

Fund raising continues for the purchase of a new walk-in freezer. We've currently raised almost \$17,000 of the total cost of \$29,000 for this piece of equipment, which includes both the purchase of the freezer and installation as well. Special thanks to all who have contributed toward this large expense, including Blessed Hope Baptist (Cherryville, NC- Pastor Sidney Weaver), Gilead Baptist (Knoxville, TN- Pastor Mike Goodson), Immanuel Baptist (Florence, KY- Pastor Doug Foster), Lakeview Baptist (Knoxville, TN- Pastor AJ Crawford), and Gary Walker (Shelby, NC).

Crossroads Appreciates ALL Of Our Donors!

Because of the help from churches, individuals, and businesses like the Shelby Amateur Radio Club, Crossroads Rescue Mission continues to be able to help men (and women at the Quiet Heart Women's Mission) to overcome the bondages of addiction and the struggles associated with homelessness. Thank you for your generous support of the Lord's work here in Shelby, NC!



Crossroads greatly appreciates the congregation of Mount Vernal Baptist Church (Pastor Mike Nelson - Rockwood, TN) for their recent generous donation of food goods (some of which are pictured below) and clothing items!



Donations In Loving Memory / In Honor Of...

- Larry Birt (Janice Brooks)
- David McKenzie (John Garland)
- Bill & Jeanette Turner (Roger & Lois Owens)
- Kenneth Heafner (Virginia Heafner)
- Aileen Lagana (Frank Lagana)
- Bobby Fox (Sylvia Fox)
- Scott Queen (Daniel & Shelia Parker)

In Remembrance of Brother Mike Ivey
(2/19/1961 – 11/9/2015)

You were a blessing to many and will be missed by all!



2015 Back-To-School Bookbag Giveaway

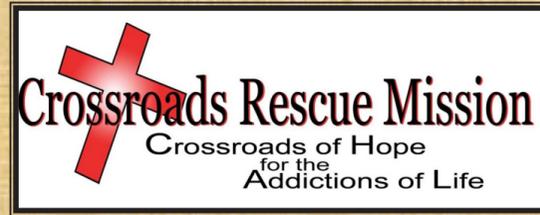
Crossroads Rescue Mission is committed to helping our community! This year's annual Back-To-School Bookbag Giveaway was a great success! Because of help from donors like you, we were able to give away hundreds of backpacks to students-in-need around the Cleveland County area!

Thanks again for your help!



Our Sending Church is Faith Baptist Church, 2738 S Post Rd Shelby, NC. Dr. J. Barry Goodman, Pastor

704-487-0006



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"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

—Luke 6:38

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Crossroads Rescue Mission
Fall Newsletter 2015

"Hope for the Hopeless"

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The
Director's
Perspective

Dear Friends,

This year marks 15 years that the Lord has allowed my wife and I to work in this wonderful ministry that God has called us to do, and for that we give thanks! With each new year He continues to melt our hearts with His goodness to us.

I understand how our Founding Fathers felt about our great God's blessings. President Washington, some 226 years ago, proclaimed a Day of Thanksgiving on November 26, 1789. He wrote, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." President Lincoln, in October of 1863 and in the midst of a bloody Civil War between the States, made the last Thursday of November to be a national holiday, so that people could set this time aside to observe and give thanks to our great God.

I pray that you will take time and look back at the goodness of God in your life, family, and work. As you do so, think of others and someone in need that you can help because the LORD has been so good to you. "David found one he could show kindness to." My wife and I find it easy to serve Him when we look at how good He has been to us! And this Thanksgiving season remember, like the poor widow in Luke 21, it's not about how much you give, it's about how much that you have left! Brother Johnny Owens had a great lesson on that recently in our Sunday school class. Christ is not looking at us giving out of our abundance, He is looking at what we have left when we do give. If we have a heart as the poor widow when we do give, we always have enough. She left with just her faith in Jesus which is ALWAYS enough. Thank you again for your kindness in giving to the Lord's work here at Crossroads, and to the Quiet Heart Women's Mission. May God bless you and yours!

Until Then:

Bro. Rocky L. Shelton, Sr.
Romans 8:28





BUT GOD.

**THE TESTIMONY OF
JOSH FITZPATRICK**



As I sit and write out my testimony, I realize that one year ago today I walked through the doors of Crossroads Rescue Mission, beaten down and battered from a 10-year heroin addiction. One year ago I was so sick that I couldn't get out of bed for 3 days. One year ago my family really didn't want anything to do with me because they were sick of watching me deteriorate into a shell of someone I once was. One year ago I was stealing money out of my mother's purse to feed my addiction. One year ago I was begging God to end my life...

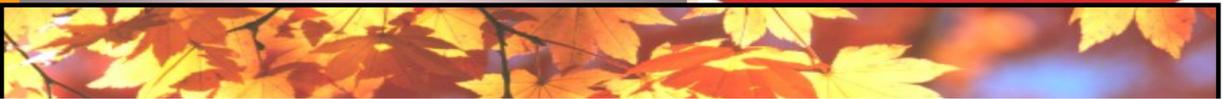
...But God

This is the first time in my life that I have one full year of victory from drugs since I started experimenting when I was 15 years old. I will be 30 years old in 4 days so more than half of my life has been devoted to a wicked and sinful lifestyle.

