

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION



Serving the entire Lehigh Valley since 1900

God will provide

Every day, I see firsthand the truly miraculous changes that take place in the lives of people like Scott, whose story I'm sharing with you today.

God has demonstrated His love by taking hold of men like Scott who are suffering from deadly addictions, hunger or homelessness and He's given them the strength to turn their lives around!

He has also seen to our provision through your partnership and invaluable support that provides the food, clothing, shelter, care and counseling that makes these transformations possible.

That's why, in our prayers here at the Mission, we give thanks for God's grace and love, and thanks for you. Because your gifts really do make a difference in the lives of people who are without food and shelter or friends and family to help them through difficult times.

Bless you for all you do!



Tom Gibson

Tom Gibson,
Board of
Directors

“Leading me on the right path”

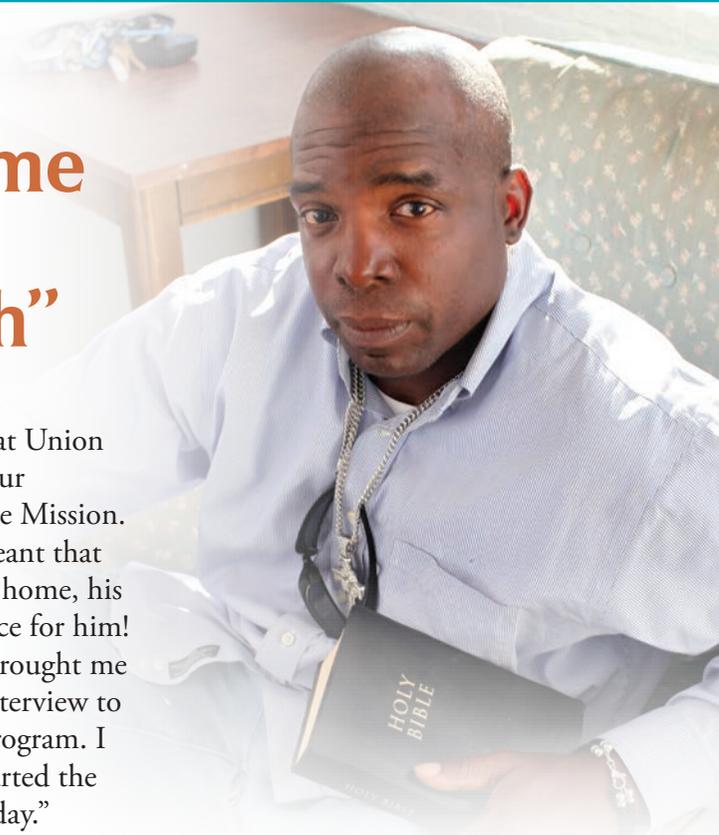
Scott's brother, a minister at Union Baptist, is familiar with our programs and staff here at the Mission. So when family problems meant that Scott could no longer live at home, his brother knew the perfect place for him!

“He picked me up and brought me here to the Mission for an interview to enter the Christian Living Program. I came in on Thursday and started the program the following Monday.”

As part of our 8-week program, Scott attended daily classes that deal with anger management and conflict resolution. He received help with resume writing, basic computer skills, interview techniques and other tools that will **help him find and keep a job.**

And, he attended morning devotions, evening chapel and daily Bible study groups.

Once he graduated, Scott moved into one of our transitional housing units at Berean Hall and began working with the Mission's Clean Team while he looked for permanent employment.



His day starts with breakfast at 7:15 a.m. and continues with work on Allentown's streets from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Then it's back to Berean for a men's meeting and chapel. Evenings might find Scott in the computer room looking for jobs and working on his resume. And, then there's church on Sunday – **Scott joined and was baptised at New Bethany.**

Scott appreciates all that the Allentown Rescue Mission has done for him. “You go through the program, they put you to work, and it leads you on the right path,” he says with a smile.

Every gift counts

This summer, the Mission will:

- ◆ Serve 11,014 meals
- ◆ Provide 6,225 nights of shelter
- ◆ Save and change hundreds of lives!

Your gift does make a difference.

