



HEARTBEAT

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COVID-19 Can't Keep Us Down!



Though the guidelines for operation were strict, the staff and volunteers at TGRM adjusted, you stepped up to the plate with donations of food, clothing, cleaning supplies, and finances, and the Gospel message continues to go forth. We are coming out of the Covid crisis stronger and more secure in God's love and provision than ever before. As we start down the path to the future, I believe we will continue to grow even stronger and more vibrant! There's only UP from here on out!

It is unfortunate that we had to postpone our 65th Anniversary Celebration, but hopefully, we will be able to come together in the near future to celebrate what the Lord has done. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information. As soon as we have a date and time, we will share it with you.



Thank you and God bless!
Tom

I personally want to thank every individual, church, and business that helped us maneuver through the landmines of the Covid craziness. As we continue through our 65th year of ministry please know that we acknowledge we could not have done a single thing without your faithful support.



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What is the TGRM Outreach Center?

We've met several great people in the 11 years that we have volunteered at the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission Outreach Center! We invite you to come and enjoy the many different activities and opportunities to get involved! Don't just take our word for it...here's what some of the folks we've grown to consider as family have to say!

God Bless,
John & Terri Nealy



"We really love going to the Saturday night dinners with Pastors John & Teri & the other churches that provide the dinners. We love the messages that Teri gives us especially the "bag message" and we feel like one big family around the dinner table. If you haven't been there yet, when it opens again, we invite you to come, it's at the church at the corner of Phillips and Vermass. Hope to see you all soon! God Bless." ~ Bobby & Phyllis



"The ministry at Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission Outreach is loving and accepting. The fellowship is meaningful and purposeful. The sermons and Bible studies are solidly based on the Word of God, the Holy Bible. The Bible studies are in depth. The meals are bountiful and healthy. I love the leftovers! I also greatly miss the sweet fellowship." ~ Don

Ministry Needs

Men's Shelter Needs

Paper plates
Cups
Plastic silverware
Ketchup
Mustard
Miracle Whip
Mayonnaise
Tuna fish
Pickle relish
French dressing
Ranch dressing
Italian dressing
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Toilet bowl cleaner
Sanitizing wipes
Spray disinfectant
Bleach
Nitrile glove
Thermometers

Rebekah's Haven

Popsicles
Peanut butter
Jelly
Pre-sweetened koolaid mix
Sanitizing wipes
Hand sanitizer
Disinfectant spray
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Bleach sprays
Dish soap
Laundry detergent
Bleach
Baby wipes
Thermometers
Feminine hygiene products

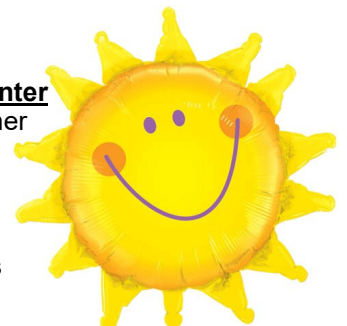
Mission Mall

Plastic hangars
Paper face masks

Disinfectant spray
Sanitizing wipes
Large bottles hand sanitizer
Coffee
Coffee filters
Powder creamer
Sugar packets
Sweet-n-low
Powdered individual water flavoring
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Detergent

Outreach Center

Pinesol Cleaner
Bleach
Coffee
Coffee Filters
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels



To Those Answering The Call



As this wild Spring is beginning to wind down, and the new normal starts to become clear, we'd like to pause briefly to express our gratitude.

- So, to all who've stepped up when we asked for sanitation supplies, *Thank you!*
- To those who made sure that the people who rely on TGRM for meals have more than enough, *Thank you!*
- When finances started running low and we put out the call for help, *Thank you* to those who dug deep even in the midst of their own financial uncertainty!
- To the skilled sewers out there who've blessed us tremendously through your time, talents, and treasure and brought us masks, *Thank you!*
- For the continuous around-the-clock prayer support we've felt strengthening us and holding us in times of trial, *We Appreciate You!*
- To those who called, emailed, and reached out with information on gaining access to much needed help and opportunities, we are *Truly Thankful!*

In fact, **GRATITUDE** is overflowing from all of us here at TGRM for all this and so much more! It's like the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Phillippi, "*I thank God for you upon every remembrance...*" in Phillipians 1:3-11 KJV

Thank you!



