



HEARTBEAT

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BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

In Luke 6:45 Jesus said, "A good man out of the treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." He spoke a lot in this chapter of Luke about how good things do not happen by chance, accident, or luck, but from the overflow of the heart!

It is strange to think that the pandemic shut down was a whole year ago this month! The last twelve months have been challenging, not just for Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for the whole world! There has been sickness, dying, depleted resources of all kinds, feelings of hopelessness, anger, and frustration, as well as changes to the ordinary routines we had come to take for granted. The Men's Shelter & Rebekah's Haven had to reduce capacity, the Mission Mall closed & Saturday Giveaway stopped, TGRM served the daily meals from the Weenie Wagon, and the most vulnerable in the Toledo area were scattered and scared.



Amid all this struggling, however, there was an undercurrent of community, because we were all "separate but together." Here at Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, we saw an outpouring of the good that happens when those who love God and love people give during their own struggles to those who seek help here. Every day we are thankful for all that you do to help those we serve! It is truly a miracle to watch as you give time to volunteer, mentor, and minister! It is truly a blessing when you give food, clothing, and finances, so that through the ministries of TGRM people can be safe, warm, and find lasting peace! You are a blessing to us, and we appreciate you, but even more so THEY APPRECIATE YOU!

Moving forward to now, Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission is cautiously, and strategically reopening to fully serve again! In the month of February, we saw Rebekah's Haven move into the new facility, the Outreach Center reopened for Tuesday Bible Studies, the Saturday Giveaways at the Mission Mall reopened by appointment, and the Men's Shelter was able to open under emergency procedures when the weather turned bad! TGRM hopes by Mid-April to fully reopen in each area as the safety protocols set by the Health Department allow! In the meantime, TGRM continues to be innovative and find ways to reach and serve those in need and know that however you can be a blessing through your time, talents, and treasure, that you are reaching those in their most desperate need with the light of Christ!



In Christ,
Kelly Llanas

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I will bless you and you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

You Are Essential!



I would like to thank all of the folks in this community and surrounding area who have pulled together during this time of the pandemic by dropping off canned goods and clothing at the Mission Mall for people in need. The nicest thing happened the other day when one of our regular ladies stopped by! Our new Executive Director, Kelly Llanas, was in the mall at the time and I introduced them. The lady told Kelly a story of how important this Mission Mall is in the community, not just for material goods they might need, but also for the prayer people come in for before visiting their doctors, heading to the hospital for a procedure, or prior surgery. Kelly was able to hear this woman's testimony and let her know that Jesus has Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission in this community just for that reason! This is only one story of many stories, and they are priceless to us here at TGRM and what encourage us to keep going each day!



May God bless everyone of you who continues to make it possible through their time, talents, & treasure!

God Bless,
John

Change, Growth, & Faith



A special thank you to the hard working ladies who have sewn all of these beautiful quilts for Rebekah's Haven!

Next month is March, the month of the wind. As the wind flows, so does the breath of God. We know that God is our great provider even in our times of doubt. Yet, we know that all we need to have is faith as little as a mustard seed. We are still in need of funding for the children's playground. As we continue to grow into our new facility, I'm certain more needs will come to light. We are so thankful for a community who believes in the work of Rebekah's Haven! Words cannot express the gratitude we feel toward each and every one



of you that have come along side us in this journey thus far. God bless you! I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us.

Always Thankful,
Jacque

P.S. We are in desperate need of new slipper socks for the mom's & kids for safety & sanitary reasons. Thank you!

Ministry Needs

Men's Shelter

Plastic Flatware
Napkins
Paper Plates
Brillo Pads
Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent
Coffee, Creamer, Sugar
Pancake Mix
Broths
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise
Pasta

Mission Mall & Outreach

Tennis Shoes - (Clean, reusable)
Coffee, Creamer, Sugar
Towels
Bleach
Spic & Span/Pinesol
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
New Thermal Socks
Hand Warmers

Rebekah's Haven

Shower Shoes
Slip Resistant Socks & Slippers
30 Thermal Curtains & Curtain Rods
10 - Small Garbage Cans
Baby Wipes
Baby Wash
Vaseline
Diaper Rash Cream
Diapers Sizes 4,5, & 6
Body Spray
Bleach
Laundry Detergent Pods
Dryer Sheets
Scrubbing Bubbles
Lysol Disinfectant Spray
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