finished writing her story either.

After returning home to Virginia, Jenn met Matt at a recovery meeting. What began as friendship slowly became something deeper — two broken people healing together through faith, honesty, and hope.

Matt laughs when he remembers the first time he saw her walk into a meeting. "I leaned over to a friend and said, 'I'm going to marry that girl one day.'"

Today, the two share something they once believed was impossible: peace, stability, faith... and a beautiful baby girl named Adelyn.

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"There was a time we didn't know if we would survive addiction," Jenn shared. "Now we spend our days rocking a baby to sleep, building a home, and thanking God for this miracle."

When Matt holds Adelyn, everything changes. "This life is better than anything I could have ever dreamed of."

At the Rescue Mission, recovery is

about so much more than sobriety.

It's about fathers getting a second chance. It's about broken lives being restored. It's about babies growing up surrounded by love instead of chaos. It's about introducing hurting people to the transforming hope of Jesus Christ.

Because someone gave...
Matt found recovery.
Jenn found hope.

And Adelyn gets to grow up in a safe, loving home.

There are still men and women walking through our doors today believing their story can never change. But Matt and Jenn are living proof that God specializes in redemption.

Your compassion, your gifts, and your prayers help make miracles like this possible.



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This June, give a gift to the Rescue Mission of Roanoke in honor — or in memory — of the man who shaped you. Your gift will provide meals, shelter, and hope to our neighbors in their greatest hour of need.

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