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Thanks for Giving

Thank you to all who gave to our 7th annual Thanks for Giving food and supplies drive. The response was excellent! Our shelves were empty before the drive and nearly full afterwards! We were assisted greatly by the Boy Scouts and Cubs from Troops 58, 71, and 150, as part of their Scouting for Food project. We received over 16,606 pounds of food and supplies.

We want to also thank Bobby Gunther Walsh of WAEB, Mike Kelly of B104, and Bob Holder of

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Too Young To Be Addicted!

Mark's lived in Allentown all his life. But never in his wildest dreams did he ever think he'd end up here. "It's funny how many times I drove by and saw that sign and never really knew what they were doing," says Mark. Thank goodness his parents and his pastor knew about the Mission, because when Mark became addicted to heroin, our Alpha-Omega program was just what he needed!

treatment three different times.

"The Mission's really been a big changing point. The faith aspect is what I was always missing in other programs. Even though I always prayed, this is where the focus should be in all of rehab – in faith. I graduated from Alpha-Omega and went into the Christian Living program. I really got a lot

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"I sought a place where God connected me with my faith."

A 2003 graduate of the U of Pittsburgh, Mark was introduced to heroin in college by a "friend." When he got a job and started making more money than he'd ever seen before, he started using drugs on a daily basis. He was arrested twice and went for in-patient





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Thanks for Giving

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The Fox Sport WSN for broadcasting live from the events.

While this event was successful once again this year, we still have a shortage of laundry soap, paper towels, toilet tissue and personal care items. For information on how you can donate these items and others, please call us at **610-740-5500 ext 14.** ♦



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A Message from Gary F. Millspaugh

The Best Christmas Card I Got

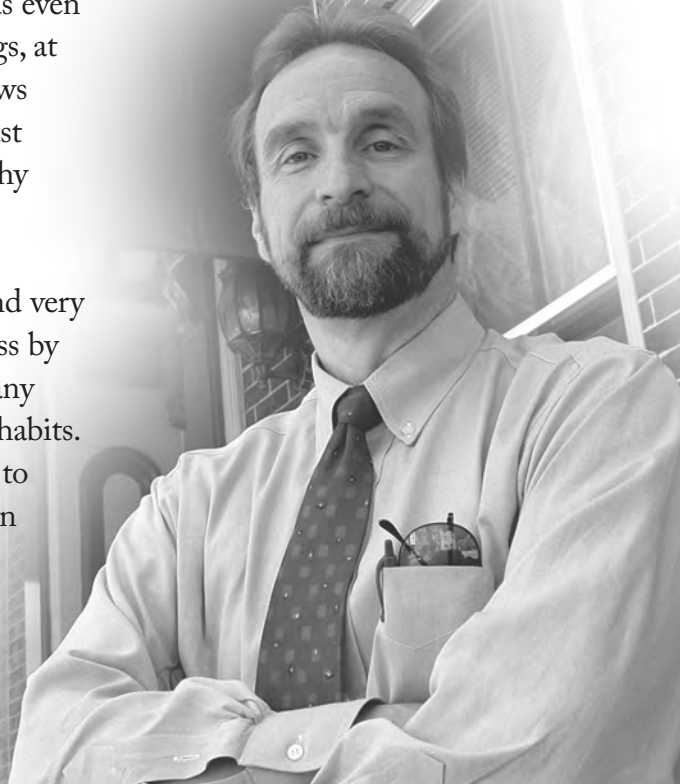
I got about 100 Christmas cards this year but the one I remember most was hand drawn, and featured a picture of a race car on the front, not a Christmas scene. On the inside were artistically hand drawn letters that said “Merry Christmas.” The card was signed, “Thank you, Daniel.” Daniel lives in Allentown and was a client of the Rescue Mission about 10 years ago. Daniel has numerous chronic health problems, but he lives on his own, and pursues his art. He has even won an award or two at showings, at places like Mayfair. Daniel knows that I like cars and collect die cast model cars, which is probably why he featured a race car on my Christmas card.

Daniel is a wonderful guy and very talented, who was made homeless by his chronic illnesses more than any particular bad behaviors or lazy habits. So, it really makes me feel good to know that he is living on his own and doing well enough to continue one of his passions - his art work. Daniel is just one of hundreds of formerly homeless people who are

now living on their own and doing well after receiving services from the Allentown Rescue Mission. I got several Christmas greetings from clients, and each one is a testimony to how the Rescue Mission can change lives.