Leave a lasting legacy

Making a will is an important way to extend your love, care, generosity and gratitude to family, friends and the charitable causes you care about. Yet nearly half of U.S. adults living in households have not created this enduring legacy!

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the laws in the state where you live. The result may be very different from what you had wished, especially if your desire was to remember those charities closest to your heart.

If you would like us to know that you have already remembered the Mission in your estate plan, or, for more information on planned giving opportunities, please call our Development Director, Tom Mohr, at (610) 740-5500, ext. 34, or e-mail Tom at tmohr@armpa.org.



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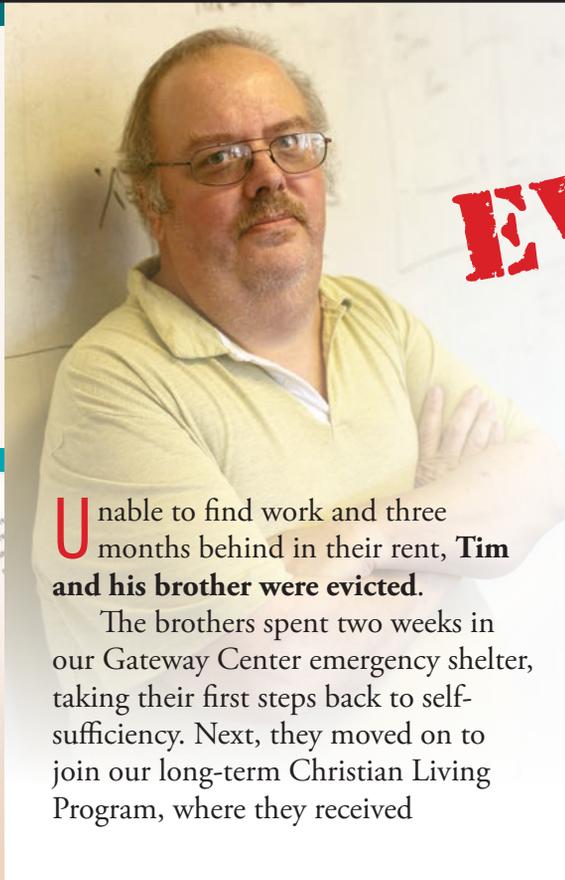
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EVICTED!

Unable to find work and three months behind in their rent, **Tim and his brother were evicted.**

The brothers spent two weeks in our Gateway Center emergency shelter, taking their first steps back to self-sufficiency. Next, they moved on to join our long-term Christian Living Program, where they received

encouragement to resolve the causes of their homelessness and the training and skills to end it.

After graduation, both went to work on the Mission's Clean Team and began looking for full-time employment.

Tim is grateful for the help he has received, and thankful that the Mission was there to provide it. These programs "help you get closer to God," he says. "They help you **find jobs and get your life back on track!**"

13 is the lucky number!

October 17 will mark the 13th straight year that WAEB radio personality Bobby Gunther Walsh has graciously prepared and shared his famous homemade, secret recipe meatballs to benefit the people and programs of the Allentown Rescue Mission.

So mark your calendars NOW to join us from 4-7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1533

Springhouse Road in Allentown for the Newstalk 790 Spaghetti Dinner. Visit our website at AllentownRescueMission.org and click on "Events" for more information.

If you'd like to volunteer to help serve dinner – or to work with Bobby as he prepares his famous meatballs – please call Christine at (610) 740-5500, ext. 23 or e-mail cachey@armpa.org.

The Power of Communication

It is critical to come together as a community in support of the homeless men that we serve! Our donors financially support our Mission; others volunteer, giving their time, expertise & in-kind donations. We sincerely thank each and every one of you for these things.

Communicating with our donors and supporters is a critical component of our work. We strive daily to communicate with you in an efficient, cost effective way. But times are changing – costs are rising and will continue to do so.

E-mail communication is one way to meet this challenge in an efficient, cost effective way. No letter stock, no envelopes, no postage either first class or bulk rate. We save trees and lower our costs. We can start with the distribution of our newsletters electronically.

Please send your email address to info@allentownrescuemission.org or include that information with your next donation. Call Tom Mohr at (610) 740-5500, ext. 34 with any questions. Thank You!

