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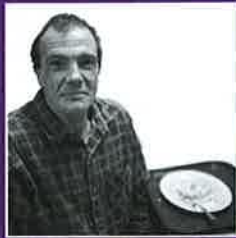
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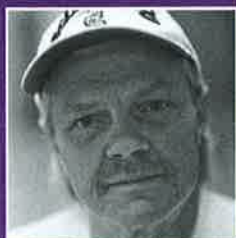
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Cocaine Was Not What I Needed *I needed to have my faith in God restored and begin to live His way.*

My name is Chico. My daddy once told me prejudice will cause some people to look down on me and expect me to step into the gutter to let them pass. He said, *"Never do that. Don't you ever do that!"* That was good counsel. However, I still managed to put my life in jeopardy on more than one occasion. I had a cocaine habit and I had it bad. It was common for me to smoke two to three lines of powder in a short period of time. I thought it would make me feel good. Instead, it was instrumental in ruining my life.

That's why I thank God. He directed my steps to Chattanooga Rescue Mission. It's not easy to make it when a neighborhood turns into drug-infested chaos. But the power of God is greater than the force of evil. I'll never let my faith fail me again. One thing is

for sure . . . if there was no Mission, the crime rate would skyrocket. There would be more homeless sleeping in our parks . . . and the human misery in our community would be compounded.

God bless you for your donations . . . and for your many acts of kindness

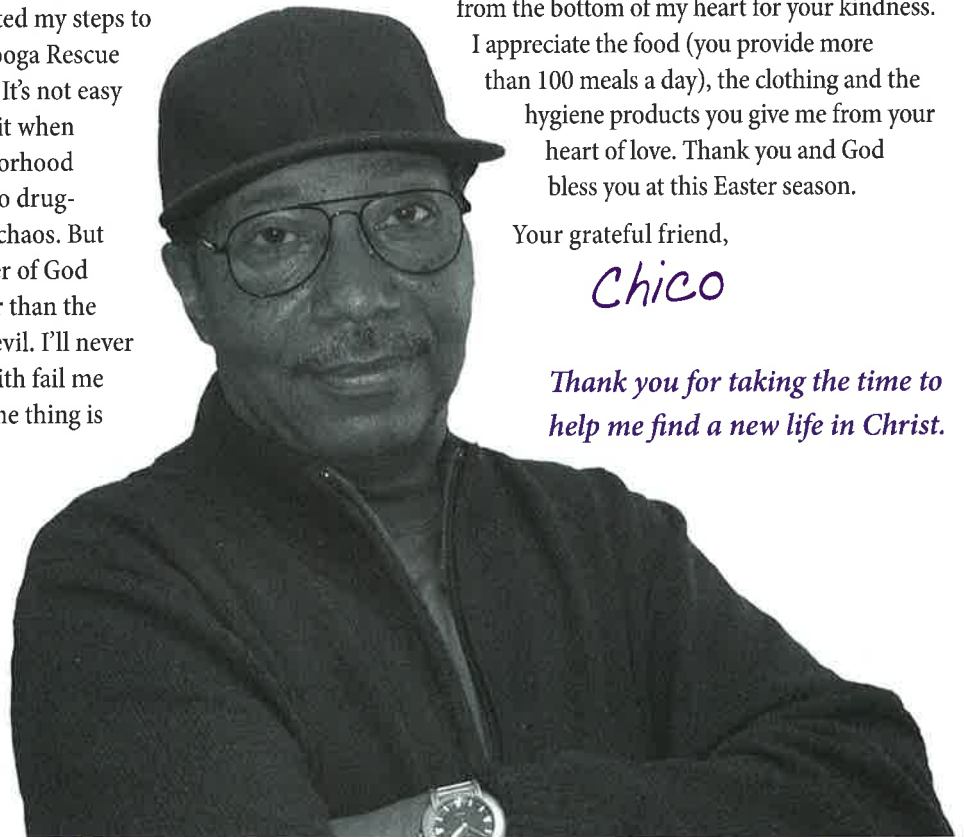
And I want to say a word of thanks to you, a faithful donor to the Mission. When you stop by and give us a kind word, you make us feel special. You give us a pat on the back and it brings tears to our eyes. *Out there* no one much cares. But you care so much, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness.

I appreciate the food (you provide more than 100 meals a day), the clothing and the hygiene products you give me from your heart of love. Thank you and God bless you at this Easter season.

Your grateful friend,

Chico

*Thank you for taking the time to
help me find a new life in Christ.*



An Encouraging Word from Dale Grisso

Dear Friend of Chattanooga Rescue Mission,

Psalm 62:1-2 tells us . . . *Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.* I know you feel blessed knowing this is the God we serve as our Savior and Lord. Everything we have comes from Him. He's our rock. He provides us with breathing room for our spirits.