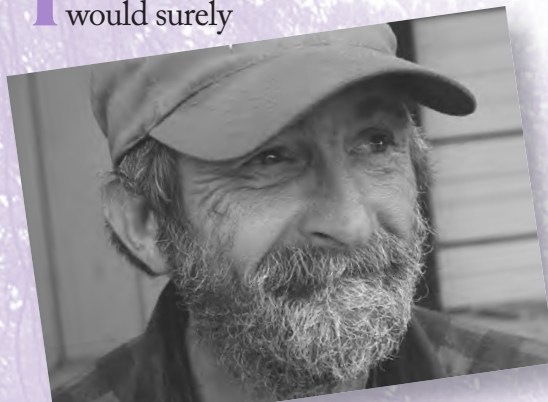
It means a lot to me that Daniel took the time to personally hand craft my Christmas card and send it to me. It means even more to me that

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We Are Easter People!

If the Mission were a holiday, it would surely



be Easter! Easter is spring sunshine after a dark winter. Easter is a time when the earth is reborn. And Easter is hope – hope for a better life, hope for a tomorrow with enough food and shelter, hope for change.

Thanks to your support, the lives of men are transformed here at the Allentown Rescue Mission

I Found What I Was Missing

Luckily, Tim was only homeless for a day or two before he found the Allentown Rescue Mission. Originally from Central PA, he had been working in Allentown for several years when he decided to head back home. "There was no work there, so I came back here so I could find another job and my car went and I was down on my luck," Tim says.

Tim came to the Mission to get a meal and a place to sleep. While he was here, a counselor told him about Christian Living, a Christ-centered residential program that helps homeless men get back to God and back on their feet.

At first, Tim admits he didn't know what to think about the Mission. "I was brought up in the church, but then I went into the service and I got away from it. When I went to Chapel here at the Mission, I found what I was missing. It was good for me. It made me at peace," he recalls.

Once he finishes the program, Tim will start looking for work. An electrician by trade, he has no transportation to get to jobs, so he will probably do warehousing work until he can get back on his feet financially and get a car. ♦



because they have found hope. You can see it in their eyes and hear it in their voices when they share their stories.

Through your gifts of time and money and through your prayers, you bring hope to the people in our community who need it most. With your help and hope, they overcome

poverty, addictions and suffering and move on to live healthier, happier, more hopeful lives!

Please help us continue to bring this message of hope to those in need by sending a special Easter gift today. You may use the enclosed envelope, or make a secure gift online at www.AllentownRescueMission.org. ♦

Too Young...

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of encouragement!

"I graduated from the Christian Living Program in August and immediately found a good position with a local business solutions company. I'm doing well and continue to deepen my faith and maintain my sobriety through active involvement in my local church and in *God Will Change Your Life*, a Christ-centered recovery support group." Thanks to your support of the Allentown Rescue Mission, at 26, Mark now has a much brighter future ahead of him! ♦



Volunteers: Unpaid Helpers

The holiday season is our busiest time of the year and every year, our volunteers come through. During our Thanksgiving brunch and traditional Thanksgiving dinner, (turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, vegetables, salad, rolls, beverages, and a large selection of pies and cakes) over 45 Mission clients enjoyed the feast. The same thing happened during our Christmas Dinner. We saw many happy faces as they feasted on great meals. Some had 2 or 3 servings! Without our faithful volunteers, many of these events simply could not be possible. If you'd like to get involved in volunteering, download our Volunteer Form on our website at www.AllentownRescueMission.org, or give us a call at 610-740-5500. ♦

A Message from Gary

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Daniel's homelessness is now a distant chapter in his life and that he is on his own living well.

Those of you who faithfully support this ministry deserve some of the credit. The work we do for Daniel and hundreds of others like him we could not do without your support. The year is still "new" and there are hundreds of men who need our help now and for the rest of this year. Please, help me transform as many of those lives as we can into one like Daniel's.

In His Service,

Gary F. Millspaugh
Executive Director

Genuine PA Dutch Dinner

If you love authentic Pennsylvania Dutch cooking, this event is for you.



