

City Ministries | PO Box 432 | Any City, State Zip

September 2024

John and Mary Smith
123 Any Street
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Dear John and Mary,

We're getting ready for Operation Drumstick, our yearly tradition of sharing a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings or a food box with turkey and all the trimmings to cook at home.

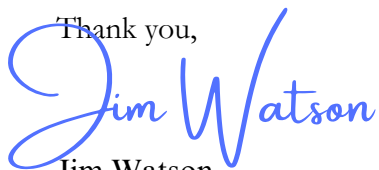
A trip to the grocery store has become very expensive. The high prices make it even more difficult for the average middle-class family to afford the bill. Imagine what it is like for those living below the poverty level. Barely able to pay their rent, a traditional Thanksgiving meal may be beyond their reach. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, Good Samaritan's Operation Drumstick typically provides over 500 men, women, and boys and girls with a Thanksgiving food box filled with turkey and all the trimmings.

And for those whose circumstances are even more dire, we serve a hot, delicious Thanksgiving meal to the homeless, the lonely, the outcast, and the forgotten. Life is tough when you have no place to lay your head. But for those with no hope, a hot Thanksgiving meal served by people who love them can be the beginning of a new life, a reminder that life is more than just survival.

Of course, we will share the good news of Jesus with each person we serve. Because we are firmly convinced that Jesus changes everything, we are compelled to show our love by sharing the gospel with everyone our ministry touches. The power of God's love can still transform a person's life and future.

As we prepare for Operation Drumstick, please help us make Thanksgiving a time of joy and promise for the needy and homeless in our community. Your financial gift can help restore hope in the life of someone who has lost their way. God bless you for caring.

Thank you,



Jim Watson
Executive Director



Yes, I want to help you feed the hungry, the homeless, and the forgotten this Thanksgiving season. My donation of _____ is enclosed.

- \$25
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Dear John and Mary,

She had lost her two children. Taking care of your children is almost impossible when heroin grips your life. Fortunately, her children were in a safe place, guarded and loved by family members. Her boyfriend was no longer with her. He was in the program at the mission.

Ashley was all alone. No one to protect her, no one to help her. She was homeless, sleeping on the concrete floor of a garage with her backpack and pillow. Her only friend was a needle that robbed her of everything precious and vital.

One night, while curled up on the garage floor, high on heroin, she was attacked by two homeless men. She was defenseless, a victim without an advocate. Broken by her circumstances, she decided to seek help at the mission.

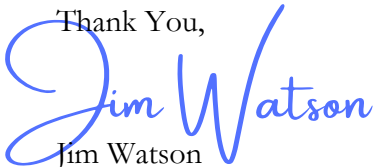
Shortly after coming to the mission, Ashley gave her life to Christ. Several weeks later, she became terribly sick and was diagnosed with advanced Hepatitis C. The doctors gave her less than a year to live. To the amazement of her doctors, God healed Ashley entirely from the disease that threatened to kill her—twice rescued from death. Since that day, she has made tremendous progress in restoring her life.

Ashley has started dreaming again about her future—reuniting with her children, marrying their dad, and regaining her self-respect. She is so grateful that the mission was here when she needed it the most.

And that is why I am writing you this letter. Every day, more and more women like Ashley come to our door looking for help, each desperate for another chance, praying and hoping for a place to help them regain their lives. We stand ready to help them, but we need your help to do that. Please prayerfully consider donating to the mission today.

Your donation will give each woman a safe, warm place, hot food, Christian discipleship, clean clothes, and an opportunity to know Jesus on a more profound and higher level. Your help will make a significant impact on someone's life.

Thank You,



Jim Watson
Executive Director

PS: Please help us make a difference in the lives of women like Ashley. Their lives are too precious to waste.



Yes, I stand with you as you minister in the name of Christ to Ashley and other women like her. Enclosed is my donation of:

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Dear John and Mary,

While working at the mission one night, a young man burst uninvited into my office and, with a mixture of pain and conviction, said, "Help me! I don't want to be this way anymore." I could see that he was distraught. He had the stench and appearance of a homeless man, the bloodshot eyes of a drunk, and the demeanor of a man desperate for help.

His name was James. Several days before, his wife—tired of his lies, his constant theft of their rent money to buy drugs, and his neglect of her and the children—told him to get out of the house and not come back until he regained his sanity. For a drink of beer and a tiny rock called crack, James was willing to give up his job, wife, children, home, bathtub, dignity, and self-respect. He was ready to destroy his whole life to obtain the object of his desire.

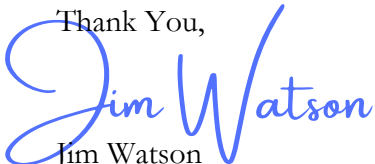
That night in my office, James surrendered his life to Christ. Before that night, he had submitted his life to a substance that eventually destroyed everything of beauty and value in his life. When James surrendered to Christ, God gave him his life back, including his marriage.

After he had completed the program offered at the mission, he found a job and began to provide for his family. As further evidence of the power of surrender to God, God lifted James from the gutter to leadership in his church.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, we were there for James when he came to us looking for help. Tragically, many men and women in our community, just like James, have lost their way.

Please consider making a financial gift to our ministry. Your gift can impact more than the person directly helped by it. It can help change the destiny of their spouse, children, friends, and extended family. God bless you for caring.

Thank You,



Jim Watson
Executive Director

PS: Please pray for James as he continues making progress in his new life.



Yes, I want to help you reach more men like James. Enclosed is my donation of:

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