

TIDINGS

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Mr. Millspaugh's Neighborhood

The Mission developed its first comprehensive program for homeless people in 1993. About five years later, I began to bump into our graduates at places like the gas station and the grocery store. Sometimes I would see a graduate where he worked. One of the first times this happened was at a big retail store. One of our graduates, Joe, came bursting through the swinging doors from the storage room shouting my name and smiling. He was delighted to see me, and excited to tell me that he was working at this store. He said that he owed it all to the Rescue Mission. After that reunion, I wrote the first "Mr. Millspaugh's Neighborhood" message in Tidings. Over the past 10 years, I have run into hundreds of our graduates, working and living in our community.

The other day I went out for breakfast, and as I entered the restaurant I saw William, who graduated from our program about 10 years ago. I've seen William in the past

"I Came Here With Nothing."

If you use drugs long enough, you usually wind up "burning your bridges" with family and friends. And if your addiction is bad enough, you may end up living under a bridge like the one on 8th Street here in Allentown. But Daniel was one of the lucky ones – he found both shelter and help at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

"I went to the emergency shelter first, the Gateway Center, and stayed for a couple of days. A friend of mine said, 'Go through the program.' And I got right in. After a month, I got permission to go to Jersey and spend my birthday with my family, but they were still pretty mad at me for the harm I'd done to them and myself," says Daniel.

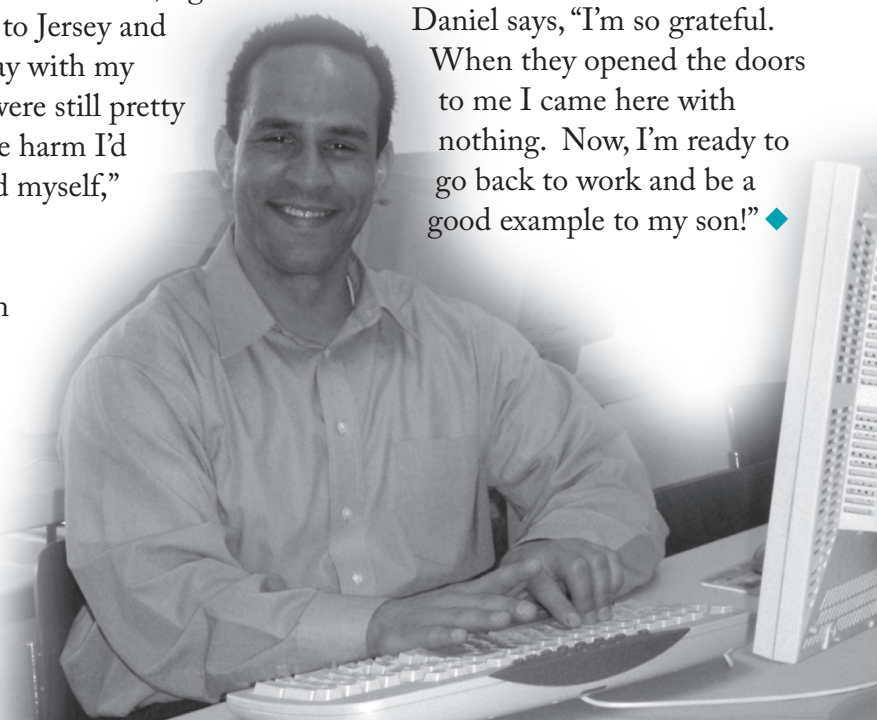
Thanks to his counselors and an individualized treatment plan, Daniel was able to make major changes in his life and his ways of dealing with problems

in the Mission's Alpha-Omega Addictions Recovery Program. When he graduated, he moved on to our Christian Living & Values Program where he gained the tools that will help him return to the community and his family.

"God has been there for me!"

Today, Daniel is completing the school work he needs to get his GED and looking for work in construction.

Daniel says, "I'm so grateful. When they opened the doors to me I came here with nothing. Now, I'm ready to go back to work and be a good example to my son!" ♦



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working as a security guard around our area. That day he was having breakfast with two fellow security guards, all in full uniform. When William was with us, he was suffering from depression so serious that it rendered him unable to work and even function on a daily basis. He could hardly get out of bed each morning. After months of work and healing, William graduated from our Christian Living program, and now, he has been in the same job for several years.

William, Joe and so many others are now restored from homelessness and are self-sufficient. They worked hard and accepted the guidance and encouragement of our excellent Rescue Mission staff. It's great to be a part of this important and vital work. You deserve credit too, because this ministry depends on you: your support, your confidence in us, your prayers and partnership. Thank you for helping us change lives and on behalf of William, Joe and hundreds of others. God bless you.

In His Service,


Gary F. Millspaugh
Executive Director


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Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner

Over 420 hungry folks enjoyed our 3rd annual Genuine Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner. The menu consisted of hog maw (filled pig stomach), schnitz un knepp (dumplings, ham and dried apples), seifleisch un sauerkraut (pork and sauerkraut), hinkel bot boy (chicken pot pie) and lots of typical Pennsylvania Dutch side dishes.



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We're also thankful for our table team sponsors, suppliers and volunteers for doing a tremendous job. How much did we receive in donations? A remarkable \$16,075!

"A Child is Known by His Actions" (Prov. 20:11)

Evann, age 6, and his brother Matthew, age 5, recently visited the Mission with their dad. They brought their donation of \$12.07 which they collected at their family's Easter dinner. They know how fortunate they are and wanted to share with those less fortunate. They brought in their gift and enjoyed a tour of the Mission. We want to thank these young boys for such a thoughtful gesture.



Hard Times Make Great Friends

2008 has been a hard year for everyone. Prices are higher. More people are out of work. Here in the Lehigh Valley, that has meant more people struggling to survive and to feed and care for themselves and their families.

But these hard times have also shown us just how many great friends the Allentown Rescue Mission has! You have continued

to give. You have volunteered your time. You have remembered us and those we serve in your prayers.

We are truly grateful that you have followed Paul's admonition in Galatians 6:10 and we hope that you will continue to help. You can make a secure donation online at — www.AllentownRescueMission.org. Thank you! ♦