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**Fresh
Starts
Ahead,
Thanks
to You!**

**YOUR COMPASSION
BRINGS HOPE TO LIFE**

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**“You will be secure, because there is hope;
you will look about you and take your rest
in safety.”**

JOB 11:18, NIV

A SAFE HARBOR

from the Streets

Dear Friend,

When a man comes to the Springfield Rescue Mission for a meal and a place to sleep, he's not expecting luxury accommodations. But to someone who's been sleeping in an alley or an abandoned building, a simple hot supper, a soft bed, and a clean blanket can feel pretty good.

What's even more comforting is the feeling of safety. Even the toughest man is at risk on the streets. Not only is he at the mercy of the elements, he has to sleep “with one eye open” to protect himself from those who prey on the homeless.

Thanks to you, the Springfield Rescue Mission offers a safe harbor to men who find themselves adrift. Your gifts help provide a place where homeless men can concentrate on healing, learning, and restoring their lives and relationships.

I think of Luis, who recently expressed his thanks for having a safe place to stay. Because people like you give to the Mission, today Luis has a job and a place of his own!

As summer days give way to cold nights, more men will arrive at our doors, needing a hot meal and a warm bed. And like Luis, many will make a fresh start at life! I pray for your continued support to help minister to all the poor and homeless in our community in this busy season.

May God bless you, and may you rest in safety!

Thanking God for you,

Ronald Willoughby
Executive Director/CEO

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Tom Finds “HEART CHANGE” the Second Time Around



If anyone knows a thing or two about second chances, it's Tom. He came to the Springfield Rescue Mission in 2004 and joined the Men's New Life Program. After just six months, however, Tom had walked away. He admits today that he was here primarily for a short-term place to stay, not for long-term life change.

Back in his native New Jersey, Tom drifted away from Christ and, as he puts it, “things went south.” He returned to using drugs, lost his job, and found himself further estranged from his wife and family.

“I see how God answers prayer here at the Mission.”

But four years of hard living couldn't overcome six months of walking with the Lord! Tom knew he needed to return to the Mission and finish what God had started in him.

A Change of Heart

Tom describes his return in April 2009 as a homecoming. “Fantastic!”

he enthuses. “It was like the Program hadn't changed, only the faces of the residents.”

One thing had changed, though: Tom's heart. He had finally put God first. “My heart softened,” Tom says. “Even when I accepted Christ years ago, I didn't really follow Him. I'm trying to do the right thing this time. I want it to last and to know what God wants from me.”

Tom looks to the Scriptures to discern God's plan for his life. “(I have) more of a personal acceptance of His Word this time because I have a heart change,” he says. “I see how God answers prayer here at the Mission. We're empowered to live a fruitful life...but you have to be willing to change.”

On the Right Road

Tom showed his own willingness to change by completing the biblical studies portion of the Men's New Life Program on April 27. Today, he's finishing the Transitional Living phase of the program by serving as the Mission's Resident Assistant and

Acting Food Service Coordinator. “It's a challenge to stay on the right road because I've been there before and failed,” he admits. “But this time, I realize how much God has done for me.”

Tom also realizes how much you've done for him, and for all the men at the Springfield Rescue Mission. “The Mission needs your support to survive! Without it, lives would not be changed.”

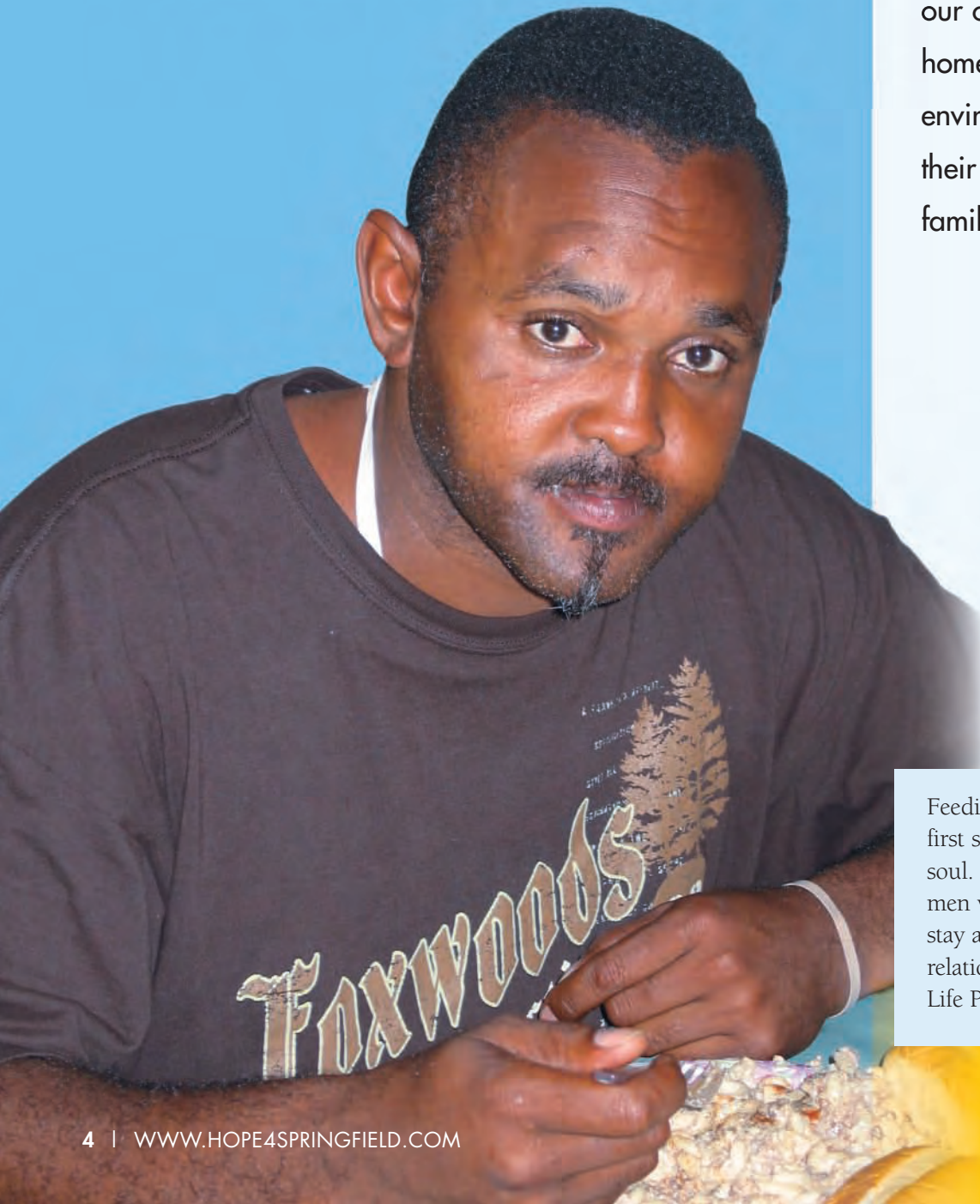
Thank you for helping to change lives—and hearts—for Christ!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

