

Hey folks, with the Thanksgiving holiday rapidly approaching, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you what we are thankful for here at the Norfolk Rescue Mission. I asked a number of staff members, guests and New Life disciples to write a few lines expressing what they are thankful for.

I am thankful for the **new life I have received from Christ**. Praise the Lord that He chose me out of my life of sin and brought me to a place that reflects His love and mercy so well. - Sean

Lindsay is thankful for the women she has met and the **forever friendships** she has made. She is grateful for **having God back in her life** and the knowledge that He is in charge. She says that she is thankful for getting visits with her son and she is beginning to rebuild family relationships.

I am thankful for many things:

- The faithful prayers of my parents, especially during my rebellious years
 - My 32 years of marriage to Laura
 - My children and grandchildren
 - My church family
 - The freedoms and privileges we are blessed with in this country
 - The One True God who hears our prayers John

I am thankful for: God who I trust, friends I can count on and unity of family. - Chantel

I am thankful for November 23, 2005 which marks the **beginning of my new life in Christ**. I am so thankful for jail ministry and the chaplain's visits that introduced me to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. - Roxann

He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me. 2 Sam. 22:20 ESV

I am thankful for my **new life** and the fact that I can wake up every day and be **able to go to work**. - George

I am thankful for everything God has blessed me with, including: a relationship with my child, another day free from the bondage of drug addiction, the wealth of knowledge from the counselors and the Biblical knowledge He is giving me. I am thankful for the food provided and a warm place for me to sleep and the comfort I have when it is 20° outside. So to sum it up, I am thankful that Jesus died for me and that He let me know this joy. - Jason

As for me, I am likewise thankful for many things including my wonderful family (especially my new grandson) and my amazing friends in the body of Christ. I am grateful to God for His Word and His glorious Gospel. I am thankful for my security in Christ and my hope of heaven.

I am also really thankful for all of you who serve as partners with us in ministry. Our staff could not do what we do without you all standing behind us showing your great support and encouragement. Your prayers, volunteer hours, service projects and financial gifts are a huge blessing to this team. We all are tremendously thankful for you.

I want to thank you in advance for helping us keep up this important work with your generous giving. Holiday and year-end giving adds a great boost to our struggling annual budget. Any gifts received at this time are so very much appreciated. The money we raise in November and December helps to carry us through some of the leaner months in the coming new year.

On top of filling up our reserve tanks, this is also a time of year in which we give out many coats, warm clothing items and food boxes for the holidays. If you would like to donate any holiday or winter items, we would be most appreciative.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Will