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# The Mission Bell

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Because You Care - We Can Share

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## Depression Hit Pete After Quitting Drugs

He came to the Mission to cope, found new life in Christ

Hey my name is Pete\*. I am 36 years old and originally from Macon. Before I came to the Macon Rescue Mission I suffered from an addiction to Methamphetamine, marijuana, alcohol, cocaine, and prescription medication. I was able to stop using in 2009.

I got a job at Robins Air Force Base because I'm a sheet metal mechanic. In the month that followed I suffered from severe depression as a result of untreated addiction. My depression was so bad that I lost my job and ended up in a hospital.

While there I tried to find a treatment center I could go to that would help me learn how to live life without using drugs and being depressed. I could not find anywhere to go because of financial reasons.

I had heard of the Macon Rescue Mission and my aunt brought me here on a Friday and I was told to come back on Tuesday and a spot would be available then. I stayed with my mother until Tuesday.

After arriving here I had to attend chapel six

**"During [chapel] services God really started to tug on my heart."**

days a week. During these services God really started to tug on my heart. On December 10, 2010 I was attending RUI (Reformers Unanimous International, which is an addictions program that we are allowed to attend) and I allowed Jesus to save me. Since that time I have grown closer to God every day.



My future at this time in my life will be determined by God's will. I am currently looking for a job and praying daily that I am able to seek out God's plan.

During my time at the Macon Rescue Mission I have learned many verses of the Bible I can use in my daily life, none more important to me than Psalm 1: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." (verses 1 and 2).

In closing I would like to thank the Macon Rescue Mission, its staff, fellow residents, and donors for being a helping hand to a new life for me.

*\*Name changed for confidentiality purposes.*

**"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." - Luke 19:10**

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**SERVING THE LEAST, THE LAST AND THE LOST.**

## May Statistics

### Program Days of Residence:

Men	1202
Women	203
Children	234

### Mission Ministry

- ◆ 4,917 residential meals served
- ◆ 3 lodging nights provided for transients
- ◆ 6 meals provided for transients
- ◆ 125 hygiene kits provided with a total value of \$1,250
- ◆ 585 diapers dispersed with a total value of \$390
- ◆ 26 baby food items provided
- ◆ 92 Gospel tracts distributed
- ◆ 19 Bibles distributed
- ◆ 364 food boxes distributed with a total value of \$14,560
- ◆ NA/AA meeting participation was a total of 595
- ◆ 26 chapel services conducted by volunteer ministers

## Care to Share Needs

- ◆ Gently Used Strollers
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Twin-Size Blankets
- ◆ Canned Goods
- ◆ Diapers-sizes 4, 5, 6
- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Baby Wipes
- ◆ Deodorant Soap
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Shampoo/ Conditioner
- ◆ Laundry Detergent
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox)
- ◆ Disposable Razors
- ◆ Wash Cloths/Towels

## From the Director's Desk . . . .

Dear Friends of the Macon Rescue Mission,

The month of May was another whirlwind month just like the first four this year! The Macon Rescue Mission congratulates all the graduates of 2011!! School is out for the summer, watch out for the little ones as we drive through our neighborhoods.

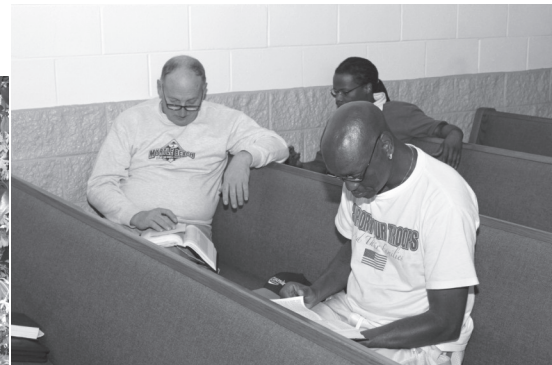
If you have a crystal ball, you may as well send in your best guess on what you think the economy is going to do. Whether you are seeking a positive or negative response it seems to depend on who you ask and when you ask... We, like many faith based organizations, are facing the rigors of less... which brings me to focus of this month's message.

