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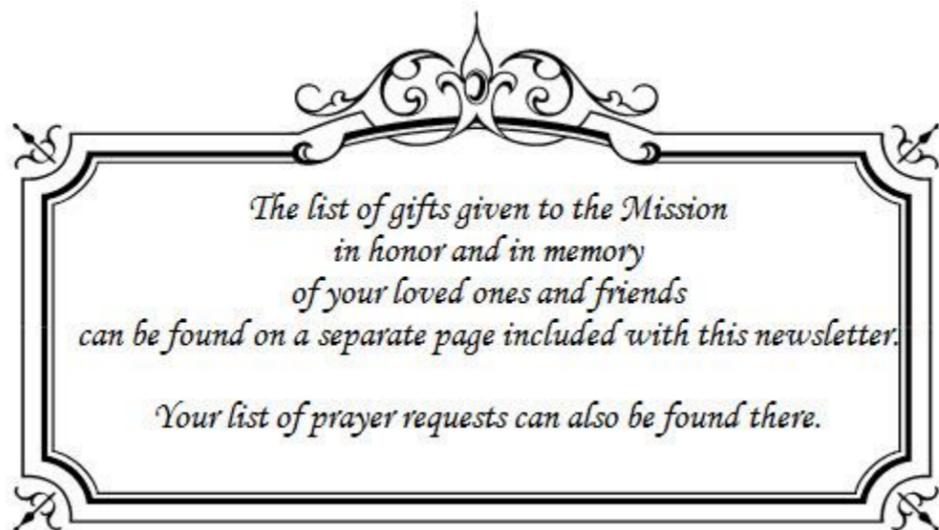
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isaiah 40:8

BREAKING NEWS

Dear friends & Supporters,

We rely on your holiday donations to sustain us till the summer months. Our need is great, and our pantries are already low on food. I would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to our local churches and businesses to rally up a food drive for us. You may call our ministry office at (229) 435-7615 to discuss ways you can help. We would like to thank all those who have helped us throughout all these years, thanks and God bless you and your family.



The list of gifts given to the Mission in honor and in memory of your loved ones and friends can be found on a separate page included with this newsletter.

Your list of prayer requests can also be found there.

* DONATION RECEIPTS UPDATE *

Dear friends,

We plan to mail receipts for your gifts dated in January & February 2018 by the end of March. Thank you for your generosity and for your patience!



You can find ARM on the Internet @

www.AlbanyRescueMission.org

Please visit our website . . . You can send us an e-mail, watch videos, listen to music, make a donation online using PayPal, and learn more about the ministry.

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REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST

* 30 years of ministry 1989 - 2018 *

The A.R.M. of the LORD



News from and about Albany Rescue Mission, Inc.

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Ministry
604 North Monroe Street
Albany, Georgia 31701

www.AlbanyRescueMission.org

Thrift Store
614 West Roosevelt Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Long Road To Recovery

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Every day, many homeless and needy men, women and children turn to the Albany Rescue Mission for help. We sincerely need *your* help!

Since 1989, we have been providing for those in need by sharing food, shelter, and the Good News of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our feeding program is extensive, **servicing more than 7,000 meals each month. In addition to the 3 meals a day we serve to our residents, we also serve 2 meals a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to anyone who comes.**

As many of you know by now, on January 2nd 2017 strong winds totally destroyed our 10,000 square foot warehouse behind our Thrift Store at 614 West Roosevelt Ave. Inside that warehouse we lost everything. There was thousands of dollars' worth of items lost. All our furniture we sell was damaged, as well as all the clothing we had in storage. The worst part was all our non-perishable food items we had stored there were lost too. This was food that was donated during the holidays. The mission has the largest feeding program in Southwest Georgia. This has also hurt our cash flow. We have gone from bringing in over \$2,000.00 a week at our Thrift Store to around half of that. We had to pay for hundreds of trips to the dump as we did not have the available funds to pay someone to clean up the debris. That does not include the cost to rebuild. **I would also like to thank all of you who have given extra at our time of need. The Lord has blessed this ministry for 30 years. We are trusting The Lord to reach The Least, The Last, and The Lost.**

Because of our strong Christian stand, **this ministry does not receive government funding**, and therefore, we rely on God's provision through private donations. We publish books, CD's, and DVD's to help spread the Word of God. We also maintain a website to spread the Word of God on a global level and provide insight to anyone who maybe curious about our organization. Our web address is **www.AlbanyRescueMission.org**.

May God bless you and your family.

Saved to serve,

Larry Hample

Founder/ Director of Albany Rescue Mission

REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST

MISSION MOMENTS

You're invited!

