



Agape Family Shelter celebrating 30 years!

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This is an exciting year for the Agape Family Shelter as we celebrate 30 years of ministry to women and children. When one woman's life is changed through Christ, the ripple effect can be felt for generations. Agape is not a shelter, it is a place for women and children to call "home" as they rebuild

their lives for independence. The Agape Family Shelter services approximately 50 unique individuals each year. In addition to Agape's program, Operation Santa is operated and managed by the staff of Agape. The program serves over 500 qualified families providing a holiday meal, a week's worth of groceries, clothing, and toys for children.

Since 1945, Lebanon Rescue Mission has been steadfast in its commitment to pursue its historic mission, "to represent and present the gospel of Jesus Christ to all within our sphere of influence and to alleviate human suffering, in His name, without discrimination." As a gospel rescue mission, we believe that leading residents to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is both the most important thing we do, as well as the only true way to make lasting change in someone's life.

In 1945, the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Miller opened the first Lebanon Rescue Mission located in a room on Lincoln Avenue in Lebanon with the purpose of serving the most economically and socially disadvantaged men, women, and children. In August 2014, the Lebanon Rescue Mission's Men's campus and all administrative offices relocated from its previous location at

439 South Sixth Street into its new facility at 1223 Bittner Boulevard.

The Lebanon Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization and is comprised of four components: the Men's Shelter/Discipleship Program, the Agape Family Shelter, the Lebanon Free Clinic, and Operation Santa, which was started by the Lebanon Daily News many years ago.

Our new Men's Shelter provides 51 beds to serve both our program men and short-term guests. Between our Men's Shelter and the Agape Family Shelter, we will provide over 15,000 nights of safe lodging this year. In addition to shelter, the Men's Shelter provides three meals per day, 365 days a year. Annually we provide nearly 50,000 meals to our guests and the community. Expanding our community meal program has become a reality with our "Sunday Supper at the Mission" held at Bittner Boulevard almost every Sunday, with guests arriving at 5 p.m.

The Lebanon Free Clinic is a medical home to over 400 patients. Patients are seen at the Clinic Monday through Thursday during scheduled clinic hours with nearly 3,200

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patient visits each year. Approximately 60 volunteers breathe life into the daily operation of the Clinic, as we have only four part-time staff. Patients are assisted with acute or chronic illness care, mental health care, prescription assistance, case management, chaplain services, and health care education. Lebanon Free Clinic takes pride in providing a holistic approach to health care by treating the whole patient, including their socio-economic challenges that may be affecting their overall health.

The Lebanon Rescue Mission family is so grateful to an amazingly generous Lebanon Community for the continued and steadfast support to our various ministries over the past 71 years. During the 2015 Food Drive, we received over 25,000 pounds of non-perishable food. These donations fill our pantry for the year and allow us to share with other area non-profits.

Thank you Lebanon County...for all you do for us!

To learn more about the Lebanon Rescue Mission and its ministries, check out on our website at: www.lebanonrescuemission.org or go to our Facebook page to see what's happening. For more info contact LRM at 273-2301, or Email Gail Verna at: gverna@lebanonrescuemission.org.

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