—2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

You Provide a **PORT** in the **Storm**

Look at the cover of this newsletter, and you'll see a lighthouse guiding those at sea back in to the safe harbors of home. Your compassion helps the Springfield Rescue Mission shine a beacon of hope to the least, the last, and the lost in our community — offering homeless men a secure environment in which to mend their relationships with God, family, and society.



Feeding the body is often the first step towards nourishing the soul. Thanks to your generosity, men who come for a meal can stay and restore their lives and relationships in our Men's New Life Program.



Shopping for new clothes is a luxury many of our neighbors can't afford. That's why donations of clean, gently used clothing are always a blessing to needy men, women, and children in our community.



A former resident who now works with Operation Sunshine calls the Mission's community outreach "where Christianity meets the streets." Volunteers bring food, toiletries, clothing, and encouragement to Greater Springfield's poor and homeless all year round.



A sense of security is so important to our program residents as they rebuild their broken lives. With your help, men find the stability they need to overcome addiction and other issues that led to their homelessness.



There's no firmer foundation for a changed life than the Word of God, the basis for the Men's New Life Program. Prayer, Bible study, and chapel services help lead men to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Springfield Rescue Mission since 1892 has been to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives.

Memorials

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of those remembered below. These gifts are a special legacy offering hope to those in need.

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(gifts received December 21, 2009 through June 29, 2010)

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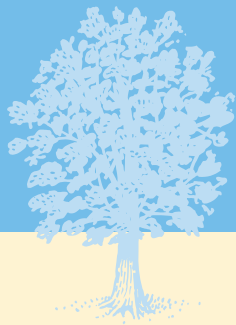
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Do you have a relative or friend you would like to honor? A gift to the Springfield Rescue Mission is an ideal way to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, or to acknowledge a loved one while at the same time helping those in need.

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(gifts received December 21, 2009 through June 29, 2010)

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Springfield Rescue Mission
P.O. Box 9045, Springfield, MA 01102-9045

You Helped David Find REAL SUCCESS



David made a lot more money selling drugs than he does working at the Springfield Rescue Mission. But because David used drugs himself, every dollar seemed to disappear as fast as it came, leaving nothing to show for it.

Today, living on much more modest resources (and drug-free!), he tells us, "I'm able to pay rent, pay for my car, pay all my bills, tithe, and put away a small amount for emergencies. I'm able to live very simply — I never thought I could do that!"

The Joy of Service

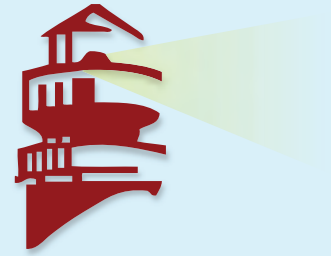
When David first shared his story with *Expectations* readers in November 2006, he had just begun to experience a joy more rewarding than money — the joy of serving others. That's why, after graduating from our Men's New Life Program in 2007, David took on

multiple roles at the Mission: as Gift-in-Kind Coordinator and "overseer" at our Bliss Street location, and with Operation Sonshine on Saturdays.

Even with full-time commitments at the Mission, David finds time every Wednesday to bring God's Word, and some personal insight and encouragement to men at a local detox center.

"When I share about God or my story, many don't want to hear it," David says. "But over time, I see the transformation in their eyes and they ask me, 'How can I have what you have?' To see them invite Christ into their lives...well, nothing compares to that."

It's a blessing to share success stories like David's with you, because your prayers and support make them possible. Thank you!



Springfield Rescue Mission

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who are hungry and living
in crisis in our community!



Mark Your Calendar!



AUGUST

Give needy boys and girls a fresh start for the school season: bring NEW school supplies and backpacks to the Mission by Mid-August for distribution to elementary school children in Greater Springfield.



NOVEMBER

Make Sunday at church or Monday at work your day to start a collection of NEW men's, women's, and children's underwear, socks, and t-shirts, for distribution to the homeless in our community. Bring donations to the Mission by November 10.

For more information about any of these events or to sign up as a volunteer, please call the Mission at 413-732-0808 ext. 114 and ask for Julie, or email at srm@springfieldrescuemission.org.