

Crossroads Rescue Mission

Bringing Hope to the Hopeless since 2001

Winter / Spring Newsletter 2019

Inside This Edition:	Page #
Letter From Brother Rocky	- 1
Testimony of Jesse Killion	- 1
Sons of God Graduates	- 2
Highlights of Summer / Fall 2018	- 2
The Quiet Heart Updates	- 3
Editor's Thoughts	- 3
Upcoming Events in 2019	- 4
Donations Given In Honor/Memory	- 4

Reflections From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The Lord has been so good that I don't know where to begin! First, I'd like to thank Bro. Danny Farley and the good people at Shady Acres Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, for letting us come to their winter fellowship. We had a great time in Texas, and several churches were able to take us on for support. The Lord blessed in a great way through the new friends we made and that made us feel so special. "THANK YOU!"

Our programs are going wonderfully and souls are being saved at both missions. There is a great need with both facilities to add more beds, with a waiting list for availability being the norm throughout the year. Please pray that God will help us provide more beds and living quarters.

I want to thank the 12 churches who gave to our van project. We received \$5,220 in gifts and put a down-payment of \$5266 on a new Kia Sedona for Miss Deborah, and she absolutely loves it. We are trusting God to make the payments each month.



Christmas was exceptionally great this last year. We helped provide Christmas gifts to hundreds of children and families with specific needs such as washing machines and dryers. Without your continued support, we simply could not do it.



Bro. Rocky & Ms. Deborah
Executive Directors
Romans 8:28

Pray for our new thrift store, the architects and engineers are still working on plans with the city of Shelby to get everything worked out so that we can break ground soon. We will keep you updated when all is approved! Thanks again!

P.S.—If you would like to give to any of these projects, just designate it as where you would like for it to be directed on the check you send. No matter the size, your giving is appreciated!

The Testimony of Jesse Killion

My name is Jesse Killion, from Grainger County, Tennessee. I came to Crossroads Rescue Mission on November 8, 2016, very deeply caught in sin and desperate for help. At the age of 13, I was saved at an old fashioned tent revival. Through the years I did not stay in church nor around the things of God and began to drift further and further away.

I began using drugs around age 18. Through the following 14 years of my life, I was in-and-out of rehab, county jails, and eventually prison. Absolutely nothing seemed to work. I would turn my back on my children and my family, the very ones that loved me the most. One day I heard about Crossroads Rescue Mission and eventually I made my way there. They were more than happy to help me through the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. I would learn that God is a faithful and forgiving God, even when I was not. I quickly realized that I needed to repent and fully surrender myself to God and to stop trying to figure things out on my own and "faith it out." I cast all my cares upon Jesus and had faith that He would take care of me and deliver me from addiction. I would hear men at the mission who had already graduated stand up and testify about how good God had been to them and all the things He had done for them since they had committed themselves to Him. I remember thinking to myself that God would never do that for me, but praise God, He has done above and beyond anything I could ever imagine!

Nine months after arriving at Crossroads, I completed the Sons of God program. I now have a relationship with my family, my children, and their mother. Amber (my wife) was saved at a revival while I was home on a weekend pass and now we are happily married and living for the Lord. My daughters, Kyrah and Danielle, know who the Lord is and sing together in church all the time. I have a job that I love, and am a faithful member of Landmark Baptist Church in Morristown, TN. While at Crossroads I answered the call to preach and my Pastor, Bro. Tom Severt, gives me opportunities to preach. God has been so good to me. I could go on for days telling you all of the things He has worked out for me. The people at Crossroads are amazing! The staff are all individuals who've dedicated their lives to help change the lives of others through the Word of God. The Mission will always hold a very special place in my heart that I will never forget. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!



