

## WITH YOUR HELP & PRAYER, THE MISSION CONTINUES TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED



Mick Breault  
Chief Executive Officer

During spring we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This miracle reminds me of God's work here at the Mission, where he transforms the lives of many men and women right before me. I stand in awe of His magnificence and His perpetual love for those we serve.

Last year, at a time when our clients' needs outpaced our resources, the Mission faced many challenges;

*Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 1 Timothy 6:17-18*

But through prayer, God's provision and your gifts to the Mission, we are able to continue to feed the hungry, give the homeless a place to lay their head, and help the addicted find hope and help through a new life in Christ. It's your gift of giving that allows the Mission to nurture those that come to the shelters and through God's words; they will find refuge from their troubles.

I want to thank each and every one of you for partnering with us by praying and providing financial support for those in need. With the adverse economy, we are seeing more men and women in need than ever before; however, with God we know all things are possible and we will continue to give Him all of the glory!

You are an instrumental part in serving those in need!

God bless you,

Mick Breault  
Chief Executive Officer

***"Come let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34:3***

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*Following Jesus... Serving the Homeless*

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# "I STUCK TO THE PLAN AND I READ MY BIBLE"

Shunned and abandoned, Stephan turned his life around and found a new family in Christ at the Mission.

Stephan grew up in Chicago with four brothers and two sisters, though his father always treated him worse than the others. Pushed away by his father and treated as the black sheep of his family, Stephan felt confused, unloved and neglected. At 17, he joined the Navy to escape his emotionally traumatic childhood. After leaving, he learned that his father was, in fact, his step-father. Full of resentment and rage, Stephan struggled with serious anger problems. While in the Navy, he turned to alcohol, attempting to forget his hurtful past.

Stephan worked as a dental technician in the Navy until age 24, when he moved to Clearwater, Florida. He worked in nightclubs and bars for many years. His coworkers introduced him to cocaine, and he continued



to drink heavily. In pursuit of a new job opportunity, Stephan set out on a 7-day walk in April of 2008, from Clearwater to Pensacola. When he arrived in Pensacola, he found out that the job was no longer available.

When Stephan had no where else to turn, he found himself at the Waterfront Rescue Mission in Pensacola. He gave his life to Christ within the first three days. He learned to let go of resentment toward his earthly father, and accept the love and hope of his Eternal Father.

"I felt like a different person," Stephan said. "I never went to church or learned about the Bible as a kid."

He spent just three days at the Pensacola Mission before transferring to Fort Walton Beach, where there were spaces available in the recovery program. For many years, Stephan's anger problem caused him to push people away and keep to himself.

"At the Waterfront Rescue Mission, I started opening up



more," Stephan said. "I stuck to the plan and I read my Bible."

He continued his recovery at New Hope Home, where his "Band of Brothers" became his new family. He graduated from the program on December 1, 2008, and is temporarily working as a driver for the Mission in Fort Walton Beach. He is working with Jobs Plus to find a position in a dental lab, where he hopes to construct dentures.

Stephan hasn't seen or heard from his family since 1983. He and Mission staff have tried to track down addresses or phone numbers for his brothers and sisters, but to no avail. However, Stephan is thankful and blessed to consider the Waterfront Rescue Mission his new family.

"My faith and relationship with God grows stronger every day," Stephan said.

# "...AND HE WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED."

Every day men and women come to the Mission for help; but the Mission needs help too!



Below is a list of items that we commonly use everyday; things that we might take for granted like a toothbrush and toothpaste. By having the items below donated to the Mission, monetary donations can be saved for the Mission's Rescue and Recovery services. Please consider having your business, church, organization or even your family start an item drive and give your donations to the Mission.