This is also the message we share every day at Chattanooga Rescue Mission. The men and women we serve desperately need breathing room for their tired souls. They need to exhale the bad and inhale the good. All who come through our doors need to breathe in the greatness of the resurrected Christ and be rid of that which has kept them so long in bondage.

Your involvement makes a world of difference

The good news is you play a key role in this healing. You know the joy of giving — and you keep sharing your resources. You know prayers change things, people and situations — and you continue to keep the Mission in your prayers. You know a word of kindness goes a long way — and you continue to be generous with your donations and acts of Christian service.

Now it's almost Easter. A time of new life and a renewal of the spirit. Thank you for allowing God to use you to help heal shattered lives. May the risen Lord be your constant strength and fortress today and always.

Your servant to the needy,

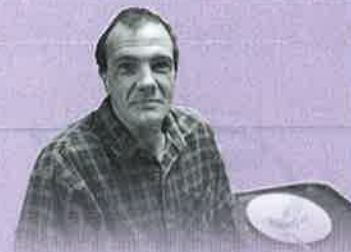
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"May the risen Lord be your constant strength and fortress today and always."

The poorest of the poor, the homeless and the lost thank you for giving them a second chance at this Easter season.



We at Chattanooga Rescue Mission are more than grateful for your generous spirit of giving. You are a vital member of our family of Mission supporters, and we want to begin the Easter season by encouraging you to stand alongside us once again as we share God's good news with so many who've lost their way.

Many who come to the Mission feel they're at the end of the line. But then they sit down at one of our tables and share their stories with a new friend. They eat a nutritious meal. They soon begin to catch a sense of the love that pervades this place of refuge. These events are often the first steps toward discovering a better way to live — and of becoming the people God wants them to be.

Love usually wins the day

In the end, love usually wins the hearts of our guests. If not on their first visit, perhaps the second, third . . . or however many times it may take to choose a new direction for their lives. That's why we encourage you to help us keep hope alive in the hearts of so many who are homeless, who suffer from addictions, or those who simply need a place to allow God to put their shattered lives back together.

To give your generous donation immediately, please use the remit slip enclosed, or make your donation online at www.chattanoogarescuemission.org. God bless you for being a caring friend to people in need — not only at this Easter season but throughout the year.

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If YOU Were Homeless . . . At first thought, it sounds like an adventure to be homeless.

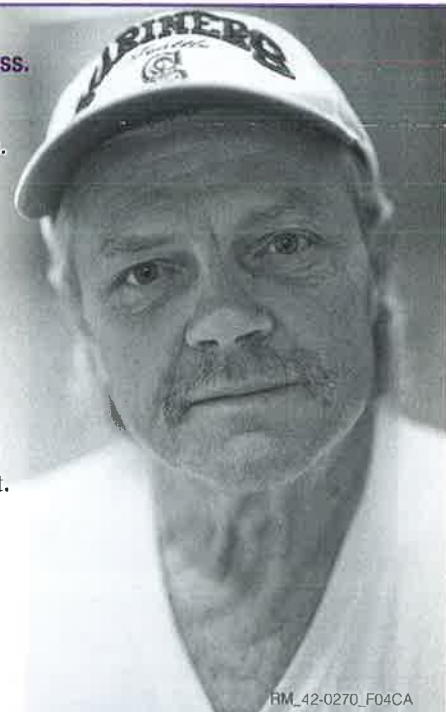
No job to stress over. No responsibilities or deadlines to worry about. Sounds like it would be just a long-term camping trip.

Even a dream vacation has a way of getting old. How much more for the homeless! There are very real problems out there. That sheet of plastic and the tattered blanket which some kind soul gave you while you were begging on the street won't do much to keep you comfy on the brutally cold nights we have this time of year. Last night you were safe, but it may be that the predators will be on the prowl tonight. If you are lucky, they will only steal your valuables. More than likely, they will hit you over the head while you sleep, and then steal it all. Don't think your car will protect you; it didn't make it two days before being ransacked.

No wonder our homeless neighbors are so grateful for the Chattanooga Rescue Mission.

Here, they are served a hot meal: high-quality food, not just soups or sandwiches — variety in the menu. The men in particular appreciate the man-sized portions, and seconds, until it's all gone. Then they get to have a shower where the water is always a perfect 115 degrees. Following that a comfortable bed, one with clean sheets every night. Unlike the nights when one slept outside, the night will not start off too warm and end up freezing at dawn.

But perhaps the one thing our guests appreciate about CRM more than anything else is the way the staff treats them with love and respect. They offer hope. Those are things absolutely unheard of on the street. God forbid that any of us should suddenly be homeless! But what if it did happen to either you or me? I suspect that we both would quickly get "street wise" and head for CRM like most other homeless people do.



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"We know that unless our residents place the power of a living, loving God at the center of their hearts, nothing will change."