Jesse and Amber Killion

Crossroads Rescue Mission is designed to help men progress through three separate phases. All three phases of identify the plan of life that God intends for us to live, and help the men to gradually become more rooted and grounded in the Word of God. Each man who completes the initial mandatory 90-day phase one commitment at Crossroads has the option of applying for entry into the six-month phase-two "Sons of God" program. While in the "S.O.G." residents attend a variety of intensive Bible classes ranging from Genesis & Creation, to Prophecy and the Last Days, along with courses which focus on life-skills development and other practical recovery principles such as honesty, self-control, and money-management. Upon graduation, they are prepared to return home and be used in their local churches and be the men-of-God that the Lord has called them to be. Some also choose to remain at Crossroads as phase-three residents and prepare for self-sufficiency through obtaining gainful employment or continuing their education. Recent graduates (pictured below from left to right) are Kenny Love, Michael Brown, Steve Hill, Bradley Mullinax, Brent Carter, and Biven Hawkins. Far right, Sons of God students as of February 1 are pictured.



Highlights of Summer and Fall 2018 Events

Each year, Crossroads Rescue Mission gives back to the community through outreach events geared toward being the arms, hands, legs, and feet of the Lord Jesus and demonstrating His love toward others. This is love-in-action, or as Jesus puts it in John 13:35, ***"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."*** With contributions from our staff, residents, volunteers, and many of you as well, each event was a huge success! Below are pictures which highlight our Summer and Autumn 2018 events including the Bookbag and School Supplies Distribution Campaign, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, December Appreciation Banquet, and Christmas Toy Drive. Thank you to all who contributed, whether through giving of donations or giving of your time-and-efforts! **All are appreciated!**



"....And He is before all things, and
by Him all things consist."
Colossians 1:17

Visit us online at: <http://CrossroadsRescueMission.org>



It has been over a year now that my wife and I have had the privilege to serve as directors at the Quiet Heart Women's Rescue Mission. This opportunity for full-time ministry was truly an answer to prayer. We are so blessed to be able to help these ladies and see their lives changed from the inside out. It's amazing seeing these ladies break the chains of addiction through the power of Jesus Christ.

Over the past year, many girls have had the opportunity to hear the Gospel through this ministry and the dozens of camp-meetings, jubilees, and revivals we are so blessed to attend.

We have had six ladies to graduate the "Daughters of Grace" six-month program, which is the initial commitment that all residents agree to prior to entry. Following graduation, two of the ladies have gotten married and another had her family completely restored and put back together. Many have made professions of faith and three went on to follow the Lord in believer's baptism. Another lady chose to stay along at the Mission following her graduation, and is now working full-time and going to school to complete her GED.



We are so very excited to see what the Lord is going to do in and with our lives in the upcoming years. We have both grown so much spiritually through this ministry and so thankful to be a part of such a needed ministry. Not only that, there are so many volunteers that contribute their time and efforts to make the Quiet Heart what it is today. We simply cannot express our gratitude enough! May God bless you all and thank you so much for all your prayers!



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel & Tracey Behney
Directors of The Quiet Heart



The Editor's Thoughts

As I complete this edition of our newsletter, the news headlines read: "New migrant caravan reaches US-Mexico border," "Gunmen kill policeman, blow up fuel tanker in Iran," and "Ten dead in possible arson attack at Paris apartment block." Sad, to say the least. It seems as if the world itself is unraveling, and in a sense it is. But the good news is that for Believers, **things are not falling apart....they're falling into place!** In actuality, this world is only sustained by the power of His name, which is one reason I chose Colossians 1:17 to be included on page 2. It is our Lord Jesus Christ that is holding everything together. The time is short, there is work to be done, and souls who need to hear this blessed Gospel. Lives that are bound up by the chains of addiction, desperately looking for some glimmer of hope. **That's why Crossroads exists.** That's why our faithful staff, volunteers, and so many others believe in this Mission. We believe in it, because God has ordained it to be a light-in-the-darkness and a beacon of hope. You have a part as well! We are not just building another "shelter" or "program," we are building His Kingdom!



