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I’ve Discovered God’s Truth . . . and His Truth is setting me free

My name is Elizabeth. I hope you never get hooked on prescription drugs. I was, and it was my downfall. However, it didn’t start there. I was saved at 15 and I enjoyed living as a Christian. But I was a rebel. As I got older, I figured I knew how to live my life. So why should I listen to anyone else?

At 19, I smoked my first joint. I loved getting high. Before long, I was smoking crack and snorting heroine. I lived for the *high* life, which was really the lowest of a low life. I remember the time I needed surgery on my gall bladder. I’ve never been in so much pain. When they maxed out on the morphine they could give me, the pain had still not gone away. That’s how much drugs had destroyed my system.

I never thought I’d make it here at the Mission

Then one day, God directed me to the Durham Rescue Mission. At first, I never thought I’d make it. But God, my counselors and so many others kept encouraging me to hang on and trust God. Today when I wake up, I praise God. In the past, I had to get high to go to sleep and would wake up only to look for more drugs.

It’s a fact that God’s truth *will* set a person free. And if God can work with someone like me, He can transform the heart of anyone. I’ve now renewed my relationship with Jesus, and I’m becoming the person

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He's always wanted me to be. Thank you for your part in helping me find my way home. Without our donors, where would we be? You give your money to the Mission. You encourage our hearts, and you give your valuable time to talk to us. I will be eternally grateful for your kindness.

Gratefully,

Elizabeth

Save the Date: April 19, 2013

Second Annual "Grip It 'N Rip It" Golf Classic

Calling all golfers! Mark your calendar on April 19, 2013, and plan to join us at Hillandale Golf Course in Durham for our second annual fundraising golf event.

For more information, visit www.DurhamRescueMission.org/GolfClassic or call

Tony Gooch at (919) 688-9641, ext 5048.

An Encouraging Word from the Founders Dr. and Mrs. Ernie Mills

Dear Friend of the Durham Rescue Mission,

One verse of scripture describes you well . . . it's found in Matthew 6:21 . . . *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* If you did not have a caring heart for the poor, the homeless and those suffering from addictions, you would not support the Durham Rescue Mission. But because this is where your heart is, it's also a place where you're storing up your treasure.

Here at the Mission, that treasure spoken of in Scripture comes in many forms. You can see the transformation in a former addict's eyes as she responds to the call of God on her life. It's visible in the changing attitude of one who's spent most of his life on earth in prison — and who now is a bond slave to Jesus Christ. A single mother who's been abused finally begins to see the light of day . . . and that light is reflected in her renewed spirit.

Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry of rescue

We like to say you are *love in shoe leather*. You give your money and your time, and you share the good news of the Durham Rescue Mission with others. Right now we are seeing a tremendous increase in the number of desperate people coming through our doors. And God willing, we'll continue to provide them with good food, clean clothing, safe shelter and, most important, *an opportunity to say yes to the person of Jesus Christ.*

We love you and we never take your contributions for granted. Because of your involvement, lives are being changed and priorities are being rearranged. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry of rescue.

Sincerely,

Ernie & Gail

Ernie & Gail Mills, Founders



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Oswald Chambers perhaps said it best: *The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.* This is an enduring truth because God incarnate is the end of fear . . . and the heart that places a risen Lord at the center of his or her life will be quiet and serene in the midst of the storm.

Fear. Anxiety. Apprehension. Demons that often perplex us. And it's no different for those who come through the doors of the Durham Rescue Mission. For many of our guests there is the fear of living on the street . . . of not knowing where the next meal will come from . . . a fear of the unknown . . . *and a fear of never again being known.*



You Have a Heart for People in Need . . . and I thank you for being there for someone like me

My name is William. What a difference a few months make. Not long ago, I was hooked on crack cocaine and my life was going nowhere fast. I was homeless and spiritually bankrupt. I didn't know what to do or where to go. Then I learned about the Durham Rescue Mission. This is where I am today and God is doing great things in my life.