A lot of times we miss the forest for the trees. Every day we get up to pretty much a preset regime. We focus on each and every task we hope to face that day, that week, that month. We look at the small change in life and often overlook the big picture of what God's plan for us is. Sometimes we worry more about getting to church on Sunday than the real intent of the exercise. We focus on a particular answer to a particular prayer, we fail to see how much God has already done for us and how much He promises to do if we just stay close to Him. *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

We look for His guidance and support as we navigate these challenging times and we choose not to forget—everyday challenges are nothing, as long as He is with us! God Bless and have a wonderful June. Jeff



Roberto (from Puerto Rico, known as "Rico"), former resident



**Looking at his disciples, [Jesus] said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." —Luke 6:20**

**T**hank you for your prayers and gifts. Though we continue to feel the effects of the economy, the Lord has used your faithfulness to sustain the Mission. Because of you, we continue to serve the least, the last, and the lost. Thank you!

## Dove Center Women Changed by God's Word

We pray that following Scripture will be a life-long practice



Quote this with me, Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you". Did you say it? Let's try it this way, Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." These are the most common versions of this Bible verse. Which did you learn as you were growing up? I was required to memorize the first one which is the King James Version (I bet you could tell because of the old fashioned ye and hath).

Not only was I required to memorize it but my Mother quoted it often in my childhood because of my unkind attitudes and actions with my older siblings on numerous occasions! I did not know at the time that my Mother was laying a foundation of Christian love in me that would encompass decades of my life and remind me often that I must be kind and forgiving (especially to those I really, really, don't like) because Jesus died for me so that God could forgive my sinful heart!

As with you, I'll bet you too have had to do more kindnesses and forgiving in your Christian walk than you really want to count. Being Christ-like isn't the easiest way to live, is it? However, we must strive to do the very things that our sinful nature does not want us to do. We must work to be more like Christ.

So why am I telling you this? Because several of our clients in the Dove Center are learning this very thing! We have three women who are memorizing the second version of Ephesians 4:32. You know, the New King James Version that tells us to be kind and compassionate to

each other. Yes, that one. Not only are they memorizing this important bible verse but they are putting it into action! Each day they are giving a daily report of having done one kind deed to or for another client in the Dove Center.

Not only do they know this Bible verse but they are living this Bible verse. They are helping each other out for example by "Helping watch the children for a little while"; "Waited and let the new client walk to daycare with me"; "I gave the new girl some baby clothes"; "I washed the dishes for someone"; "Washed the new client's clothes and welcomed her"; "I helped pack things for the baby to go to daycare"; and so on.

It's easy to tell others to love one another and to be kind and compassionate to one another, but until we put our knowledge into action, we will never be the light and salt that God has required of each of his children. If you believe in your heart that Christ died for you and that God raised him from the dead, then you too must take up your cross and follow him and that means being kind one to another.

Do I think the Dove Center clients will understand this and follow it for the rest of their lives? I am praying they do, because if they learn this lesson, then they will be open to more life lessons that God will be teaching them. Joyce Meyer has reminded us that God will make you go 'round the mountain over and over again until you finally learn what he is trying to teach you. Oh Heavenly Father, I don't want to keep going around the same mountain over and over! Do any of us?

Special blessings to you all as we as Christ followers strive to set an example for a sinful world.

*Please continue to help us as we help women and children of all ages through a critical, pivotal point in their lives. If you would like to help the Dove Center specifically, just designate **Dove Center** on your gift. We cannot do it without you!*

Julie Adair | Director  
Renee Barreth | Director of Women & Children Services  
Vernice Chappell | Evening Supervisor



**Above:** Carolyn Crayton was honored by the Girls Scouts in the 2011 Women of Distinction. Carolyn is a past board member and is currently on the Advisory Board of the Mission. **Above Left:** Also attending the event was our own Jaime Kaplan who was a past recipient of the same award in 2006.



The Ingleglights of Ingleside Baptist Church collected hygiene items and presented them to the Dove Center during their monthly meeting.