

LEBANON RESCUE MISSION

Men's Shelter ♥ Agape Family Shelter ♥ Lebanon Free Clinic

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A Season of Thankfulness

We are thankful for the Lord loving us
and we are thankful for your kindness.



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To God Be the Glory... great things HE is doing.

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your caring, compassionate and generous support!

You probably don't know the great ways you encourage us. We are blessed each day by the affirming support we receive. We send you our deep appreciation.

This Scripture below has been very dear to me this year.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

*Do not be anxious about anything,
but with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:4-7

We have much to rejoice this year. Lives have been wonderfully changed. We've seen people turn from darkness and toward the peace of Jesus. We have seen God move our friends to give generously to prepare for our new building. We serve a mighty God indeed!

May you be filled with God's peace whatever might come your way. We know life can be challenging, but God will care for us every day until Heaven's doors open.

Until that day, may you and your family be blessed. May you enjoy this newsletter that shares some of the good things you have supported with your generosity.

In HIS service,



Susan A. Spahr
Executive Director
Lebanon Rescue Mission



Adam Diamond Works Hard

But even a diligent worker can lose their job when business slows down.

There was no call for his skill of driving a fork lift, so he took a minimum wage job at Wendy's. Even with overtime and dipping into his savings he was falling short of paying the rent.

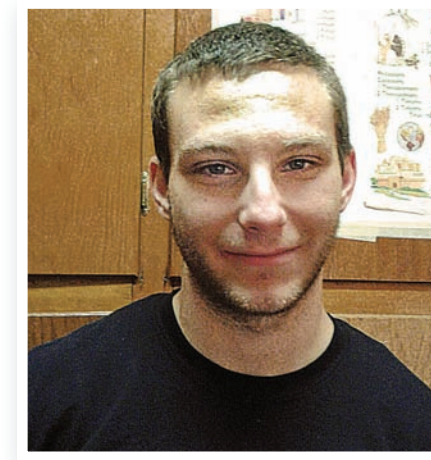
He tried going home to live with his mother, but there were difficulties there that this 21-year-old couldn't solve. He knew he needed to mature, and as a Christian man he knew God had the answers.

So he came to the Lebanon Rescue Mission.

Eight months later Adam has found his answers.

First, he has grown spiritually. Adam became a Christian at age 15. Two years later he saw his father die. He was angry at God for that. But now he trusts that his Father in Heaven knows best.

Secondly, Adam is confident about his future. There are



Adam confident about his future.

jobs waiting for him. At the same time he is going to college to learn diesel and auto mechanics. On top of this he has discovered he loves to serve people.

That came about from working in the Mission kitchen. Almost every day he prepared food for those living at the Mission and individuals in the community needing help. He saw first-hand the needs of people and the joy of giving. It won his heart and he is looking into joining the Reservists with the National Guard to help in national disasters and relief efforts.

“I enjoy helping people so much,” he says, “I almost don't want to stop!”

Thank you for providing help for Adam when he needed it most.

In time we will expect many people will be served, because his life was touched by the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

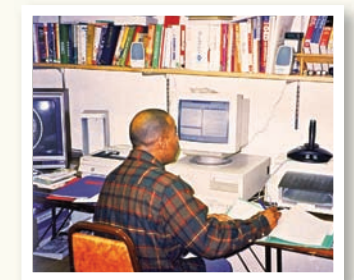
How your gifts help men at the Lebanon Rescue Mission:



A good meal
\$2.25



Shelter for the night
\$5.40



Learning Center supplies
\$16

12 Month Totals

20,674

Total meals served

7,832

Nights of lodging

A Time for Coralee to Grow Up

Eight years ago Coralee's husband was taken to prison, leaving her alone with two young boys and no means to pay her rent.

Her relationship with her mother was strained. She had no other family to turn to. With no other alternative, Coralee reluctantly came to live at Agape Family Shelter, the Lebanon Rescue Mission's ministry for women and children.

To Coralee it was free rent. She thought it was her right. That is, until Mrs. Smith, Agape's Director, sat Coralee down and spoke the truth that changed her life forever.

"Mrs. Smith pushed me to look at who I was, and why I was in my situation, and what I had to do get myself out of it. She was hard on me."

"I had never had someone crack down on me and expect more than what I was giving. She spoke to me like a mother. I didn't like her at the time but I had nowhere else



A Family You Helped

to go. I had to stay there. It forced me to change."

"So I changed. I went back to school, and then to college. I looked for employment. This allowed me to eventually get an apartment on my own. I started being a better mother and a better friend. I started to look at how I was going wrong."

"At a pivotal moment in my life, the Agape Family Shelter gave me the time and direction to grow up."

"Looking back I can see Mrs. Smith wanted me to be a better person. I didn't understand at the time that she had my best interests in mind. Now I see she does a great job. I wonder about all the other women that have passed through Agape and been changed by Mrs. Smith sharing the love of Christ. I know my time at Agape changed me."

Today Coralee and her family are together and happy. The insight Coralee gained at Agape also helped her reconcile with her mother, who is now "Grandma" to the children.



Agape Family Shelter Supply Needs:

- Libman Wonder Mop refill heads
- Batteries – 9 volt, AAA, AA, C and D
- Bottled water
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Pine-Sol
- Bleach
- Clorox Wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers



Volunteers Needs:

- Grass Cutting
- Yard Work
- Building Maintenance
- Fundraising



A single mother with a child ... homeless.

