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Thrift Store  
614 West Roosevelt Avenue  
Albany, Georgia 31701

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES



### *Celebrating our 37<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving and Anniversary*



*~ Giving thanks for God's faithfulness during 37 years of ministry ~*

Dear Supporters & Friends,

Let me take this time to thank all of you that support and prayers for this ministry. Without your support we could not provide all the services we do to all those in need. We praise the Lord for all the good that happens here. Because of the Lord's amazing grace many lives have been changed. Again, thank you for caring.

Good news, we have reopened our Women's & Children's Ministry this past September. If you are in need or know of anyone in need call 435 – 7615 and ask to speak with Ms. Amanda or Ms. Applis for information concerning our Women's Ministry. We are currently serving more than 7,000 meals a month to our residents and the public.

We are still in need of help to gear up for the holidays. Any help would be appreciated very much. As we observe Thanksgiving, we praise the Lord for how He has provided for our many needs. We are preparing for our annual Thanksgiving week events. We plan to serve special holiday feasts to many people here at the Mission. We also will be providing some of Albany's most needy families with food bags and turkeys for the holiday. Our ministry will be busy taking food bags and meals to many people unable to get out to help themselves.

**“How can you help?” Get involved in our canned food and non-perishable food drive. We also need turkeys and hams. You can drop off your donations at 604 N. Monroe or call 229-435-7615 to arrange a pickup. Monetary donations should be mailed to 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA, 31701.**

During the next two months, we need to raise enough funds to carry us for several months into 2026. During this holiday season, we pray you will remember the needs of the **least, the last, and the lost** as we minister to them. **May the Lord bless you and your family.**

## *Happy Thanksgiving*

Saved to serve,  
Bro. Larry Hample  
Founder / Director



# REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST

# VERSE OF THE MONTH



(1) Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. (2) Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. (3) Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (4) Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. (5) For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100

## ~ Five Things God Wants You To Know ~

1. We are all sinners.

**Romans 3:23** - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Isaiah 53:6** - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2. We all owe a sin debt.

**Romans 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Revelation 20:14** - And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

3. We cannot save ourselves.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

4. Jesus has already paid our debt.

**Romans 5:8** - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

5. We all must repent and trust Jesus as our personal Savior.

**Luke 13:5** - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

*Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

*If you have a prayer request that you would like to have published in the newsletter, please make a clearly written note on your reply card or mail us a letter. We apologize in advance if there are any mistakes in any of the names listed. If you would like to have it corrected in the future please contact us. If you send a letter please make sure you write clearly so they can be fixed accordingly. Thank you from Office Staff.*

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### \* DONATION RECEIPTS UPDATE\*

Dear Friends, We plan to mail out receipts for your gifts dated in September and October by the end of November. Thank you for your generosity and your patience! If you do not receive your statement by the end of December please contact our office. (229)435-7615 (We do ask that you bear with us as this is a very busy time for us and we are short staffed at this time)

### MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2025

<b>Individual Cases</b>		<b>Professions of Faith in Christ</b>	
<b>Emergency Aid</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>Mid-Day Chapel Service (Public)</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Emergency Food Bags</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>Men's Program Division</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Misc. Donations</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>Women's Program Division</b>	<b>3</b>
		<b>Mission Outreach</b>	<b>10</b>

**Free Clothing: Hundreds of individual pieces. Over 7,000 meals served.**

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# REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST

Homelessness is a tragic condition, one that strips its victims' dignity and reduces their lives to a constant struggle for survival. A by-product of homelessness has long been hopelessness, as society's victims were given little chance of escaping their station in life.

In Albany, however, the homeless are being given an opportunity to restore the dignity that life had taken from them. The vision of a unique, caring man, and the donations of concerned citizens and volunteers have launched a program whose goal is to eradicate this hopelessness and give the area's homeless a new chance in life.

"Street people" are a common part of cities like Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles and Washington D.C. but more and more men, women and children in smaller cities like Albany have turned to the streets, victims of poverty, alcoholism, Drug abuse and broken families. Officials estimate there are at least 300 homeless people living in metro Albany.

Larry Hample, who came to Albany in 1960 when he was stationed at Turner Air Base, felt an overwhelming sense of sympathy and compassion for the homeless, helpless people he saw on the city streets. But, unlike most people, Brother Larry decided to do something about it. "The Lord led him to do something for these homeless souls, and he responded to His call.

The result of that call is the Albany Rescue Mission, which houses homeless men, women and children while feeding thousands of meals to the homeless each month.

"Society looks down on the homeless," Brother Larry says, "but God doesn't. God loves them. And when nobody else can reach a desperate person, God can. That's what the Albany Rescue Mission is all about. We put it in the Lord's hands, and He delivers blessings."

