

Your Very Best

It is no secret that 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. TGRM is no exception. The toll the pandemic has taken on all of us physically, emotionally and spiritually have been extraordinary! In preparing this article Proverbs 11:25 kept coming to mind, "A generous man will prosper; **he who refreshes others** will himself be **refreshed.**" Here at TGRM,



financial support is a key part of our ability to continue to reach the broken, feed the hungry, and clothe those in need. At this time of the year, when utilities begin to rise and the cold drives more homeless indoors, we are in need of your best financial gift, so that we can continue to appropriately meet the needs of those the Lord sends us. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to give an amount above your normal faithful donation. Any amount would be appreciated and it would be a tremendous blessing!

Thank you & God bless you,
Kelly

Your Donations Are Keeping People Warm



The moms and dads who come to the TGRM Mission Mall are so appreciative of the people who've donated their gently used coats! Typically, TGRM hosts a "Coat & Blanket Day" centered specifically around providing families with desperately needed winter gear. Unfortunately, 2020 is no typical year! COVID-19 has

prevented us from hosting a large scale event, because of the need to socially-distance. Even though we can't host an event, please know that TGRM Mission Mall is still giving your lovingly donated items to those in need! During the Mission Mall's normal store hours if there is a family or person in need on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Pastor John is seeing to it that they stay safe, warm, and encouraged during this difficult time!

TGRM Mission Mall is still accepting donations of gently used clothing, coats, and household items Monday-Friday from 9:30am-3pm at the 117 W. Woodruff location. If you need to donate outside of these hours, the Men's Shelter (1917 Jefferson Ave.) is available for drop off Monday-Friday 9am-6pm.

Thank you for all you do to help your struggling neighbors!

Ministry Needs List

Men's Shelter & Kitchen

Masks/face Coverings
Multi-purpose Cleaner
Disinfecting Wipes
Bleach
Dish Soap
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Napkins
Paper Plates
Paper & Styrofoam Cups
Plasticware
Serving Gloves
Meat: Turkey, Ham, Beef, Chicken
Stuffing
Gravy
10# Cans Vegetables
Rice
Flour
Sugar
Coffee and Powdered Creamer
Canned Soups
Ketchup
Mustard
Miracle Whip
Salad Dressings: Ranch,

French, Italian
Industrial-sized Aluminum Foil
Industrial-sized Plastic Wrap

Rebekah's Haven

Diapers 4, 5 & 6
Wipes
Thermometers
Vaseline
Baby Lotion
Baby Bath
Q Tips
Body Wash
Deodorant
Lotion
Shampoo & Conditioner
Razor
Shaving Gel
Tampons
Feminine Wipes
Body Spray
Chapstick
Brushes
Hair Ties
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Dish Soap

Fabuloso/Pine Sol
Bleach
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Scrubbing Bubbles
Bath Towels
Wash Cloths
Socks
Panties

Mission Mall & Out Reach Center

Garbage Bags (tall kitchen & 30 gal trash bags)
Dish Soap
Bleach
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Coffee, Cream, & Sugar
Presweetened Kool-Aid
Face Masks
PineSol
Rubber Gloves

All Mission Areas Need

Vital Oxide, or other similar EPA approved industrial strength disinfectant for electrostatic disinfection.

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THANK YOU!



Annual Newsletter November 2020

S'more Of Jesus



Life is changing all the way around! The leaves are colorful, yet beginning to fall. The temperatures are getting cooler too. All that combines to make it the time of year that a bonfire seems so inviting! The blaze of the fire draws people in, yet it's the glow of the coals that is actually the hottest and longest lasting part of the fire. It is over these coals that food actually changes. Take a marshmallow for example. It is cold and somewhat stiff until it's introduced to the coals. The heat from the coals changes its texture and makes it sweeter and more pliable

for use in things like S'mores. Not only is the marshmallow changed, but the chocolate bar that goes into the S'more changes with it!

For sixty-five years the coals of the spiritual fire that has been blazing at TGRM have been changing the hearts of men, women, and children. Rough exteriors are softened and made pliable when you share how the fire of His Spirit has changed you. Through this pandemic, souls are still searching for the Savior. In the past couple of months eight of those searching have found Him thanks to your partnerships with TGRM in prayer, in finance, and in support of the life-giving Chapel services. Those souls will in turn affect a change in others around them just as the

warm marshmallow effects the chocolate bar in the S'more. Thank you for whichever part you play in the spiritual bonfire at the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission ministry facilities.

God bless you!

Tom





“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has,”

Margaret Mead

FEELING GRATITUDE AND NOT EXPRESSING IT IS LIKE WRAPPING A PRESENT AND NOT GIVING IT.

Christmas Shopping & Helping Others!



Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission will once again be selling Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards as a fundraiser for the Mission! For every \$25 gift card you purchase, TGRM earns \$5! Get one for all the cowboys and cowgirls on your Christmas list! You can purchase one by calling the office at (419)241-6579 to pay by phone & have them mailed to you, or by coming to the administrative office at 117 W. Wood-

ruff Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43604 to pay with cash or check and take them with you! Supplies are limited, so get yours today! If you don't want to share them as a gift, use them as payment at the TGRM FUNdraiser Night at Texas Roadhouse on Trust Drive in Holland, Ohio on December 8th...it would be a win-win for you and TGRM!