Single-parent families are among the poorest in the nation. 40% live in poverty. They are extremely vulnerable to homelessness. Most work part time for low wages. After rent and child care expenses, little remains.

Your Gift of Health

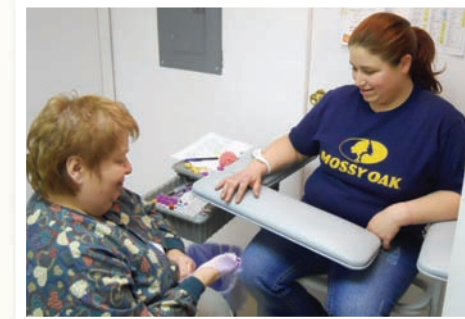
Your support helps to meet the health needs of over 330 patients each year. These individuals would go without medical care and medication without your compassion.

Your gifts help people who do not have access to public or private health insurance.



A patient visit

\$39



Diabetes testing supplies

\$35



A month of medication

\$18



Healthy living education materials

\$17



Diabetes socks

\$8

Volunteers Needed:
Physicians/CRNP
Nurses
Office help
Housekeeping

12 Month Totals

1,317

Nights of lodging for women

1,168

Nights of lodging for their children

2,485

Total number of nights

12 Month Totals

331

Individual Patients

157

New Patients

2,608

Patient Visits

2,961

Prescriptions Filled

\$469,639

Total Value of Services

Do you wonder if what you do makes a difference?

Yes it does!

A warm meal and a clean bed can be the start of a person feeling loved.

Take a look at this wish list made up by a homeless person. **You provide most of these things, and more, by supporting the Lebanon Rescue Mission.** You are a greater blessing to people than you know.

- ♥ A bar of soap
- ♥ A second set of clothes
- ♥ Toothbrush & toothpaste
- ♥ A safe place to sleep that's warm when it's cold outside, or cool when the sun beats down on me
- ♥ Deodorant
- ♥ Shoes without holes in the soles
- ♥ Sunscreen
- ♥ A day without being shunned & made fun of or called a bum
- ♥ A place to shower
- ♥ Someone to talk to
- ♥ A bus ticket
- ♥ Someone to listen
- ♥ A book
- ♥ Someone to care
- ♥ A pillow
- ♥ Compassion
- ♥ A blanket
- ♥ Forgiveness
- ♥ 2 meals a day
- ♥ Friends
- ♥ An umbrella
- ♥ Family
- ♥ A Band-Aid
- ♥ Love
- ♥ A coat
- ♥ Hope
- ♥ A home
- ♥ A place to hang my hat



Men's Mission



Agape Family Shelter



Lebanon Free Clinic

What Kind of Thanks

Oh Lord, my Lord, thank you for who you are!
 You spread the lights across the sky, You know every star.
 As I look around this universe and out into space,
 I stand in awe of Your creation with everything in its place.
 I see the mighty constellations, withholding not a gaze,
 Ah, there goes a shooting star or comet all ablaze.
 When I look into the heavens, how far do they span?
 I feel like a spec of dust, in the palm of Your hand.
 With this awesome world around us, and You in control,
 What kind of thanks to You, Oh Lord, can I bestow?

*Poem written by B.L. Shelley,
 Discipleship Program Resident*



**Watch this space.
 Your new mission is coming.**

**You are invited to our
 Chapel Services:**

At the Lebanon Rescue Mission – 439 South 6th Street
 Wednesdays 11:00am Praise and worship
 Sundays 9:30am Sunday school

OPERATION SANTA

Each year hundreds of families in our community rely on Operation Santa for their holiday meal and gifts for the children. Each family's items are lovingly prepared by our staff and volunteers. Their holiday meal box will include a turkey, potatoes, vegetables, and all the trimmings.

Your support of Operation Santa puts Christ's love into Christmas for many.

Operation Santa is a partnership between the Lebanon Daily News and the Lebanon Rescue Mission.



You planted.
 We watered.
 God gave the increase.

We are laborers together with God.



Please provide a holiday meal for the homeless and needy.

\$2.25



Thank You, Dear Friend!



Your gifts really make a difference to the men, women and children who need you, the Lebanon Rescue Mission, and the love of Jesus.



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YEAR-END PLANNING

Giving stock, making an IRA transfer, etc. can be better than giving cash.

You pay less taxes, you help us build a reserve for next year. For more information, please contact our Executive Director.

Any extra you send provides shelter, education, life-skill training and recovery care.

Please detach and return this card with your check made payable to **Lebanon Rescue Mission**.
Thank you!

YES! I want to provide a holiday meal for those in need.

Use any remaining funds to lift people to a better life.

I've Enclosed:

- \$22.50 for 10 meals or care.
- \$56.25 for 25 meals or care.
- \$90 for 40 meals or care.
- \$_____ to feed and care for as many as possible.

■ To learn more about giving stocks, IRA's, etc. and paying less on taxes and getting income for life please call Susan Spahr at (717) 273-2301

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

- BY CHECK made payable to **Lebanon Rescue Mission**
- BY CREDIT CARD — see "How to Give" at our website www.LebanonRescueMission.org

Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.