TOGETHER
WE RISE
BY
LIFTING
OTHERS!



YOU'VE MADE
A DIFFERENCE!



THANK
YOU!

Donated Books Helping Kids

About 5 or 6 years ago, the neighbor residing in the house behind the library with his children (in conjunction with a church project) built a street corner library. They proceeded to stock it with books for children of all ages. The idea is to take a book leave a book, if possible. Anyone can borrow at any time. The entire neighborhood fell in love with the idea of the street corner library! When the neighbors who built the library moved on, the new neighbor readily agreed to keep it as it was. Anytime it needs repair, neighbors jump right in to keep it ship shape. This was the first one in our neighborhood, but since then two additional ones have sprung up! Many of us take on the task of keeping it stocked with books. Pastor John at the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission Mall has been very helpful in providing me with books for children of all ages.



It's fun to sit on my porch and watch the traffic that passes by of children; kids on skateboards, bikes & roller skates, and even kids in strollers! It's a very sad day when there are no books inside. I see a child look in and not find anything & walk away.

In this time of quarantine, with schools and libraries closed, it has been especially busy! I truly appreciate the effort of everyone who donates books to the Mission Mall & to Pastor John for helping me by kindly reaching out to make sure that I always have books.



I can only speak for myself in saying that; I don't care if the books come back to the library. It's my pleasure to keep it stocked because, of all the things a child can borrow, a book can be an invaluable friend and helper.

Thank you again.

Jenni Swartz

A Fighting Chance, Because Of You

Hello my name is Najlia A- Davis, I am a 21 year old single parent. My son and I came from Lansing Michigan/ Flint Michigan. My sons name is King and he is 21 months old. When we left Michigan, my son had been diagnosed with lead poisoning from the water. We left soon after, during the water crisis.

When I came to Ohio, a counselor from another agency connected me to Rebekah's Haven. I didn't only leave because of my son being sick, I also left because I knew there was a slim chance of me getting my life together there. I wanted to make changes and be that role model for my son. I didn't want him to grow up in the same atmosphere. I wanted to be in a positive atmosphere so my son would have a chance in life. That's how I came to Rebekah's Haven.

Although even in a positive atmosphere with staff, chaplains and having chapel service, I took the influence of a negative lifestyle once again. I found myself following women that were leading me back to what I left behind. But, thanks to Mrs. Jacque for the second chance and believing in me, I am very blessed! I don't know where I'd be at today. Being here, my son and I are being taken care of and loved by a community of people. People who didn't even know us, just treating us with love & care, while I get myself together.

I am currently back in school! Due to Corona I am in an online school. Which is fine, because I'm still moving forward. Once I get my GED, I am going to go to college.

Honestly I thank God, the most high, for his mercy and grace. Being here at Rebekah's Haven has changed my life completely! As a child, I new about God, but not about having a relationship with Him. I now have a relationship with Him. I also have a better understanding about how to go about life in general. I know and I feel I'm going through a real change. It makes me get so excited, and I want to stay close and connected to our Father who made it all possible.

I'm not without an everyday battle! During this Coronavirus, it has made that battle harder. I miss my family. I have not been able to go for a family visit. When I get stuck on those thoughts, I focus on the word of God. I know that He is in control and I cannot complain because He never fails me!



Alive, Well, & Thankful

Last month we informed you about Jim VanCamp, our former Board Member and good friend, having contracted COVID-19. He wanted us to follow up on his behalf and express his sincere appreciation for all of your heartfelt prayers and concern. He is truly grateful and wanted you to know that he's alive and well!

"There's no keeping a man of God down!"

Thank you for all you do for us and our friends here at the Mission!

Thanks to all who have lent a hand,

Najalia & King

