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Albany, Georgia 31701

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Have a Blessed New Year 2026

Dear Supporters and Friends,

First of all, I want to thank all of you that helped support this ministry in 2025. Last year we housed, fed, and clothed more people than ever. We are starting our 38th year of operation, and I want to say here, if it was not for your care & compassion, this Ministry would not be here.

Keeping in mind the most important work we can do is share the saving gospel of our Lord Jesus with everyone that comes to us. We also would like to give a special thanks to all of you that gave non-perishable food to help us feed over 3000 meals during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays.

Around the end of January 2026, we will also be sending out letters to everyone who gave monetarily during 2025. If the letter you receive does not match your records (ie. checks not listed), please write us at the Ministry Office (604 North Monroe St. Albany GA, 31701) or call us at (229-435-7615) and we will send out a new letter with the corrections on it.

Your Brother in Christ,

Bro. Larry Hample

Founder / Director A.R.M.

REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST

VERSE OF THE MONTH

And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 35:9

Thank you!

Thank you for your generous donations.
Thank you for sending Christmas cards and gifts.
Thank you for bringing food and serving meals.
Thank you for filling our pantry.
Thank you for donating items for the ministry and the Thrift Store.
Thank you for giving your time and talents.
Thank you for sending encouraging notes.
Thank you for giving "extra."
Thank you for your prayers.

You blessed us in 2025. May God bless you in 2026.

MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Individual Cases		**Professions of Faith in Christ**	
Emergency Aid	**185**	**Mid-Day Chapel Service**	**18**
Emergency Food Bags	**270**	**Men's Program Division**	**5**
Misc. Donations	**300**	**Women's Program Division**	**4**
		Mission Outreach	**7**

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

* DONATION RECEIPTS UPDATE*

Dear Friends, We plan to mail your "year-end" receipts (including your gifts dated November & December 2025) by January 31, 2026.
Thank you for your gifts and for your patience!

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Celebrating 38 years of Service

By Brad McEwen: Printed on Friday, November 15, 2013

ALBANY — Back in 1989 Albany resident Larry Hample opened the doors of his Residence Avenue home to the needy and the Albany Rescue Mission was born. Twenty-five years later, the organization still operates as a model of brother helping brother. Since its inception, those with the Rescue Mission have worked diligently through private donations to provide clothes, food and shelter to countless numbers of people needing assistance. Last year alone the mission served more than 85,000 free meals to the hungry. The mission serves two public meals a day, breakfast and lunch, and never turns anyone away. "We just let the Lord handle that part," Hample said. "How do you turn someone down who needs help? That's not our decision. "Serving more than 7,000 meals a month, the Rescue Mission runs the largest feeding mission in the area, but its work doesn't end there. In addition to serving meals to the needy, the mission also provides shelter to those willing to work a 12-week program that Hample believes will get residents back on their feet. Currently, the men's program houses 45 men, while the women's shelter houses 20 women and children. All who stay at the mission go through a Bible-based program designed to teach them that God loves them in spite of things that happened in their past. "We're not just feeding people," said Hample. "We're giving them an opportunity to get their lives straightened out. When they come here, of course, they've got to make their peace with God and we give them that opportunity. We show them even though they've been beaten down, God loves them." (Article from The Albany Herald)

http://www.albanyherald.com/news/2013/nov/16/the-albany-rescure-mission-celebrates-its-25th

Hi, my name is Kelly Smith, and I am honored to serve as the new Women's Director at the Albany Rescue Mission. I am 30 years old, and after earnestly seeking the Lord, He answered with clear direction, calling me to dedicate my life to ministry by serving women and children in our community.

I am a member of Lighthouse Ministries in Putney, Georgia, and the proud daughter of Junior and Jenny Smith of Baconton, Georgia. My life is a testimony of God's redeeming power. Through faith in Jesus Christ, He has brought me out of bondage, restored my purpose, and made me a new creation in Him.

It is my heart's desire to walk alongside the women we serve, offering hope, healing, and encouragement, and to be a vessel God uses to help transform lives through His love and truth.

A Gratefull Reflection as the Year Comes to a Close:

As we come to the end of this year, our hearts at the Albany Rescue Mission are filled with gratitude and awe. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by an incredible community of volunteers and donors who faithfully step up day after day to serve those in need. Your generosity, compassion, and willingness to give of your time and resources have made a lasting impact on countless lives.

This year has brought its share of challenges, but through it all, God has remained faithful. He has provided through you all: our community. Every meal served, every bed prepared, every prayer lifted, and every act of kindness has been a reflection of His love in action. Because of your support, hope has been restored, dignity has been affirmed, and lives have been changed.

We do not take your commitment lightly. Whether you volunteered behind the scenes, give financially, donated supplies, or prayed for our mission. You played a vital role in the work God is doing here. You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus to the men, women, and families we serve.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we do so with great expectation and faith, knowing that God will continue to move through this amazing community. From all of us at the Albany Rescue Mission, thank you for walking alongside us and being a living testimony of God's grace.

May God bless you abundantly, just as you have blessed others.

Saved To Serve

Amanda Lamb Mission Outreach / Public Relations

Notes To Our Readers

Dear Friends & Family of The Mission,

1 cant believe another year has come and gone? How time flies when you're 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 we close on our 37th year and begin moving into our 38th year I just want to say we could not have done this without you!

We have given out thousands of pounds of food each week thanks to your donations and "Feeding The Valley" food bank. Lord willing, we can continue this throughout 2026! We were able to provide fresh fruit and vegetables and emergency food bags. Amanda and I go to Feeding The Valley two times a week and load up over 6,000 lbs. of reclaimed food. As well as lots of sweets and chips. While some stuff we get there is no charge we do pay for most of the items we get there. That is where your donations have helped us get thousands of pounds of food to give out and serve as hot meals!

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 keep the homeless warm and as dry as possible. Please check out our Amazon wish list on our Facebook page. We have listed hats, gloves, socks, blankets and sleeping bags! If you have old coats and sleeping bags you don't use, we would be happy to accept them! If you have a large load that you need picked up please call our Thrift Store (229) 431-1125 to schedule a pickup.

Thank You Again. Your Sister in Christ,

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CFO & Assistant to the Director

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