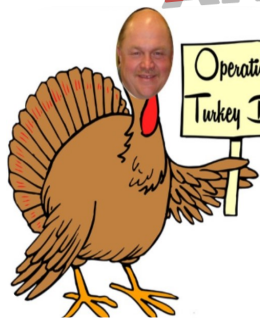


REMINDER:



All year end gifts must be postmarked by **12/31/2020** to count as a tax deduction for 2020.

CALLING ALL TURKEYS... AND A FEW HAMS



This is the time of the year when we feed hundreds of men, women, and children who otherwise would not have a Thanksgiving or Christmas

dinner. Many of their lives have disintegrated to the point that they are no longer welcome at their family gatherings or they do not feel safe there. We, the mission and you, become the hands and feet of Christ to them by preparing a simple Thanksgiving and Christmas meal. To make this possible,

we are asking you to pick up an extra turkey or ham while you are shopping for your family and bring it to the TGRM Kitchen located at the Men's Shelter building located at 1917 Jefferson Ave. at your convenience.

Socially Distanced drop-off is available by calling the Deskman at 419-242-6642 upon your arrival.

Thank you so much for changing their life from a world of hurt to a world of **HOPE.**

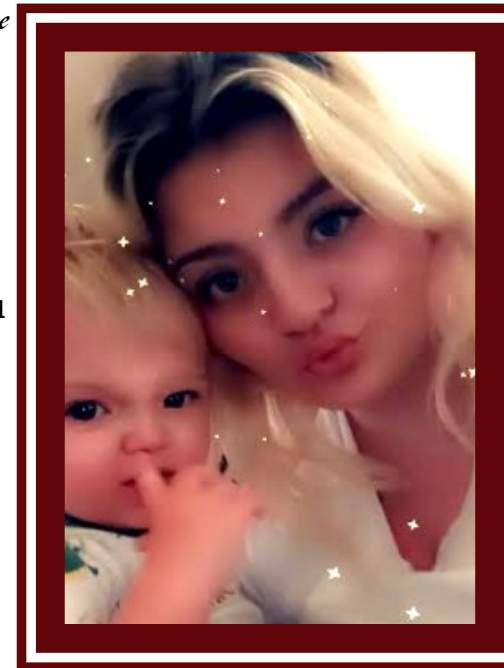


Rayvn's Story of Hope

This story shows the work of the Lord Almighty! Thank you all for being part of helping these moms. We couldn't show them the love of Christ without your help! Every day it is a blessing for me to see life change first hand. I love that you love like HE loves! My heart is filled with joy more than you could possibly imagine by being a part of Rebekah's Haven!

Thank you, *Jacque*

Hello my name is Rayvn. I am a 20 year old single mother to a son named Jackson. I'm also mom-to-be to a second child, my due date is May 6th 2021. The gender at this time is unknown. I have had a challenging life since childhood. The woman that raised my siblings and I treated us like Cinderella. My father has always been a hard worker. He worked his fingers to the bone to make sure we had everything that we needed. So, he was not aware of the mistreatment toward my siblings and I. He has always been taken advantage of by people. So, I took to the streets and learned to survive on the streets at a young age. I always seemed to pick the guys that took advantage of me and scared me, to the point that I would shut out the most important people in my life. Family means everything to me, because they loved me even when I wasn't sure of who I was. When I became pregnant with Jackson, my hormones went through the roof. As a result, I was diagnosed with Philo Kidney Disease. My kidney almost failed, due to a doctor's negligence. I went into a depression thinking my son would die. On May 27th 2019, however, I gave birth to the most beautiful boy in the world. He was healthy, smart, and perfect! He was born just two days after my 19th birthday on Memorial Day weekend. I had lost all hope in myself and life itself. After Jackson was born, I felt no connection to him. I didn't know who to turn to. I felt lost, scared, and angry. Jackson's father said that he'd take care of me and he didn't do any of that. I was lied to! I couldn't handle



the drinking and addiction to video games. That's when I decided to shut the door on him and everyone that I love. Not long after that, I became mentally ill. I heard voices and would see things. I felt that I couldn't ask for help and became trapped in my own mind. Then in the middle of summer, I started to attend a church and was baptized.

However, I soon lost that road quickly. I didn't know how to talk to God. I wanted to apologize to God for shutting Him and everyone else that I loved out. Again, I didn't make the right choices, because of the voices in my mind. I was lost, confused, and thought that no one would understand what I was going through. I moved in with a close person to me and she got evicted. So, now I became a homeless person. Not just a homeless person, but a homeless mother with a son. I was broken to pieces. I really didn't know where I would or could go and what to do. I was so confused. I bounced house to house and in and out of hotels

without my son. I knew that if I didn't figure it out soon that I would lose my son and sanity completely. I soon had an appointment for an intake at Rebekah's Haven. At this point I was unable to trust anyone, so it took me two weeks to decide what I was going to do. Mrs. Jacque, recognizing my struggle to trust, did everything possible to make us feel comfortable. She offered to take us to dinner, so I could meet staff and feel safe. She sent Ms. Angie outside to speak to me, while my mom conversed with her. Finally, I arrived! I was met by Mrs. Jacque, Ms. Debora, and Ms. Angie with open arms to help me in every way to make me feel comfortable and loved, as well as Amber, who feels like a big sister to me. Today I am stronger because God is my strength! I have accepted the Lord into my heart. I look forward to my future with Christ, and I want to continue to learn who I am in Christ. Thank you, Lord, for never leaving me and leading me to this place!

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