The Allentown Rescue Mission will be hosting its 3rd annual Genuine PA Dutch Dinner on April 26, 2008. The menu will feature authentic dishes such as hog mow (filled pig stomach), schnitz un knepp (apple dumplings), pork, sauerkraut, salad, rolls and shoofly pie. Last year over 540 hungry folks enjoyed the food and we anticipate even more this year. The admission is FREE but an offering would be greatly appreciated. Over \$11,000 in free-will donations was generated last year. For additional information, contact Bill Dickinson at 610-740-5500, ext 14. ♦

Church Support

Our thanks to the following 123 churches that provided financial, in-kind, and volunteer support from 1/1/07 - 12/31/07.

Agape New Testament Fellowship, *Schnecksville, PA*
Allentown Church of God, *Allentown, PA*
Asbury United Methodist Church, *Allentown, PA*
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Bethany U.M.C. Women's Bible Study, *Allentown, PA*
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Bethel Bible Church, *Martins Creek, PA*
Bethel Memorial Baptist Church, *Easton, PA*
Calvary Baptist Church, *Allentown, PA*
Calvary Baptist Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
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Calvary Moravian Church, *Allentown, PA*
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Carpenter's Community Church, *Nazareth, PA*
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Central Assembly of God Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Chapman United Methodist Church, *Bath, PA*
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
Christ EC Blue Church, *Easton, PA*
Christ EC Church, *Allentown, PA*
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Christ's Church at Lowhill, *New Tripoli, PA*
Christian Evangelical Arabic Church, *Allentown, PA*
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First Baptist Church of Bethlehem, *Bethlehem, PA*
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Grace Deliverance Baptist Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Grace United Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
Grace Worship Center, *Whitehall, PA*
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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Nazareth, PA*
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, *Emmaus, PA*
Hosensack EC Church, *Zionsville, PA*
Huff's Union Church, *Alburtis, PA*
Immaculate Conception Church, *Allentown, PA*
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Luther Crest Chapel, *Allentown, PA*
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, *Emmaus, PA*
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Middlecreek Christian Church, *Kresgeville, PA*
Morningstar Fellowship, *Emmaus, PA*
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Parkway Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
Quakertown United Methodist Church, *Quakertown, PA*
Redeemer Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
Sacred Heart Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Salem UCC, *Catasauqua, PA*
Salem United Methodist Church, *Danielsville, PA*
Salem United Methodist Church, *Zionsville, PA*
Slatington Baptist Church, *Slatington, PA*
Solid Rock Community Church, *Schnecksville, PA*
Solomon's United Church of Christ, *Macungie, PA*
Springfield Church of the Brethren, *Coopersburg, PA*

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Anne's Episcopal Church, *Trexlerstown, PA*
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, *Whitehall, PA*
St. Elizabeth RC Church, *Whitehall, PA*
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. James Lutheran Church, *Coopersburg, PA*
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Nazareth, PA*
St. John Lutheran Church, *Emmaus, PA*
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Martin DePorres Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Paul's Anglican Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Blue Church, *Coopersburg, PA*
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St. Paul's UCC Sieberlingsville, *Kempton, PA*
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
(Hanover Avenue)
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(N. 10th Street)
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St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
Swamp Mennonite Church, *Quakertown, PA*
The Lighthouse Church, *Orwigsburg, PA*
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, *Emmaus, PA*
The Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua, *Catasauqua, PA*
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Lehigh, PA*
Trinity Great Swamp UCC, *Spinnerstown, PA*
Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
Union Baptist Church, *Allentown, PA*
Union United Church of Christ, *Neffs, PA*
Vera Cruz E.C. Church, *Emmaus, PA*
Western Salisbury Union Church, *Allentown, PA*
Zion's Reformed UCC, *Allentown, PA*
Zionsville Bible Fellowship Church, *Macungie, PA*

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Help Us Change Lives!

We are so grateful for our friends of the Changed Lives Club. This is a



special group of friends who have made a commitment to give to the Mission monthly. The members of this special club receive monthly updates of what's happening here at the Mission, along with regular newsletters. We also send special invitations to join us for Mission luncheons and meetings.

Because more than 80% of our income comes from private donations, our Changed Lives Club members are vital to help this ministry maintain a solid foundation of resources. If you'd like to know more about this special club, call us at 610-740-5500, or visit us on our website at www.AllentownRescueMission.org. ♦