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Mending Shattered Lives Since 1974



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From now on, I'm listening to God. He has to be my first priority.

God is with me in my storms and trials . . . *that's why I'm no longer afraid*

My name is Leigh Ann. Before I share the first word of my testimony, I want to thank God, the Mission, and a friend like you who are helping me get my life back together. I know all about Durham Rescue Mission because I've been here before. In fact, I did the Victory Program twice. I'm glad I've been given a third chance, because I just needed to come to a final realization that it's impossible to live life on my own terms. When I do, nothing ever goes right. If I were to write a letter to God today, I would say I'm so sorry for failing Him. I would also *thank Him* for

saving a sinner like me and for sending His Son to die in my place.

The Truth — God's Truth — is setting me free

These days, the words of the song *Amazing Grace* mean the world to me. That's because I feel God's grace at every moment. I'm on an incredible faith journey with my risen Savior, and even though I'm not where I need to be yet, I know I'm getting there. No longer am I spending my time addicted to pain

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medication and wasting time doctor shopping for prescription drugs. Those days are gone. I praise God I have found the truth, and that truth is setting me free. I continue to face many storms and trials, but I know God is with me every step of the way. Thank you again for your part in helping me to see the light — the light of Christ.

Your friend,

Leigh Ann

Mission Statement of the Durham Rescue Mission

“Our mission is to meet, through the power of Jesus Christ, the needs of the whole person — spiritual, educational, emotional, physical, vocational and social — so those who are hurting may become fully functioning members of society.”

An Encouraging Word from the Founders Dr. and Mrs. Ernie Mills

Dear Friend of Durham Rescue Mission,

For those who come to the Mission and accept Christ, life suddenly becomes worth living. Once fearful, they are now hopeful and excited for their future. Again and again our guests tell us *were it not for the risen Lord living in their lives, they would still be living their destructive lifestyle.*

At the Durham Rescue Mission, we help people become what we call *Encouragers*. These men and women are further along in their Christian walk and have developed an ability to provide Bible-based encouragement to others who need the Lord's guidance. So if you were to come to the Mission and ask people what their job is here, you might hear them say, “I am an Encourager.” Every time we hear a man or woman say those words, it warms our hearts — as we know it does yours.

Your gifts keep on giving

Recently we were invited to a luncheon at a major company in Durham. The company was preparing for a golf tournament and it was looking for a nonprofit group to receive the proceeds. One of the people who worked at the company said, “We must give the money to the Durham Rescue Mission.” When asked why, the woman said, “The Mission helped my family survive when I was a small child. They gave us turkeys at Thanksgiving and gifts at Christmas.” This grateful person never forgot the kindness of the Mission . . . which means she also remembers how much someone like you cares. Aren't you glad you are able to give gifts that keep on giving year after year?

God bless you at this Easter season.

Sincerely,

Ernie + Gail

Ernie & Gail Mills, Founders



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Windows and Mirrors . . .

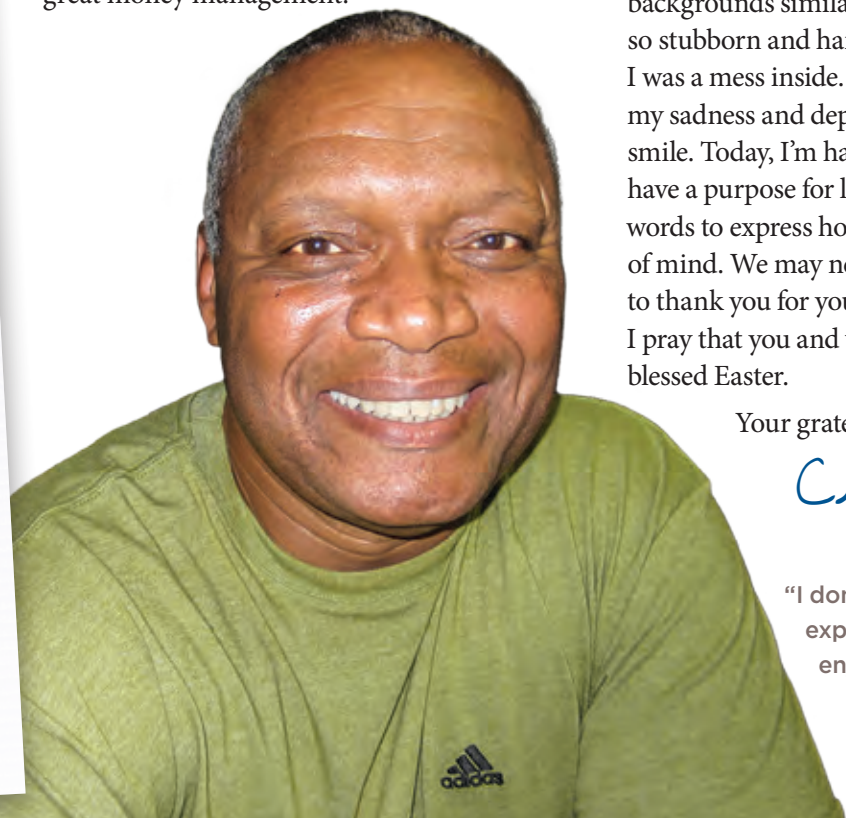
Two biblical ways we share the Good News with our Mission guests . . .

