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*Caring For
The
Hungry,
Hurting
And
Homeless
In Our
Community
Since 1970*

Changing Lives



Jeremiah

My name is Jeremiah Weed-Guina Sr.

2015-2016 had been a very rough year for me. I was making some bad decisions trying to rely on my own understanding. I had been jobless for 4 years. I had no friends and was always looking for handouts to feed my addiction.

Having been saved as a child, I knew Jesus had a better plan for me if I just let Him in. I was lost in self-loathing, selfishness and bitterness. Just out of

jail, I walked to the Good Samaritan Mission. I met Chuck, and he made me feel like family as he checked me in. I knew I needed the help the Mission had to offer.

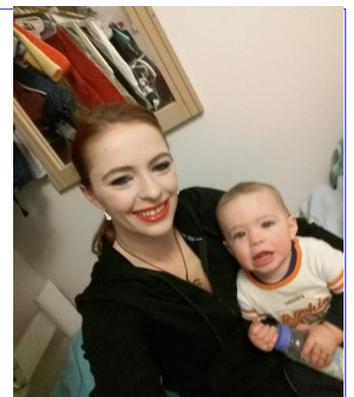
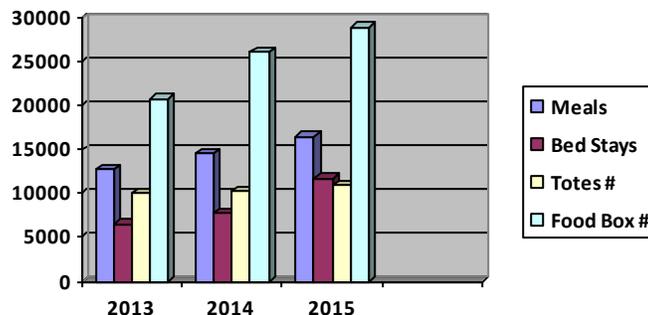
Early in my stay at the Mission, I sobered up and started reading the bible. I prayed to God and asked him to help me. I found new faith in the Lord and was encouraged by having Christians around me.

Since I have been here, I feel my life has a purpose again. I am sober, employed full time, send money for my children and have made new friends in Christ.

I feel God has given me another chance. I give thanks to the Lord for bringing me here.

May God bless you all.

Your Generous Donations Provide



Connecting With You - A Season Of Hope

The Good Samaritan Mission offers life-changing services 365 days a year, and the holidays provide an especially meaningful time to serve those in need. The emergency shelter, meals, recovery program and more offered by the Mission would not be possible without an incredible amount of community support.

Our volunteers and donors truly shine during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. From increased meal services, to turkey and ham donations, Christmas gift drives, and more, we are blessed by the efforts of community members like you.

Whether this is your first time helping the Mission at the holidays, or you're continuing a long-standing tradition, we invite you to join us in bringing hope and happiness for the Holidays at the Mission. A Season of Hope starts by calling us at 733-3165 and ask for Georgia to volunteer in any capacity.



AmeriCorps Volunteers

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From The Desk Of The Director

On December 12th we will have our Christmas party for our Totes of Hope Children. We need your help to provide some neutral gendered toys for 3 to 5 year olds. Family games and the like. We are hoping for a budget of three thousand dollars and so far as of this writing we only have \$150. Please write Christmas Toys on you check or in the memo of your on-line donation.

Christmas and Thanksgiving always bring many hungry people to the Good Samaritan Mission. We are always looking for more people to help us help others. Picture yourself far away from home. Maybe you have burned every bridge back to your family. You feel like no one cares and so neither do you. Then you walk in the door of the Good Samaritan Mission.

You find a place that has a warm bed and a hot meal. After a time you begin to feel more like you have come into another extended family. You feel like you matter. You feel like someone truly cares. This home away from home is only possible because we have support from people like you. Thank you for your support.

**Happy Thanksgiving
And
Merry Christmas**



**Board Member
Greg Buckingham**

Interview with a Board Member

When Greg Buckingham was asked to reflect on his past three years guiding the Good Samaritan Mission as the Board President, he spoke of meeting Chuck, the GSM executive director at church. “I saw Chuck give presentations about the Mission and although my heart softened each year, I made the assumption that there cannot be a lot of need in a place like Jackson Hole.” When Chuck shared for the third time at church, I knew God was moving my heart to serve locally. I have been honored to serve on several ministry boards; such as, developing Hopes House, a safe house for abused women and children in CA. I was also blessed to serve 10 weeks in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina displaced so many by relocating families to churches throughout the USA. I have been blessed to lead a church plant and develop a self-sustaining orphanage in Myanmar beginning in 2006. I travel the world to share my testimony regarding what God has done to reach an un-reached people group called the Rumai Pauland in Myanmar. This un-reached people group did not have one Christian believer and most had never seen a Caucasian before. Today there are three churches and hundreds of Christians throughout their hill-tribes.”

In 2013, when Greg started to serve as a Board Member, there were four members and the current President had just resigned. He was asked if he would serve as President. “My first step was to meet with community and church leaders to assess their perception of the Mission and I realized there was a lot of misperceptions and past experiences that needed addressed. The leadership at GSM was solid, but the messaging needed help. The first step was to recruit additional board members that were highly respected and connected in the community. They represented five different churches and were 50% female and 50% male. We settled on a board of twelve members; how appropriate! Then we focused on developing new messaging, created a hospitality event, focused on marketing in our community, and connecting others to the GSM.”

Greg gives 100% credit to the Lord for all he has done to further enhance the GSM and to the wonderful Board and their heart to serve those in need. “I am very proud of our team and how they took on leveraging relationships to repair the physical Mission building. We have a new roof, new windows (they had ice on the inside in 2014), a new kitchen, new exterior and interior painting, and over all new interior remodeling. I invite you to please stop by and see for yourself.”

Greg and his family came to Jackson in 2007. His wife Deborah is an author and speaker and teaches a community women’s Bible study. They have a 24 year old daughter, Julia who works in the entertainment industry in LA and a 26 year old son, Greyson who is completing his JD/MBA in Laramie and serves in the Army National Guard.

On a final note, he added, “The greatest thing about the mission is that it changes lives offering others a fresh start. Yes, we provide food and water, but more importantly, the mission shares the transformation power that can only come through a relationship with Jesus.”

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- IN A RELATIONSHIP
- SINGLE
- IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

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