Since leaving his music business in 1990 to answer the Lord's call. Brother Larry and volunteers at the Mission have housed approximately 45 homeless men and 20 women and children a month and fed more than 9,000 meals each month. Receiving no government or United Way funds, the Mission depends solely on the generosity of individuals and churches.

"We never know where our funding will come from," Brother Larry says, "We do what we're led to do, and the Lord's provides."

Brother Larry initially took men off the street and into his central Albany home. But he eventually bought an apartment complex, which was renovated by his homeless "Guests." Those buildings at 604 North Monroe now houses 45 men and is the heart of the Albany Rescue Mission. The Mission then converted a small building on the corner into a chapel and a peanut warehouse into a thrift store, which is, ran solely by the Mission residents. Also in recent years a retired doctors office was acquired in Albany, which has been converted into a women and children's division of the Albany Rescue Mission.

While living at the Mission, the residents take part in a 90-day "New Beginnings" program. After making a commitment to change their lives, residents in the program diligently study the Bible and attend three daily chapel services. They work during free time, either at jobs they've obtained in the community or on Mission projects.

As with any venture of this kind, Mission volunteers have witnessed overwhelming successes while assisting others who continue their struggle. Although many have made it, many men and women have not been so successful at there struggle, but as long as there are caring people here at the Albany Rescue Mission the doors will always be open to help those in need.

We have one of the greatest feeding programs in the south. We feed the public 3 meals a day, 365 days a year. We are always in need of non perishable food items. How can you help? You or your business or church can help us with non perishable food drives. Another area is our Thrift Store down at 614 W. Roosevelt where you can buy just about anything at very low prices. You can also help with donations of useable items you would like to donate. You can call the Thrift Store to arrange a pickup of your items.

Serving over 100,000 meals annually and providing clothing and food bags for the homeless and needy families in Albany are monumental tasks, requiring endless hours of work from Brother Larry and other volunteers. But Brother Larry wants to do more, and with the help of a caring public he will be able to better meet the needs of the area's homeless.

We need your help in several areas. Prayer: Everyone should pray to God that the needs of the hurting people in our community are meet. Materials: Donations are needed to support our Mission Thrift Store and to provide materials to give to the men and women for the personal usage (i.e. Soap, deodorants, tooth paste, and tooth brushes etc.). Personal Involvement: We need volunteers at the Mission as well as the Thrift Store. Financial Support: Any donations are appreciated. But we especially need commitments for regular monthly support. Please send your donations to:

Albany Rescue Mission - 604 North Monroe Street - Albany, Georgia 31701

Ministry: (229) 435-7615 – Thrift Store (229) 431-1125

# Notes From Our Staff & Mission Needs

## Giving Thanks

As we come into the Holiday season, we have so much to be Thankful for! Some of our family and friends have not made it this far. We are trying to complete the task of remodeling the men's dorms. Dorm B needs around \$40,000 to fully remodel it. The ceiling and bathroom need to be replaced. The floor has sunk and needs to be jacked up and properly supported and secured. We have an outside bid, but if you know of any handymen that could assist if you could send them our way it would be much appreciated. We have 57 windows that need to be replaced as well. These dorms are over 100 years old and sadly they are showing their age. Upstairs is where our graduates are staying, and we have 2 bathrooms, a side room and a laundry room the needs to be remodeled. We are trying to see if we can get sponsors to help us with these endeavors. You can dedicate a dorm for a loved one. For more information call (229) 435 -7615

We are still doing our fall food drive!!! Canned goods, dry goods, anything that you can use for a holiday meal!!! Anything is greatly appreciated!!!

We are going to be serving our Thanksgiving Meal at 11am on November 27<sup>th</sup> 2025. We are setting up tents and tables to serve food just like we did last year. We need full pans of dressing, green beans, sweat potatoes, corn, assorted casseroles, mac n cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy, potato salad, cranberry Sause and last but not least dinner rolls. Please drop off sides on Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>. Call (229) 435 - 7615 if you would like to donate. The mission will be providing the Turkey and Ham for the meal. (Special thanks to Heavenly Hams of Albany GA for their donating)

Canned Food Drive



Saved To Serve,  
Ms. Applis McGrady

### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Donate A

#### "Feed A Family Of Four Bag"

What goes into these?

4 cans of vegetables, 4 cans of meat (tuna, beans, chili, etc.), 4 cans of fruit, 4 cans of soup, 1 package starch (pasta, rice, instant potatoes, etc.), 1 package of dry beans, 1 package of cereal or grits / oatmeal, 1 box of crackers, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly or jam

**For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:**

**And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**

**Matthew 25:35, 40**

**You can help feed the hungry! . . .**

Just purchase the items on the list included in the newsletter mailout, 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 @ 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA by **Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS**