Many of Jesus' stories are called *window parables* . . . windows through which we're able to catch a glimpse of what the Kingdom of God looks like. For example, *it is like unto treasure hid in a field* (Matthew 13:44) or *like a net cast into the sea* (Matthew 13:47). Other stories Jesus told are *mirror parables* . . . messages which require us to look inward . . . to see ourselves as we really are. The story of the Prodigal Son is one such example (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

At Durham Rescue Mission, we share both types of Jesus' parables to inspire our guests and bring a ray of hope into their lives. These encouraging words of scripture give

I praise God He is the same yesterday, today, and forever

My name is Clarence. If I were not at the Durham Rescue Mission today, I'd either be six feet under or sitting in some prison. In the past, a typical week for me would be to go to work on Monday and get paid on Friday. When I'd receive my check at the end of the week, I'd pay my rent and my bills. I would buy my groceries for the week and then I'd use the rest of my money to buy crack cocaine. I would shoot my entire check in one day. Not exactly great money management.



I would smile to keep from crying

In the end, my addiction caused me to lose everything: my job, my car, my family, and everything else that was important to me. But today, God in His great mercy is giving me my life back. I'm now going to Durham Tech and I'm getting a degree in business administration. I bought a car, and have just become an apprentice at the Mission, where I have the opportunity to minister to other men who have backgrounds similar to mine. I used to be so stubborn and hardheaded. But actually, I was a mess inside. I would simply cover my sadness and depression with a fake smile. Today, I'm happy, clean, sane, and have a purpose for living. I don't have the words to express how it feels to enjoy peace of mind. We may never meet, but I want to thank you for your kindness and love. I pray that you and your family enjoy a blessed Easter.

Your grateful friend,

Clarence

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Special Thanks

To everyone who gave financially, volunteered, and/or donated coats, food, and/or Christmas gifts. See lots of photos of happy faces at www.DurhamRescueMission.org



Special Needs:

Donations of clothing, shoes, and furniture for our thrift stores. Call **(919) 401-1935**.

our friends the opportunity to: a) *catch a glimpse of God's intentions and desires* and b) *to see themselves realistically — and to know what they can become when they acknowledge the saving power of a risen Lord*. If any one of us is to change our world . . . *we must first allow God to change us*.

The empty tomb is the message of eternal hope

As we approach the Easter season, our Mission guests need to know they are loved, accepted, and appreciated for who they are. And when they hear the story of the empty tomb and come to faith in our risen Lord, *that's the day that turns their lives around*. To carry on this ministry of rescue at Easter and throughout the year, we continue to count on your enthusiastic support. To give your generous donation today, please use the enclosed remit slip, or you may make your gift online at www.DurhamRescueMission.org. God bless you for being an Easter friend to people in need. Thank you for caring.

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Annual Easter Community Dinner & Easter Basket Give-Away



WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EVENT. WE NEED:

- Easter Baskets for the children
- Volunteers to help set up and serve

You can help by purchasing an Easter Basket. Drop it off at **1201 E. Main St.** or make an online donation at **www.DurhamRescueMission.org** and mark Easter Baskets (\$15 will provide a lot of joy for an at-risk child).

To volunteer, please call **(919) 688-9641, ext. 5025** or sign up online by visiting **www.DurhamRescueMission.org**

Chaplain's Corner Rev. D. Robert Tart, COO



Do you know what the fourth of the Ten Commandments is? "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"

(Exodus 20:8). This sounds simple, but there is much more to that command. The phrase that follows is, "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work" (Exodus 20:9). The fourth commandment is not only a command to rest, but also to work. Rest is not sweet if there is no work to make you tired. At the Rescue Mission, a major part of therapy for the addicted is labor. A man will never gain control of his passions or of his soul if he does not fatigue himself on a regular basis. If you are seeking God's face, but feeling like God is not there, don't neglect your work. You are rebelling against God when you do.

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What is a Planned Gift?

A SIMPLE DEFINITION IS:

gifts from assets rather than from income. Remember the homeless in your estate planning.

- Durham Rescue Mission as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy
- Charitable lead trust
- Charitable remainder trust
- Donor-advised funds
- Appreciated stock gifts
- Real estate

For more information, please call Gail Mills at (919) 688-9641, ext. 5028.



Prayerfully consider options for insuring your desire to help others for years to come.



Easter Meal Ticket

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YES, Ernie and Gail,

it's a privilege to continue to support this ministry of rescue during the Easter season.

Here's my donation of:

- \$20.50 to provide **10 meals** and other assistance
- \$30.75 to provide **15 meals** and other assistance
- \$61.50 to provide **30 meals** and other assistance
- \$_____ to provide as many meals and as much care as possible
- Please bill my credit card:
- VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

Durham Rescue Mission
P.O. Box 11368
Durham, North Carolina 27703-0368

ACCOUNT NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

► Please mail this completed form with your generous Easter gift, or you may donate on our secure website at **www.DurhamRescueMission.org**. Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt. Any gifts received above our current need will be used to help care for the needy throughout the year.