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News from and about Albany Rescue Mission, Inc.



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Ministry
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614 West Roosevelt Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Christmas 2025

“How Can We Help?”

Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we prepare for the Christmas season, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support.

Because of your care and compassion, Thanksgiving was made special for many needy families. We were able to feed over 1,500 meals during the holiday week and gave away over 100 food bags and many turkeys to the families with the greatest needs.

In the past couple of years, our on-site feeding program has been serving increasing numbers of people. When we recently re-calculated the number of meals served, we discovered that we are now serving over 7,000 meals a month. We want to thank everyone who helps us to feed the hungry!

Now, for our Christmas plans.....We plan two major meals at the mission December 24th & 25th. We will also be giving food bags and turkeys or hams to the families in our area with the greatest need. We also plan to prepare Christmas boxes for all our residents at the mission. That number is estimated to be at least 40. We also are helping Albany's most needy families with children to have a Merry Christmas. We also need help with toys for girls & boys ages 3 to teens. Without your help and support, we would not be able to supply these needs.

“How can you help?” We need more non-perishable food items. Also, as you make your year-end donations, please keep us in mind. This is the time when we must raise enough funds to carry the ministry through the holidays and into next year.

We will send you a year-end receipt by the end of January 2025 for your monetary tax-deductible donations. We cannot outgive the Lord. He has blessed us in order to care for those people who are less fortunate and also to show them how much God loves them. It is our responsibility to show them the true meaning of Christmas. God's greatest gift, His only begotten Son, came to give life – eternal life. We pray you have trusted the Lord for your salvation. Thank you.

May the Lord bless you and your family as we serve Him.

Saved to serve,
Founder / Director

Bro. Larry Hample

REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.



Luke 2:11

~ Sharing Comfort & Joy ~
Christmas Food Bags for those in need

You can help feed the hungry! . . . Just purchase the items on the list below, fill a grocery bag, and give it to the Mission. We'll distribute the food to those in need. To participate and obtain materials, or to arrange for a pick-up, please contact us at (229) 435-7615.

Please deliver food bags to the Albany Rescue Mission Office at 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA by Monday, December 20th, 2025.

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| 4 cans of vegetables | 1 package of dry beans |
| 4 cans of meat (tuna, beans, chili, etc.) | 1 package of cereal or grits |
| 4 cans of fruit | 1 box of crackers |
| 4 cans of soup | 1 jar of peanut butter |
| 1 package of pasta, rice, etc. | 1 jar of jelly or jam |
| | 1 bar of soap |

Christmas gift boxes for residents

We are collecting items for our resident Christmas gifts. Items such as new underwear sweatshirts, flannel shirts, warm socks, hats, gloves, and hygiene items would be greatly appreciated. If you have items that you would like to donate, please drop them by our office at 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA or call (229) 435-7615 to arrange for a pick-up.



MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS FOR November 2025			
<u>Individual Cases</u>		<u>Professions of Faith in Christ</u>	
Emergency Aid	216	Mid-Day Chapel Service	18
Emergency Food Bags	75	Men's Program Division	6
Misc. Donations	175	Women's Program Division	5
Free Clothing: Hundreds of individual pieces. Over 7,000 meals served. Over 80,000 lbs of reclaimed food distributed throughout the community			

*** DONATION RECEIPTS UPDATE ***

Dear Friends, We preparing to mail out receipts for your gifts dated in September & October and plan on sending those out before Christmas. We plan to mail out end of year receipts for 2025 by the end of January 2026. Thank you for your generosity and your patience! Also if you want to claim donations for your 2025 tax filing, those donations need to be sent in before December 31st so that you can claim them for this year. Again Thank You to all our Donors.

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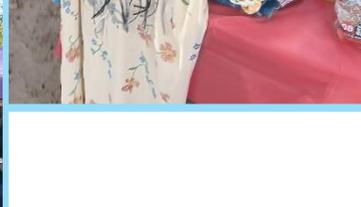
HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

Bringing Hope to those in need this Holiday Season



We Love all our Loyal and generous supporters. Many groups have been giving out meals and warm clothes ahead of the Thanksgiving Holidays!

We'd like to offer a special "thank you" to all who helped feed the hungry with your gifts of time, food and funds!



We serve 2 meals a day, 7 days a week . . . to anyone who comes. That's nearly 7,000 meals a month these days!
50 Thanksgiving Turkey dinners given to families in need!!!

Notes From The Mission

Dear Supporters and Friends:

Can you believe another year is almost over! Merry Christmas to you all! How time flies when you are having fun! First let me say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the love and support you have faithfully shown us this year. We have had a generous outpouring of food, clothing, and volunteers like no other year. As our 37th year comes to a close we move forward into the beginning of our 38th year in operation. I just want to say we could not have done or continue to do this without you all!

We continue to give out thousands of pounds of food each we, thanks to your donations and Feeding The Valley Food Bank. Lord willing, we can continue this throughout 2026! We are able to provide fresh fruit & vegetables as well as emergency food bags. Amanda and I go to Feeding The Valley four times a week and bring back 30 - 40 flats of grapes & berries, 600lbs of apples, pears and or oranges as well as about 600 - 800lbs of assorted reclaimed produce. That doesn't include sweets or chips. While some food we get there is free, we do have to pay for most items. That is where your donations help us provide thousands of pounds of food we give out and serve as hot meal!

Lastly please don't forget us in these colder months. It is going to be cold and wet, and we need to make sure we can help keep the homeless warm and dry as possible. Please check out our Amazon Wishlist on our Facebook page. We have listed hats, gloves, socks, blankets, and sleeping bags. If you have coats and blankets and/or sleeping bags you don't use or need anymore, we would be happy to accept them. If you have a large load of items to donate you can call our Thrift Store (229) 431-1125 and schedule a pick-up.

Thank You Again, Your Sister in Christ
Applis McGrady - CFO & Assistant to the Director

CHRISTMAS EVE

*Today in the town of David
A Savior has been born;
We praise the Father of all mankind
For Jesus Christ, God's Son!
Kneel before the holy babe
It was for us he came to save;
Give to him our wisest gifts
Gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Gold: Our money give unto Him
To help us serve in the world of sin!
Myrrh: To share in his sorrows and those of the world.
To love each other in one accord!
Frankincense: The adoration of a consecrated life,
Give to the Lord this sacrifice.
No greater gift was ever given
Than Jesus Christ come down from heaven;
Let thankful hearts rejoice in praise,
On this most holy day of days!*

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift (2 Corinthians 9:15).

- By Lynn MOSS - (poem taken from sword of the lord.com)

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