

# TIDINGS

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## MICHAEL IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

*because of your support*

You've given him hope and  
new life this holiday!



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# “The Allentown Rescue Mission helped me GET BACK ON MY FEET.”

Michael had always been a hardworking man, but his medical conditions made everyday life a struggle. “I’ve got Crohn’s and celiac disease, and a very strict diet I have to follow.”

He did his best to follow his doctor’s instructions, but his condition grew worse. Finally, he was too sick to work anymore. “It got way out of hand. I couldn’t recover or even take care of myself.”

Michael lost his place to live and had nowhere to go, so he turned to the Allentown Rescue Mission for help. “I was worried about being here because of all my medical problems and diet issues, but they helped me get to all my doctor’s appointments and got me everything I needed for my diet,” he says.

As Michael began to recover, he was able to focus on strengthening his relationship with the Lord. He’d been a devoted follower of Christ for many years, even serving in the mission field, but it wasn’t until he attended our Transformation Program’s Bible studies and faith-based life skills classes that he realized just how much he loved the Word of God. “One of the teachers asked me, ‘Why don’t you study theology?’ And I knew that’s the direction I wanted to go.”

“**They went above and beyond to take care of everything I needed.**”

Since then, he’s continued growing stronger, both physically and spiritually. He works on our Clean Team Workforce now, is saving money for a place of his own and plans to go back to school to earn a degree in theology. He knows it’s God’s call on his life and he’s eager to answer.

**Michael’s heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support**



**gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life.** “The Allentown Rescue Mission helped me get back on my feet and find direction for my life.”

# Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year

## A Message from STUART SMITH

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

*But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?*

Each day at the Allentown Rescue Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. Rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for struggling men to make ends meet, and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!



Stuart Smith  
CEO

## 2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

**YOU can give hurting men reason to celebrate!**

# 20,475

**Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season**

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for men struggling to overcome homelessness, poverty and addiction. But you can change that!

**Just \$2.85 provides a hot, nourishing meal.** Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



**Safe, welcoming  
shelter**



**Warm clothing,  
coats & shoes**



**Life-skills  
classes**



**God's life-  
changing love**



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at [AllentownRescueMission.org](https://AllentownRescueMission.org).**

*Read Michael's story – a life you  
helped change!*







## Become a Source of Hope

Our **Changed Lives Champions** are a group of compassionate friends who give to the Allentown Rescue Mission each month, ensuring we're able to bring healing and hope into the lives of hurting men all year long.

Will you prayerfully consider becoming a source of hope by joining this vital group?

For more information, contact Ruby at ☎ (610) 740-5500 or ✉ [changinglives@armpa.org](mailto:changinglives@armpa.org).

# Thanks for Giving Food & Supplies Drive



It's time again for our annual **Thanks for Giving Food & Supplies Drive!** Time for friends of the Allentown Rescue Mission to bless those who struggle with hunger and homelessness in our community.

You can help with this life-changing effort by purchasing food and other essential items from our needs list at [allentownrescuemission.org/events](http://allentownrescuemission.org/events). Then bring your donations to the Allentown Rescue Mission, 355 W. Hamilton St. Allentown, **November 18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and November 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



*Thanks for Giving to make the holidays brighter for those in need!*

### Are you connected yet? Be the first to know what's going on!

Want the inside scoop on what's happening at the Allentown Rescue Mission? It's easy.

**Follow us on social media!** Every post shows you how your partnership is transforming lives and healing our community.

**Sign up for our emails!** You'll hear about urgent needs, special events and more.

When you tell your friends about us, they can join the celebration this Thanksgiving, too!

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