Crossroads and the Quiet Heart have a dynamic and essential role in taking the Gospel to thousands of men and women who may never set their feet inside of a church sanctuary. But here, they are presented with the Gospel several times a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Most churches cannot even boast of that! In a sense, we "force feed them" the Word!

What can you do to help? Well I'm glad you asked, because the possibilities are endless. Whether it's through a simple donation, or "adopting a resident," "sponsoring a meal," or helping supply dry-goods and other necessities such as cleaning supplies or toilet paper, you can help change a life. Someone was able to eat a warm meal that would have gone hungry, and you had a part. Someone's family was restored today, and you helped accomplish that. Thank you again for everything you do, and the invaluable prayers on our behalf. Until He returns for His Bride, the Church, let's press on!

Bro. Aaron Bridges, CRM Director of Planning and Development

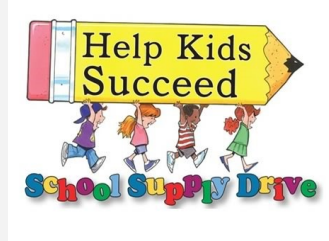
CROSSROADS RESCUE MISSION
PO BOX 2090
SHELBY, NC 28151

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID

SHELBY, NC 28150
PERMIT NO. 45

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2019:

- Come support Crossroads by coloring, shopping, or BOTH at "Color for a Cause," March 5 from 5-7 PM. Visit our website for more information, and spread the word!
- This year's annual CROSSROADS RESCUE MISSION JUBILEE will be held on the grounds of FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH (2738 S. Post Rd., Shelby, NC, 28152) from April 22-26. This year's theme is: "HOW TO BE CLEAN IN 2019!" Come join us for this time of food, fellowship, and anointed singing and preaching!
- Our annual Easter Basket Giveaway and Egg-Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20. More information about this community event will be coming to you soon!
- Don't forget about our Back-To-School Bookbag Drive coming up this summer on Saturday, August 17, 2019. We're going to distribute hundreds of bookbags filled with supplies to the area's students to ensure they get the great start they need for the 2019-2020 school year!



Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

The Mission is always in need of the following items:

Cleaning supplies (hand-soap, disinfecting wipes, hand-sanitizer, bleach, laundry detergent), Paper goods, (toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, even typing paper for the office printers), kitchen items (coffee, sugar, canned goods, non-perishable foods, etc.) If you use it around the house, we probably use it as well! Call our Administration office at 704-484-8772 if you would like to know specific needs and would like to contribute!

Donations may be returned with this card. Please make checks payable to
CROSSROADS RESCUE MISSION

Card # _____

3 Digit Security Code _____ Exp. Date: _____
(Located on Back of Card) (MM/YYYY)

Billing Address _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

**I authorize my credit / debit card to be charged for the
amount shown above**

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Telephone # (_____) _____

Email (Optional) _____

Thank you for your gift! You can also give online at:
www.CrossroadsRescueMission.org. Look for the "DONATIONS" tab.

DONATIONS GIVEN IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES:

Josh Byrd - Ms. Kathleen Keeler
Brother Kirk - Ms. Betty Peeler
Jeffery Rhyne - Ms. Janet Quinn
Hunter Bess - Mr. and Mrs. Donald & Brenda Farris
Larry Birt, Sr. - Ms. Janice Brooks
Joe Alan Collum - Mr. and Mrs. Scott & Angel Moore
Joe Alan Collum - Trinity Baptist Church
Joe Alan Collum - Dr. and Mrs. T.G. & Margaret Westmoreland
Louise Mace - Mr. Freddie Clontz
Edgar & Faye Clontz - Mr. Freddie Clontz
Seth & Logan Brewer - Mr. Jon T. Brewer
Shirley Finney - Mr. and Mrs. James & Alice Sandvos
Granny Finney - Mr. and Mrs. Howell & Ruth Williams