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I once was so terribly lost . . . but I'm lost no more. Today I am free from the bondage of addiction.

My name is Kristie. I don't ever want to be a failure again. I never again want to spend my entire days and nights with a bottle in my hand. For 20 years, my life revolved around alcohol. It's all that was important to me. Over the years, I lost so much: my house, good jobs, my car and a relationship with my family. Worst of all, I lost all respect for myself. I was an addict, and my addiction was the devil's grip on my life.

That is . . . until I gave my life to the Lord. I'm grateful to a God who forgives, for this Mission that cares about me, and for a person like you who gives your money and valuable time to keep these doors open for people in need. I've gone from darkness to light . . . from a lifetime of self-abuse to a life that honors my Savior and Lord.

Depression is a thing of the past.

Depression used to be my middle name. Now I turn to the Bible for my comfort during times of anxiety. I used to be stressed about everything . . . and I mean *everything*. Now I pray instead of worrying. I now place my focus

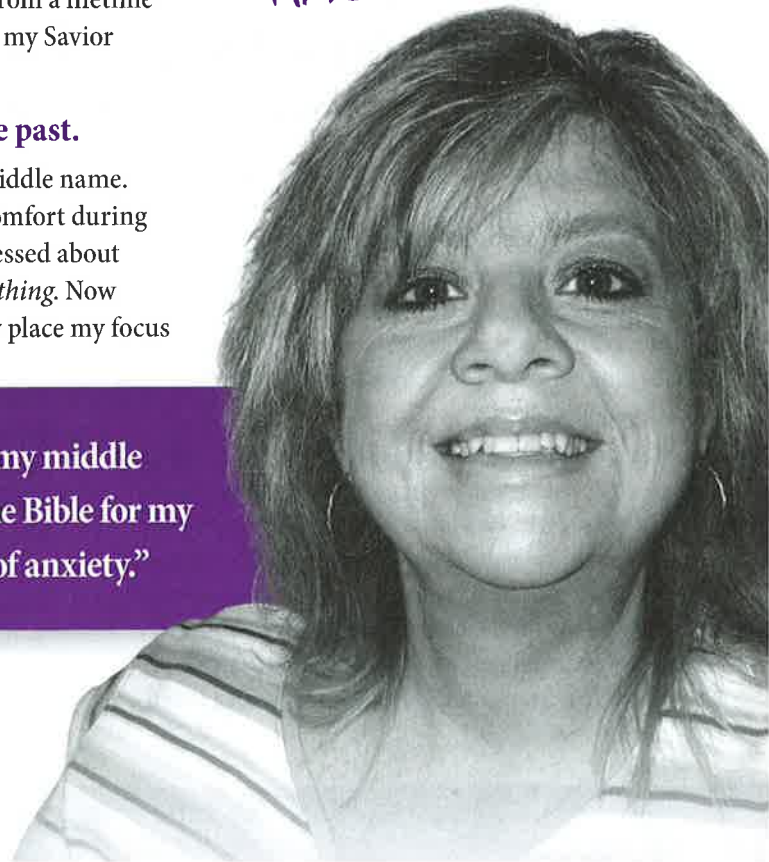
on the good things God is doing for me. I can honestly say I'm being changed from the inside out.

I'm grateful God walked me through the doors of Chattanooga Rescue Mission. This is the place of the listening ear . . . and where people are given the opportunity to change direction. I know . . . because I'm one of those people. I'm so happy I serve a risen Lord. This Easter will be a special time for me . . . and I trust it will also be a meaningful season for you and your family. Thank you for being someone who cares.

Your Friend,
Kristie

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Thank you for helping me find my way home to Jesus . . . to my risen Lord.



Dale Grisso, Director of Men's Discipleship Ministries

Dear Friend of Chattanooga Rescue Mission,

I have a note on my desk from an 81-year-old woman that moves me to tears each time I read it. This dear woman writes, "We've supported Chattanooga Rescue Mission for 15 years, but my husband now has Alzheimer's and we have a houseful of bills. So we can't give much now, but we will continue to pray."

All I can say is *praise God for this wonderful couple . . . and praise God for you and the sacrificial gifts you also give to the Mission so we can make Christ known to all who come through our doors.*

I encourage you to read Kristie's testimony. If there were ever a walking miracle, it's Kristie — a woman who's beginning to grow in the things of the Lord. Each day Kristie and all our other residents are coming face-to-face with our risen Lord. Little by little, they are maturing in their Christian faith.

From hopelessness to new life in a risen Lord

Many of our guests come to us with only a glimmer of hope. Some wonder if they'll ever be sober, healthy or *normal* again. Then they are surprised by joy as Jesus becomes the center of their lives.

And just as we count on your earnest prayers and financial support, I want you to know I also pray for you and for your own spiritual well-being. If you ever want to have a chat, just call the Mission and ask for me. I believe our hearts are knit together . . . and *together*, with God as our rock and fortress, we will continue to enjoy participating in this Kingdom's work. God bless you. And as Kristie says, *thank you for being someone who cares.*

Your servant to the needy,

Dale Grisso

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If I Can Just Make It Home

Imagine you're on a long trip. So far, the trip has gone off without a snag. But suddenly, as you near home, you notice something wrong with the car. It's not running like it should. You think, *"If I can just make it home without it breaking down, everything will be all right."* Once home, you can get help from family and friends. You won't be stranded; you'll be in your own bed. Most important, you've got a mechanic who knows exactly how to fix your car.



For many people out on the streets, the Chattanooga Rescue Mission is "home" for their broken lives. For a long time, life seemed OK. They did what they wanted, thinking the joy ride would never end. Then things turned sour, and they were in trouble. That's when many of them thought, *"If I can just get to the Mission, they can help me."*

Help for broken people like these means a warm bed and clean sheets. It means safety and a full stomach. It means love and acceptance. It means **HOPE** that they can put their lives back together. Recovery is never easy — but the answer is simple: The Savior. When they understand their help comes from above, peace and restoration are soon to follow. No, life is not a bed of roses just because they come to the Chattanooga Rescue Mission. But one thing they always know is true: ***They are home at last and everything is going to be all right!***

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Thank you for helping us share the message of the empty tomb with so many who've lost their way.

The good news of Christ's resurrection is this: Because He is risen it's not only possible . . . but it's a written guarantee that through Christ *old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.* This is the *heart change* we see every day at Chattanooga Rescue Mission . . . and *heart change* happens because you continue to provide us with the physical and spiritual tools to minister to those who come through our doors.

We're profoundly grateful to you for your role in helping us share God's message of healing and hope with so many who've lost their way. Because of your kindness, our doors remain open to any and all — *people like Kristie* — who need what the Mission has to offer. Thank you for standing with us during the past holiday months by providing wholesome food, safe shelter and the opportunity for so many to hear God's Word. As a result, desperate men and women found rest for their weary souls.

Thank you for investing in the lives of those in need

Now we come to you again at this blessed Easter season, asking you to consider yet another investment in the lives of men and women in great need. To keep reaching out to our friends and neighbors, please use the remit slip in this newsletter and mail it to us today, along with your generous Easter gift. Or you may make your donation on our secure website at www.chattanoogarescuemission.org. God bless you for being an Easter friend to those who rely on us for help.



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