

VERSE OF THE MONTH



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

~ Sharing Comfort & Joy ~

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED

You can help feed the hungry! . . . Just purchase the items on the list below, fill a grocery bag, and give it to the Mission. We'll distribute the food to those in need. To participate and obtain materials, or to arrange for a pick-up, please contact us at 435-7615.

Please deliver food bags to the Albany Rescue Mission Office at 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA by **Friday, December 23, 2011.**

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| 4 cans of vegetables | 1 package of dry beans |
| 4 cans of meat (tuna, beans, chili, etc.) | 1 package of cereal or grits |
| 4 cans of fruit | 1 box of crackers |
| 4 cans of soup | 1 jar of peanut butter |
| 1 package of pasta, rice, etc. | 1 jar of jelly or jam |
| | 1 bar of soap |

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES FOR RESIDENTS

We are collecting items for our residents' Christmas gifts. Items such as new sweatshirts, flannel shirts, warm socks, hats, & gloves would be greatly appreciated. If you have items that you would like to donate, please drop them by our office at 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA or call 435-7615 to arrange for a pick-up.



MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2011

<u>Individual Cases</u>		<u>Professions of Faith in Christ</u>	
Emergency Aid	175	Mid-Day Chapel Service	28
Emergency Food Bags	45	Men's Program Division	12
Misc. Donations	325	Women's Program Division	6
Free Clothing: Hundreds of individual pieces. Nearly 10,000 meals served.			

* DONATION RECEIPTS UPDATE *

Dear Friends, Receipts for your gifts dated in November & December 2011 should be ready by January 31, 2012.

Thank you for your gifts and for your patience!

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REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST

* 22 years of ministry 1989 - 2011 *

The Albany Rescue Mission of the LORD



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Thrift Store
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Albany, Georgia 31701

DIRECTOR'S NOTES



~ Christmas 2011 ~

"How Can We Help?"



Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we prepare for the Christmas season, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support.

Because of your care and compassion, Thanksgiving was made special for many needy families. We were able to feed hundreds of meals during the holiday week and give away over 125 food bags and many turkeys to the families with the greatest needs. We are full at our Men's Program Division. Our Women's & Children's Shelter is busy caring for 18 women and several small children.

In the past couple of years, our on-site feeding program has been serving increasing numbers of people. When we recently re-calculated the number of meals served, we discovered that we are now serving nearly 10,000 meals a month. We want to thank everyone who helps us to feed the hungry!

Now, for our Christmas plans . . . We plan two major meals at the Mission December 24th & 25th. We will also be giving food bags and turkeys to the families in our area with the greatest need. We also plan to prepare Christmas boxes for all our folks at the Mission. That number is at least 70. We also are helping Albany's most needy families with children to have a merry Christmas. We also need help with toys for girls & boys age 3 to teens. Without your help and support, we would not be able to supply these needs.

"How can we help?" We need more non-perishable food items. Also, as you make your year-end donations, please keep us in mind. This is the time when we must raise enough funds to carry the ministry through the holidays and well into next year. In addition to our regular operating expenses, we also have three special needs.

1. We are trying to "pay down" the principal on the Women's Shelter mortgage,
2. we need to raise enough funds to continue regular maintenance on our buildings, and
3. we have a critical, urgent need for a late-model passenger van for our women & children.

We will send you a year-end receipt around January 31 for your monetary tax-deductible donations.

We cannot outgive the Lord. He has blessed us in order to care for these people and also to show them how much God loves them. It is our responsibility to show them the true meaning of Christmas. God's greatest gift, His only begotten Son, came to give life – eternal life. We pray you have trusted the Lord for your salvation. Thank you.

May the Lord bless you and your family as we serve Him.

Saved to serve,

Bro. Larry Hample

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MISSION PHOTO ALBUM



We have made positive changes at our Thrift Store to make your shopping experience better!

We were able to lower the ceiling in the Thrift Store and install heating & cooling. And thanks to donated labor, we were able to complete the project for about \$5,000.00. That's significantly less than estimated!

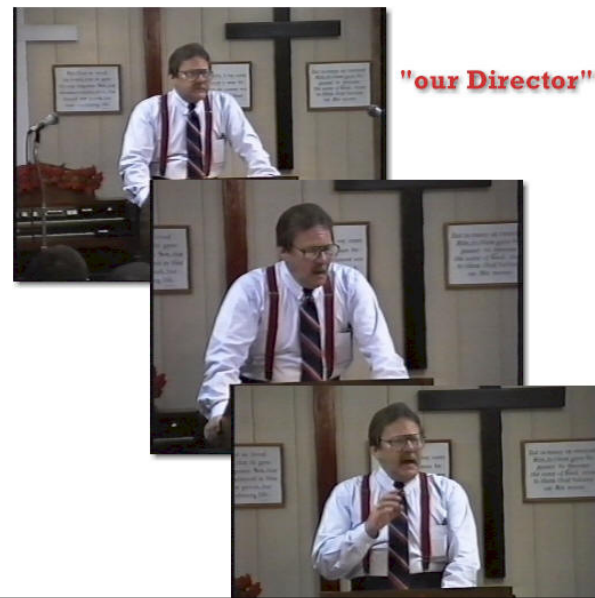
"Thank you" to everyone who helped!



Our Thrift Store

616 W. Roosevelt Ave., Albany, GA



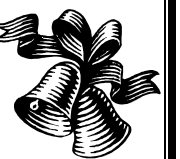


Thank you for supporting the ministry!



HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

FEEDING THE HUNGRY



We'd like to offer a special "thank you" to all who help feed the hungry with your gifts of time, food and funds!



We serve 3 meals a day, 7 days a week... to anyone who comes. That's nearly 10,000 meals a month these days!



LEADING THE LOST TO THE LORD