- Shampoo / Conditioner
  - Lice shampoo kit
  - Deodorant
  - Razors / Shaving Cream
  - Hand & body soap
  - Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
  - Dental floss
  - Feminine hygiene products
  - Combs, brushes, picks
  - Blankets
  - Pillow cases / Pillows
  - Twin size sheet sets (white or light colored)
  - Towels / Washcloths
  - Laundry detergent
  - Batteries
  - Over-the-counter medication (i.e.: Tylenol, Pepto-Bismol)
  - Socks / Underwear (for men and women)
  - Notebook binders & paper
  - Stamps
- Food items that are also needed:**
- Canned foods
  - Meat
  - Cheese / Milk
  - Cereal
  - Crackers
  - Peanut butter / Jelly
  - Breakfast bars
  - Spices

## EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING OPTIONS FOR YOU

Legacy Giving - Part 1 of a 5 part series

Beyond the satisfaction you receive by helping others, charitable giving can provide you with many personal financial benefits. You can experience the joy of giving by securely protecting the future of the people and charitable organization you care for with gift planning options best suited to meet your needs.

Choosing the right option can supplement your retirement, supply you with an income for life, or insure the financial future of those you love.

Your choice of charitable gift options can provide a wide range of benefits to



you, your family, and the organizations that you support, such as the Waterfront Rescue Mission.

Because there are many options today for leaving behind a gift that will make an enduring impact on the ministries of the Waterfront Rescue Mission, be sure to contact us if you've made a decision to create a Legacy Gift. Your generosity will give the Mission an opportunity to continue this vital work along the gulf coast for the homeless and those who are struggling with addiction.

Be sure to look for part two of this series on Legacy Giving in the summer issue of the Rescue News. For more information, contact the Mission at 888-853-8655.

# THE MISSION ROAD TOUR GIVING DONORS A FIRST HAND LOOK

Mission supporters were given a tour of the different Mission ministries in Mobile, Pensacola and Fort Walton Beach. Below, a donor shares her thoughts on visiting with the men and women at the sites.

*I saw with my own eyes that at WRM, every inch, every person, every program, every provision, every need, every victory, every disappointment, every story of reconciliation and every moment of uncertainty is submitted to the Lord's will and care; and, as a result, I experienced the peace, joy and contentment of every one of the men and women who are serving the Lord there.*

*I met, listened to, hugged, and cried with men and women who have been rescued*

*by the Lord from unspeakable depths and given new lives that are beautiful expressions of His light, life, purpose and hope.*

*I've seen the courage God has given them to face impossible odds and how He has been faithful to beat those odds in their lives...*

*He is an intimate, patient, unconditionally loving, merciful God of light and life and He comes and finds us (homeless*

*drifters), turns us around to lead us home, clothes us with His own goodness, feeds us with His truth and uses us to do His work in the world.*

*Why would He do such a thing as that to people who have hated, rejected and denied Him as we all have? The bigness of it blows me away. Words escape me...*

*I want to be a part of the Lord's work at Waterfront Rescue Mission in whatever capacity He would have me. Robin M.*



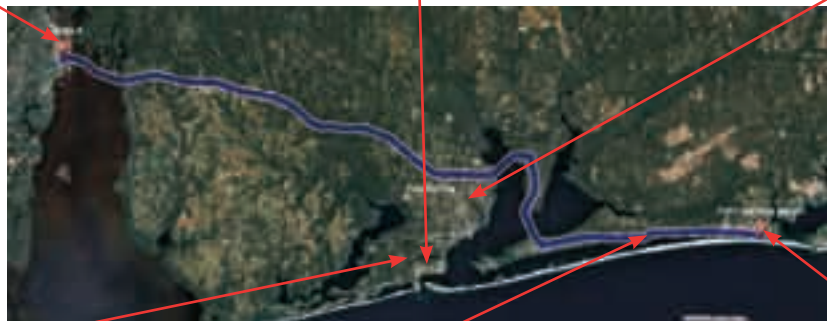
Mobile Men's Mission



Pensacola Women's Rescue & Recovery Center



Men's Career Development Program



Pensacola Bargain Center

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