I was once in a two-year rehab program, but the Lord was not in the program. Here at the Mission, the Lord is in everything we do. I once thought there was no hope for me. I've been to prison and I was a slave to my drug habit for more than 20 years. I didn't even graduate from high school,



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Please pray I'll stay clean and remain faithful to the God of my salvation

dropping out in the 11th grade. But I'm getting my GED now, and when I receive that piece of paper, it will be one of the proudest days of my life.

Not long ago an addict . . . and now a counselor to others in need

Who would have thought I'd become a counselor to others who struggle with addictions? But that's what I am . . . and I thank God He keeps using me to help younger men realize they need to let the Lord take control of their lives. Every day my heart cries out to them to follow another path — God's path — that leads to joy and a life worth living.

I know this Mission does not operate on auto pilot. You who donate your time, money and influence are responding to God's voice . . . and you keep that hope alive for so many of us who once lost our way and who need rescue. God bless you for your kindness and compassion. I pray that the Lord pours down his blessings on you today and every day.

Sincerely,
William

Fall Cleaning — Time to Prepare for the Holidays

As you "Fall Clean," donate gently used clothing, shoes and household items to help others. Bring your donation and receive a tax receipt at any of our four current locations:

Durham Rescue Mission Store #1
3220 NC Hwy 55, Durham

Durham Rescue Mission Store #2
10701 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh

Men's Campus
1201 E Main St, Durham

Women and Children's Campus
507 E Knox St, Durham



Holiday Events — Mark Your Calendar

Help the Homeless and Poor in the Triangle

Donate gently used coats for **Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22**

Volunteer at "Wish Tree" at Northgate Mall between **November 23 and December 23**

Donate new toys, games, and books for at-risk children for **Christmas Dinner, December 24**

Volunteer to set up, serve, host the game booth or clean up at events

To register or for more details, call (919) 688-9641, ext. 5025 or visit www.DurhamRescueMission.org

he past months . . . n behalf of those in need of rescue

The Durham Rescue Mission relies on the compassion of a friend like you

That's why your compassionate response to those in need is so vital. You bring hope to joyless souls. You comfort those who have lost family and friends. With God as your strength, you help our residents take their eyes off their own issues and allow them to focus their attention on a God of rescue.

Now at this Thanksgiving season, we are especially grateful for your ongoing support of the Durham Rescue Mission. To give a generous donation today, please use the remit slip enclosed or you can make your donation online at www.DurhamRescueMission.org. God bless you for being a Thanksgiving friend to people who need to know someone cares.



We are so excited about the progress of the **Center for Hope** building. Visit us online at www.DurhamRescueMission.org and select the **Center for Hope** tab to view real-time video of the construction site!

From the Word of God . . .
*a reminder to reach out
to those in need . . .*

“If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother.”

— Deuteronomy 15:7

“But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.”

— Psalm 70:5

“I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.”

— Psalm 140:12

When you touch the life of someone in need . . . *you touch the heart of God.* From all of us at the Mission, we thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry to those in need of rescue.

Chaplain's Corner
Rev. D. Robert Tart, COO



When God gave the Ten Commandments, He started by saying, “*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*”

Why this command? Was God afraid there may be other gods better than Himself? No. There are three reasons for this command:

God's Nature: He is supreme above all and worthy of all praise. Any praise given to another god is robbing Him of what is His.

Man's Nature: We are inherently religious and prone to worship men, gods, and creation. We cannot help but to worship something, so God is directing our worship in the right direction.

God's Grace: God is saying I am the only God who loves you. All other gods use you.

So our allegiance should be to God and Him alone.

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Instead of Dying, I Started Living

The night I arrived at the Mission, I was prepared to call it quits. I didn't want to die under a bridge, so I came to the Durham Rescue Mission. I figured if I died at the Mission, they might at least give me a decent burial. But God had other plans for me. Instead of dying, *I started living.* I joined the Victory Program, began praying and started spending time in God's Word.

No longer does my life revolve around partying and alcohol. No more flea bag hotels. I've



rediscovered the God of my youth and *my Savior is transforming my heart.* I'm still paying a price for my wrong choices. But I know God is forgiving me. Thank you for your donations and for your many acts of kindness. I was once a person society didn't want. But you care about my eternal soul . . . and I am so grateful.

Your friend,

Bobby