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604 North Monroe Street
Albany, Georgia 31701

Thrift Store
614 West Roosevelt Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Celebrating our 38th 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, our Women's & Children's Ministry is currently open. If you are in need or know of anyone in need call 435 – 7615 and ask to speak with Ms. Amanda or Ms. Kelly 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 2027. 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.**

Saved to serve,
Bro. Larry Hample
Founder / Director

Happy Thanksgiving

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 reciepts 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 2026

Individual Cases		Professions of Faith in Christ	
Emergency Aid	186	Mid-Day Chapel Service (Public)	7
Emergency Food Bags	87	Men's Program Division	3
Misc. Donations	159	Women's Program Division	1
		Mission Outreach	8

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

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REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST

The Reason For The Rescue Mission

A Legacy of Faith, Compassion, and New Beginnings

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: ***(Matthew 25:35)***

Every ministry has a beginning, and the story of The Albany Rescue Mission began with one man who saw a need and answered God's call.

In 1960, Brother Larry Hample came to Albany while stationed at Turner Air Force Base. As he looked around the community, he saw homeless men living on the streets, struggling to survive with little hope of a better tomorrow. While others might have passed by them, brother Larry felt a deep burden for these individuals. He saw people who needed more than a place to sleep; they needed compassion, dignity, and the hope found in Jesus Christ

Rather than simply wishing he could help, Brother Larry took action. **He began bringing homeless men into his own home, opening his door to those who had nowhere else to go.**

There was no large facility, no established shelter, and no extensive ministry program in those days. There was simply a man willing to use what God had given him to help others. What began inside his home became the foundation of a ministry that would grow to serve countless people throughout the Albany community.

As the need increased, Brother Larry took another step of faith. He eventually purchased an apartment complex in central Albany and renovated the buildings to provide shelter for homeless men, whom he lovingly referred to as his "Guest". Located at 604 North Monroe Street, this property became the heart of The Albany Rescue Mission.

The ministry continued to expand. A small building on the property was converted into a chapel, providing a place for worship and Bible teaching. A former peanut warehouse became a thrift store operated by Mission residents. In later years, a retired doctor's office was acquired and transformed into a ministry serving women and children.

Brother Larry's commitment to this calling also led him to leave his music business in 1990 to devote himself to the work of the Lord. His life reflected a willingness to follow God's direction, even when doing so required personal sacrifice.

The words of Zechariah 4:10 remind us, "*For who hath despised the day of small things?*" What began with one man opening his home grew into a ministry with a lasting purpose: helping people in need while sharing the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

The Mission Today

Today, The Albany Rescue Mission continues the work that began with Brother Larry's compassion and obedience. Although the ministry has grown, its purpose remains rooted in meeting practical needs and sharing the Gospel.

Our work reaches beyond the walls of the shelter. Through our feeding ministry, we serve more than 7,000 meals each month to residents and members of the public. We also distribute approximately 150 food bags each month to families in need, along with roughly the same number of hygiene bags to help individuals maintain their personal care and dignity.

Our men's ministry provides shelter and a structured opportunity for residents to work toward a more stable future. Through our New Beginnings program, residents are encouraged to study God's Word, attend chapel services, develop responsibility, and take steps toward rebuilding their lives.

Our women's and children's ministry extends that same commitment to families who need support and a safe place to begin again. Meanwhile, our thrift store at 616 W. Roosevelt Avenue provides affordable clothing and household goods to the community and helps support the ongoing work of the Mission.

Every day brings new needs, whether it is preparing meals, stocking food supplies, providing hygiene products, caring for residents, or assisting a family facing circumstances. These efforts allow us to put our faith into action.

As James 2:17 teaches, "*Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*" We believe that sharing the Gospel and meeting physical needs belong together. A meal can ease hunger, a safe place can offer relief, and a caring conversation can remind someone that they have not been forgotten. Through these opportunities, we seek to point people toward the lasting hope found in Christ.

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Notes From Our Staff & Mission Needs

Continuing The Work Together

The Albany Rescue Mission is a privately supported, faith-based ministry that does not receive government funding. The work depends on the generosity of individuals, churches, businesses, and community partners who believe in helping those who are hurting.

Because our needs continue throughout the year, consistent support is essential. Food must be purchased and/or donated, and our supplies replenished. Residents need care, families need assistance, and the doors must remain open for those seeking help.

There are many ways you can become part of this ministry:

- Prayer: Pray for the men, women, and children we serve, as well as our staff, volunteers, and ongoing needs.
- Financial support: your gifts help provide meals, shelter, supplies, and essential ministry services. Regular monthly donations are especially valuable in sustaining the work.
- Food and hygiene donations: nonperishable food, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other necessities help us care for those in need.
- Volunteering: give your time and talents to help with the Mission's programs and outreach.
- Community partnership: Encourage your church, business, or organization to join us through food drives, supply collections, and other opportunities to serve.

Galatians 6:9 Encourages us, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Brother Larry's story reminds us that a great work can begin with one simple act of obedience. He opened his home to men who needed help, and that beginning grew into a ministry that continues to serve our community today.

We are grateful for everyone who helps carry that legacy forward. Every gift, every volunteer hour, every donated item, and every prayer helps us continue meeting needs and sharing that message of Jesus Christ.

The story of The Albany Rescue Mission began with an open door. With God's help and the support of a caring community, we pray that door will continue to remain open for generations to come.

With Gratitude and Appreciation;
Ms. Amanda Lamb

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

We are asking our wonderful community of supporters to help us prepare for this special day by donating the following premade dishes to serve our guests:
How You Can Help

● Large pan of macaroni and cheese
● Large pan of dressing
● Large pan of potato salad
● Large pan of green bean casserole
● Large pan of sweet potato casserole

● Large pan of corn casserole
● Large pan of mashed potatoes
● Pies and cakes

If you would like to donate a dish, please call Amanda or Kelly at (229) 435-7615 so we can coordinate contributions.

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

Items needed for our Thanksgiving food boxes: (We give these out to the public)

● Turkey, ham, or whole chicken ● Cornbread mix or Stove Top stuffing ● Canned green beans ● Canned corn ● Canned cranberry sauce ● Macaroni and cheese mix ● Pumpkin pie filling or other pie filling ● Boxed pie crust mix ● Canned yams or sweet potatoes ● Canned evaporated milk ● Instant potatoes ● Box of biscuit mix ● Canned or packet gravy

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 23rd , 2026.**

HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS