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WOW!



It's a brand new year! How time seems to fly-by. It is hard for me to believe that we have been in Richmond right here on Hull Street since 1987. I look back and all I can say is "Wow, what a great God we serve!" 2014 may have been one of our best years, except for the loss of our dear friend, Bob Atack. We closed the year with most all our bills paid up to date, our staff in tack, and my wife and I still in love with each other. (LOL)

When I look back on 2014, two important thoughts come to mind. The first is that Good Samaritan Ministries continues to stand on the answer to man's problems which is *a right relationship with Jesus Christ*. In His Word we are told:

- John 3:16 **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."**
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 **"Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."**

The second important thought is of our many friends who help us keep our doors open year after year. Working together, we have seen lives changed, families reunited, and broken hearts healed.

I want to say thank you to all of our friends, both old and new. You have helped us made a difference. We hope in this New Year, you will continue to partner with us to continue seeing lives changed. I am not sure what all the Lord has planned for this year, but I am reminded about what I heard an evangelist say in a message one time. "Get out of the drivers seat and let Jesus drive. But you need to buckle your seat belt because you're in for a fast ride." I have to say this a true statement. When I get out of His way and let Him drive, amazing things happen!

I hope you and your family have a great New Year. Remember to keep looking up; Jesus is coming again!

In His and Your Service, *Pastor Mike*

GSM Ministries

Michael D. McClary founded the Good Samaritan Ministries in March 1987 in Richmond VA, where he continues to serve as Executive Director. GSM is a Christian mission. We view and treat the problems of society from a Christian perspective.

Good Samaritan Discipleship Program

Year long Biblically based substance abuse recovery program.

Good Samaritan Work Program

Job training and placement.

Good Samaritan GED Program

Open to all program participants. Classes and tutoring.

Good Samaritan Auto Sales

Used car sales and automotive training. (Call for free towing of donated vehicles)

Good Samaritan Apartments

Low income housing for the community. Clopton Terrace - 2-bedroom apartments
2701 Midlothian - 2-bedroom townhomes

Good Samaritan Thrift Store

Located at 2680 Southside Plaza. Quality used clothing, large selection of furniture, kitchenware, appliances, electronics, and more. Call 232-7228 for free pickup of donated goods or drop off at the store or at the ministry at 2307 Hull Street.

Good Samaritan Operation Drumstick

Our annual outreach to the surrounding community. A complete Thanksgiving meal and more for local needy families.

Good Samaritan Gifts of Hope

Our annual Christmas Eve event which provides our participants with Christmas gifts for their families.

Good Samaritan Fellowship Sunday

The last Sunday of every month, we celebrate the accomplishments of our participants. The service is held at Community-Bainbridge Baptist Church, 1101 Bainbridge St, RVA, and begins at 10:45 am. Lunch follows the service. Come meet those you help!

THE FOUR R's of GSM

RESURRECTION Romans 6:9-12

Programs that treat only the body and soul, but not the spirit, will ultimately fail. Only spiritual power can overcome physical & psychological bondage, whether it is drug addition, a dysfunctional family, or a life of crime. With God's power first, and through His guidance, anyone can overcome his or her problems and addictions to lead a life of deliverance with Him.

We demonstrate God's love for every person, no matter how worthless he may seem to be. Every single one of us has done things in our lives which are less than laudable. While some people's faults may be more readily apparent, God loves each of us. God's love was pre-eminently expressed through the death and resurrection of His Son for sinful mankind. Any person who accepts, by faith, Jesus' substitutionary death also identified with His resurrection is empowered to follow a new way of life.

REHABILITATION II Corinthians 5:17

Change is possible, but problems that took years to develop do not get resolved overnight. Substance abuse treatment involves more than flushing out poison from body tissues. There are emotional and social pressures to deal with as well. Often the mental escape offered by reliance on the chemicals is much more potent even than the physical craving and dependence. Chronic unemployment is caused by more than just a lack of training or opportunity; there are character flaws of laziness and unreliability also. People who have spent their entire lives in a dysfunctional environment cannot apply new principles all at once.

Our program lasts one year. The first six month focus on critical issues like drug withdrawal and accepting personal responsibility for one's circumstances. The last six months are spent in work training, where participants learn essential skills such as accepting authority and getting along with other people.

RE-Education II Timothy 2:15

All program participants spend part of each day studying, with an emphasis on Bible reading. Each Discipleship Program participant is required to complete a number of information study booklets to complete the phase he is in. These booklets are on Biblical issues and growth teachings, such as: "Saved, Now What?", "Assurance of Salvation", "The Bible", "Prayer" and many others. After entering Phase II of the program Bible study is continued and college-level courses are offered.

Each day starts with morning devotions and ends with a chapel service. The entire emphasis of our program, from church attendance to Bible study, is focused towards helping our program residents totally change attitudes and focus on a changed life with God's help.

During the day, program residents are sent out to work at job sites, just as they will do once they finish the program. Many of them go to work in different facets of the ministry, such as our thrift store, our auto shop, donation pick-up truck, food service, and other areas.

RELATIONSHIPS Romans 12:10

One person can rarely change his whole way of life by himself, he needs a support system of family and friends. Most men make new friends at the mission and at church. Many fathers begin supporting their children for the first time in years, and discover a bottomless source of motivation and encouragement. Work brings new values and habits, as well as, financial independence. Through Biblical counseling, we help our residents to be accountable for their past actions and to understand that others were also impacted and suffer consequences. Family ties are mended allowing for reconciliation and giving hope. Many men renew marriage vows or find confidence to commit to a wife.

Remembering Honors Special Gifts

Remembering . . .

Mike Tomlin

Mark & Susan Wright

Ryan Canary

Thomas & Gertrude Allen

Walter Justice

Bill & Elaine Broach

Buddy Padgett

Mrs. Faye Padgett

Richard D. Meadows

Judy Meadows

Robert Atack

Don Swanson
Jane S. Adams-Moser
Dr. Geoffrey Taylor

Edna J. Shepard

Lee Shepard

Lucille Pickett

Robert E. Pickett

Diane Willis

Wayne Willis & Family

Lorenzo J. Crawley

Joanne P. Crawley

Mom, Dad, Gramma, & Michael

Cheryl Willis

II Timothy 4:8 KJV

“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, with the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.”

Robert E. Brown

Staff at Colonial Truck & Colonial Tire

Lee Curtis

Robin & Earl Jackson

Robert N. Pinkham

S. Christopher & Heather Craven

Larry & Gloria Lambert

John T. Wilkes

Linda & Richard King

Charles & Donna Vaughn

Dale & Stephanie Korneke

Steve Whiteside

Rev. Ruth C. Fortis

Stephen & Elaine Usry

Rob Brown was the General Manager of Colonial Tire Distributors for 28 years. Rob was a friend to GSM and we will remember him fondly as an advocate for our ministry. When CTD was part of our Work Program, Rob took time to guide and instruct the men and give them encouragement.

In Honor

Mary Neapolitan

Mark & Susan Wright

Fred Bales

Gaspare Picone

William M. Lacy

Annabelle Lacy

Teresa Dumouchelle

Rosemary Simmons

Lt. Col. Linwood G. Wilhelm

Thomas & Gertrude Allen

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Cheryl Willis

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Gifts of Hope 2014

Thanks to all who helped make this another wonderful Christmas for our program participants and their families!

