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*Helping the Hurting and the
Homeless
in the Name of Jesus Christ*

It often seems so common to prepare ahead of time for a hurricane, tornado, or blizzard. But how often do we prepare in advance for life trials or suffering? Pastor Will has been talking to us recently on **“God is preparing us for a storm”**. We have no idea looking back what difficulties laid ahead.

I stand in awe of how our **Lord has kept us steadfast and anchored through his Provisions and Love**. He has met all of our needs and **with your partnership and the community** so we can keep operations running day-to-day. It is as though God was preparing us for a fathom and bringing just what we needed to sustain us. Our nation may be at odds with many things right now and we do not understand why some decisions are made?

But we as a team stand on the solid rock of God's Truth and we will not compromise what we do day in and day out. God is able and mighty and we have been able to anchor down through this storm with His Word and Shield. **Isaiah 25:4 “You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and shade from the heat”**.

Some of the staff members had the privilege of attending the Gospel Rescue Mission Fellowship Conference in North Carolina. Throughout the sessions, we were reminded of **God's Love for the lost and Rescuing the Perishing**. Even during their storms in life and crisis happening, our Savior is anchoring them down and showing his **Love and Mercy**. It is grace that is given, as it has been extended to us. We heard all about other mission's struggles and how they equip their guests to be independent again. We shared success and victory stories and stories of disappointment. We heard a great redemption testimony from a Prison Chaplain.

Given the privilege of attending the conferences fills our spiritual tanks as we have all been running on empty for the last year. It was just what we need to refresh our hearts and souls. Renewing our minds and filling our cups was such a blessing.

Galatians 6:9-10 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up. We have the opportunity to do good to everyone and especially to those who need of the household of faith”

We are very encouraged by our men and woman in our New Life Discipleship program. They have been steadfast throughout this season and working so hard to redeem their life. They have all joined great churches in our community and serving alongside a body of Christ. There is so much joy in serving and having a servant's heart is such a blessing. They help manage all areas around the campus and have been such relief for us when things get busy. God just knew who to bring to our table and we are so excited for their new heart and life that is unfolding.

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Our dorms have had lots of activity with several men and ladies checking in. We have a mom with 3 children staying with us now. It was just this week she received a job and got her driver's license to drive legally, which is such a huge accomplishment to someone who has lived in darkness and no self-esteem.

Our community has employed lots of our guests and granted them second chances. **James 1:12 "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him"**


We are super excited to have a date set for our Annual Book Sale.

This year's event will open on **Thursday, August 19th at 5:00pm at The Stables** event center. This NEW LOCATION provides great parking (close to the sale), restrooms and a wheelchair ramp. We will also have an additional 1,000 square feet to give you even more room to shop! As always, **we have thousands of books sorted into over 50 categories.**

Thursday, August 19 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Friday, August 20 9:00am – 9:00pm
Saturday, August 21 9:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday, August 22 Noon – 4:00pm (Bag Sale!)

In closing, I can't begin to express our gratitude for all you have done for us this past season. **Every donation matters and counts.** We use it all for the Glory of God and I want you to know we love and appreciate each of you. We often pray for you and thank our Lord for provisions that enable us to prepare for yet another season and storm. We know we can count on you to help keep the lights burning.

In His Precious Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxann Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roxann Fox

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