Where: A. R. M. Thrift Store

614 W. Roosevelt Ave., Albany, GA, 31701
229-431-1125

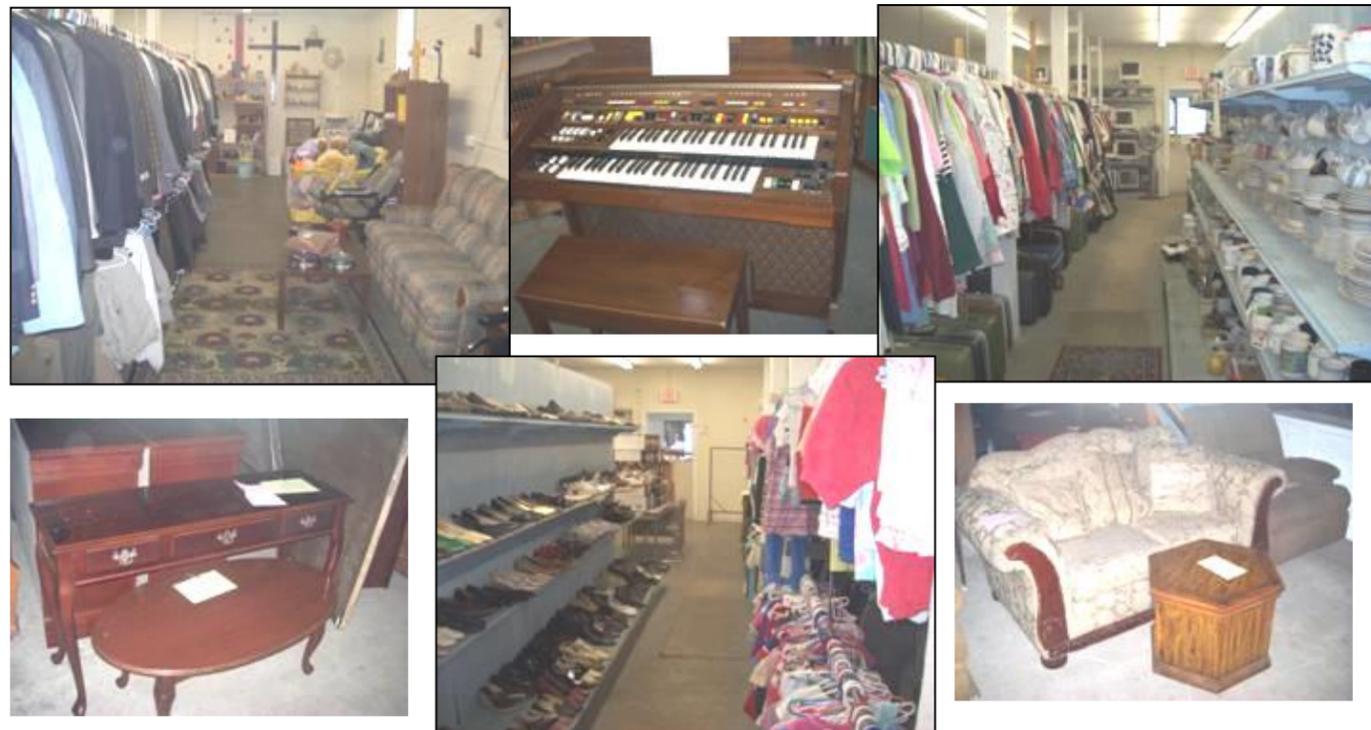
When: 9am - 4pm Monday – Saturday

We want to invite you to visit our Thrift Store down on Roosevelt Ave.

Come meet our new Thrift Store manager –

Ryan Jacobs, former men's mission graduate, now volunteering his services.

The store looks good, and the prices are right!



If you are doing some *spring cleaning* and would like to donate usable items, we'd be glad to have them! We can offer you a receipt for tax purposes. Please call 431-1125 if you have large items that need to be picked up.

HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

MISSION MOMENTS

* Mission Needs *

* Prayer: . . . *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availed much. James 5:16b*

* Food & Supplies: We spend more than \$4,250.00 a month purchasing groceries (especially meats, such as chicken and ground beef) and cleaning supplies.

~ Food: We would be grateful if you could donate **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** items to help us "round out" the meals. We also need non-perishable food items to fill the food bags we give to those in need.



~ Supplies: We need **PERSONAL SUPPLIES** for our residents and **HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES** for the dormitories and kitchen.

Some of our needed items include: men's and women's underwear (new only please), socks, disposable razors, bath soap, wash cloths, towels, alcohol-free after shave, alcohol-free mouthwash, spray deodorant, shampoo, twin sheets, diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath tissue, napkins, nail clippers, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, and pot scrubbers.

* Monthly financial support: We have bills much like you do! For example . . .

* Food & Utilities: In addition to the \$4,250.00 a month "food & supplies" bill mentioned above, we also have utility bills that run around \$5,500.00 a month.

* Gas: We run two vans (1 for the Men's Program, and 1 for the Women's Program) plus 2 trucks (1 for our maintenance department and 1 for our Thrift Store) and spend more than \$3,300.00 a month on average for gas.

* Mortgage: We have a mortgage payment for the Women's Shelter that is about \$700.00 per month, plus any additional amount we can put towards the principal. The "extra" amount is usually \$275.00 a month, for a total of \$975.00 a month.

* Insurance: We also have yearly insurance costs – the liability & building insurance for all of our locations is about \$7,000.00 a year, and our auto insurance is about \$2,600.00 a year.

Where does the money go every month?

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Food & Supplies: | \$4,250.00 |
| Utilities: | \$5,500.00 |
| Gas: | \$3,300.00 |
| Mortgage: | \$ 700.00 |

Your faithful support helps to meet the needs of those who come to us for help.

Donations should be directed to our Ministry office at: 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA, 31701.

You can also donate online using PayPal – please visit our website at www.AlbanyRescueMission.org.

MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS FOR JANUARY 2018

| <u>Individual Cases</u> | | <u>Professions of Faith in Christ</u> | |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Emergency Aid | 192 | Mid-Day Chapel Service | 21 |
| Emergency Food Bags | 63 | Men's Program Division | 8 |
| Misc. Donations | 221 | Women's Program Division | 3 |
| | | Mission Outreach | 5 |

Free Clothing: Hundreds of individual pieces. Over 7,000 meals served.

LEADING THE LOST TO THE LORD