

homewardbound

Your support helps guide lost souls home.



Trading Drugs and Crime for Straight A's

by Edward

"Here at the Mission
I accepted Jesus Christ
as my Savior and Lord.
*It's the best decision
I ever made.*"

EDWARD BEFORE



My name is Edward. I was once the most

wretched of sinners. At age 11, I was already smoking pot. At 14, I was on heroin. As I grew older, I continued to use drugs and engage in criminal activity. I lived in the woods, had long hair, a full beard and looked just like Charles Manson. I never felt my dad loved me, mainly because I didn't go into the Military. From that point on, my life was a downhill spiral. I spent five years in the penitentiary on meth charges. When I got out, I was clean for a while, but when my mother died I felt I had nothing left in life. That's when the wheels fell off. I think you can see why the Durham Rescue Mission means so much to me. If it weren't for this place and the compassion of people like the Mills and my encouragers, I don't know where I'd be today.

If you don't think God can change a life, we need to chat

The Mission is so much more than food and shelter. In fact, it's a place that ministers to the whole person. For me, this is where I came to know the Lord. I've now completed the Victory program and am presently enrolled in Bible College. Think about it: *a former drug addict and criminal now getting straight A's in Bible College.* In the old days, I didn't want to look in the mirror because I knew what I would see. Today, I see a redeemed person who's in love with Jesus, my risen Lord. Thank you for your part in my recovery. God bless you. It's my prayer you and your family enjoy a blessed Easter.

Mission Statement of 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.”

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 DurhamRescueMission.org.

Special Needs:

Canned and other nonperishable food items.

Help Create Jobs:

Donating clothing, shoes, and furniture for our thrift stores creates 70 jobs for the homeless. Call (919) 401-1935.



An Encouraging Word from the Founders

Dear Friend of Durham Rescue Mission,

As you read the testimonies in this newsletter, you again see the importance of your support of the Durham Rescue Mission. Consider Edward, who came to us scruffy, broken, and in his own words, “I looked just like Charles Manson.” Today, Edward is a living example of someone who was once among the walking dead, but who has been brought back to life by a risen Lord.

And then there's Nikesha — a wonderful woman who had simply lost her job and had nowhere to turn. Today, she finally believes she's going to make something of her life. And Edward and Nikesha are only two of hundreds of examples of lives being transformed by the power of God. The good news is God rolls away the stones for those who've been entombed for years through the use of drugs, alcohol, and choosing to live life on their own terms.

Thank you for your support and encouragement

Every day we continue to discover there are two kinds of peace our guests come to know at the Mission: one is a lack of nervousness around others. They become more confident. More secure. The other is an inward peace that comes from knowing Jesus as Lord. Your donations are helping to rescue people from living among the dead to becoming alive in Christ. God bless you for caring.

Sincerely,

Ernie & Gail Mills
Founders

“The good news is your donations are helping to rescue people from being among the living dead to becoming alive in Christ.”

Celebrate Resurrection Day by befriending our guests!

*The old cliché has it that behind every successful man there is a surprised mother-in-law. While there's plenty of humor in that thought, it's true that life moves in a positive direction when the efforts of an individual and the encouragement of others come together. When it comes to Mission work, our guests learn two things: that a loving God is their ultimate supporter, and that the Mission staff is here to provide the ongoing encouragement needed, as our friends learn to walk in the ways of the Lord. It's often surprising to our guests how quickly God turns their lives around. But after all, *this is what resurrection power is all about.**



Thank you for helping me discover the right way to live

by Nikesha

"I'm just grateful a merciful God pulled me through all my negative thinking."

My name is Nikesha. I know people come

through the doors of Durham Rescue Mission for many reasons. For me, it was because I lost my job and I had nowhere to go. I had a little Christian background as a kid, but I can say I really came to know Jesus as my personal Savior here at the Mission. I remember in the old days how I used to live without God. I thought it was fun at the time, but now I'm wondering if it was all worth it. For too long I kept doing things my own way. I'm just grateful a merciful God pulled me through all my negative thinking. I always figured life was never going to work out for me. But today, I can honestly say God is moving me in a positive direction.

Your generosity is making a world of difference in my life

I also realize how important it is to have the support of someone like you. You give so much of your valuable time and money to help someone like me. As a mother, I also need to tell you how much it means to have my daughter read the Bible together with me. It's drawing us closer, and that's just another byproduct of this wonderful place. I only went to the 10th grade, but I'm now working on my GED. Today, I believe I'm going to make something of my life. I'm so grateful for your generosity, your kindness and for your provision of food, clothing and shelter. But most important, thank you for helping me discover the right way to live.

Your gifts mean more to our guests than you might imagine

It's amazing how your prayers, influence and financial support are what give us the opportunity to minister to the whole person — body, soul and spirit. Your involvement in this ministry is doing more good than you could ever imagine.

It's hardly headline news that it's always a challenge for the Mission to meet its financial obligations. But with God's help and your continued generosity, the Lord always provides for our needs. We carry on this ministry of rescue day after day because of your concern for those in need. Now, we come to you again . . . *because we know you care about those who've lost their way.* To send your Easter donation today, please use the remit slip enclosed, or make your donation online at www.DurhamRescueMission.org. Thank you for being one who cares.

"Thank you for partnering with us in caring for the needy during the Easter season and throughout the year."



Annual Easter Community Dinner & Easter Basket Giveaway Good Friday, April 3

We are preparing 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, bring it to 1201 E. Main St. or make an online donation at **DurhamRescueMission.org** and mark Easter Baskets (\$15 will provide a lot of joy for an at-risk child).

Contact David Cash at
(919) 688-9641, ext. 5070



What is "Pure" religion?
Most religious people think they have it, and the non-religious don't think it exists. James summarized pure religion in one simple statement, *"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."* In America, most orphans have their basic needs met from the Government; this is good. But since 1973, how many defenseless little children have had no protector and their lives have been taken? I am thankful for places like the Durham Rescue Mission that offers to the young lady with no hope an opportunity for her and her child to live, survive, and succeed.

What is a Planned Gift?

A simple definition is gifts from assets rather than from income. Remember the homeless in your estate planning. Prayerfully consider options for ensuring your desire to help others for years to come.

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



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



Where: Hillandale Golf Course
When: Friday, April 24, 2015
Contact: Tony Gooch at (919) 683-4027



MY EASTER GIFT

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YES, Ernie and Gail,
you can count on my continued support of the Mission at this Easter season. Here's my donation of:

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- ☐ **\$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

ACCOUNT NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____

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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.