I had to learn some hard lessons but after I surrendered to the Lord and realized that it wasn't my fight anymore, that's when my life began to change. Christ cleaned me up, dusted me off and showed me what a life abiding in Him could be. I graduated from the program, bought a vehicle with my own money and landed a job. After only being there a few weeks, I was promoted to a team lead position and I am applying to be a shift supervisor. I knew I needed to become a member of a good Bible preaching church for accountability and once I made that leap; the next step was to follow the Lord in Baptism.

It hasn't been easy but I wouldn't trade the life I now live for anything in the world. Some of my friends from New Jersey could tell you what kind of man that I WAS and what kind of life that I LIVED, but now I have friends in NC that can tell you what kind of man that I AM and the live I now live in Christ. My life verse is Jeremiah 29:11 which says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." That expected end is a future and a hope and I know where my hope lies and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for my life.

— Bro. Josh



"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME, ABILITIES, AND LABOR THIS SUMMER TO HELP WITH VARIOUS PROJECTS AROUND THE MISSION!!!!

Jim Green
Youth Mission Projects
Auburn, AL

Hobson Road Community Church
Middle School Youth Group
Downers Grove, IL

Hope United Methodist Church
High School Youth Group
Voorhees, NJ

New Prospect Baptist Church
Statesville, NC

Volunteer Needs: Individuals, church groups, groups of all trades or individuals with carpenter, electric, plumbing, greenhouse, customer relations skills, or just those who want to help. Call Martha Walker at

704-484-8772

NO ONE CAN DO EVERYTHING! BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING!

Just a few of our volunteers.....



Brenda Earls



Ashley Cooper



Jim Burroughs

HELLO
my name is

Penny Burroughs,
Kitchen Supervisor



Dennis Blanton,
Head Supervisor



Aaron Bridges,
Development Office/
Sons of God Teacher



BATHROOM REMODELING

Dear Friends,

We are so excited to announce that "The Quiet Heart," the women's division of Crossroads Rescue Mission, is finally open! We opened on September 27'th, and presently have three girls! We'll be able to house ten altogether.

Also, our "Daughters of Grace" classes have begun. Our ladies go for classes to our home church, Faith Baptist, Monday through Thursday for their Bible studies and are learning so much! A special thanks goes to our teachers, Mrs. Ava Goodman, Mrs. Betty Upton, and Mrs. Kristi Morrow! We are so blessed to have these godly women devote a few mornings a week to our girls.

After classes they go to our Gaffney Thrift Store, which is located near the home, and work until 5:00pm. Also we frequently go to revivals which they love! We try to keep a balance in their schedule, with not too much idle time, nor so busy that they can't enjoy some free time. They also need time for their homework which we're mindful of. So far, everything is working out great! To God be the glory!!!

We ask that you pray for us! Satan is a real enemy, but we know that greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). May God bless you all and thanks for all you've done!

With Love,

Mrs. Deborah Shelton

Executive Director

The Quiet Heart

Rescue Mission



To donate to The Quiet Heart Rescue Mission for Women

Please call 704-484-8772

or send donations to Crossroads Rescue Mission

at P. O. Box 2090, Shelby, N.C. 28151

The Quiet Heart Women's Mission – Gaffney, SC



The new bathroom and shower rooms are complete! At the time of this writing, only a few small "finishing touches" remain with the crown moulding and tile work.

We're excited to see this project completed!



We're always in need of.....

- Kitchen Needs (sugar, coffee, creamer, eggs, milk, can food, cups, plastic utensils paper plates, trash bags, etc.)
- Cleaning Supplies (Pine-Sol, bleach, dish detergent, laundry detergent, fabric softener, mop heads, wash rags, Ajax, Comet, Mean-Green, etc.)
- Miscellaneous Items (male and female hygiene and personal products for both missions, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- If your church, school, or organization can ever help with a canned-food drive, these items are always a great help to us!

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?

Crossroads is now using AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as Amazon.com....the difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Simply sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and click on Marketing Tools to access customized online tools to support Crossroads Rescue Mission while you shop! For easier access, bookmark the link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-2229073>

Do you have items you'd like to donate or just looking to do some shopping? Crossroads now has two convenient thrift store locations for all your needs:

510 West Dixon Blvd.
Shelby, NC 28152

112 Wilkesville Hwy. 18
Gaffney, SC 29340

Call 704-472-2671 for donation pick-ups



thanks for helping change lives!

**The
Sons of
God Program**

After leading men to find salvation in the Lord Jesus and becoming victorious over the addictions of life, Crossroads is committed to giving them a firm foundation in Bible training and preparing them for work in the local church upon leaving the mission. The Sons of God (or Phase 2 as it is sometimes called) is a six month program that instructs men in a wide range of Bible subjects from Hermeneutics to Biblical Theology to Personal Evangelism. Men receive three hours of class instruction Monday through Thursday, from 9am until noon from local Bible teachers, preachers, and pastors. Similar to the first year of Bible college, upon completion all Sons of God graduates are prepared to enter Bible college or to be used in their local home churches. Classes are taught on Monday's by Bro. Rocky Shelton, Tuesdays by Bro. Aaron Bridges, Wednesdays by Bro. Daniel Douglass, and Thursdays by Bro. Dusty Brackett. We appreciate their service for the Kingdom here at Crossroads!

Pictured below are some of our recent graduates:



Franco Crosby, Josh Fitzpatrick, Matt Deaver, Austin Argus, Jermaine Martin