

# The Connection

## Compassion in ACTION

**"MY LIFE HAS BEEN UP AND DOWN",** John begins to share his story, "God has been a part of my life but when I strayed away from Him, bad things seemed to happen."

Falling into depression along with anxiety which led to drug and alcohol abuse, John found himself in the hospital starting his recovery process. Upon his release, it was recommended he come to Good Samaritan Rescue Mission to get further help. He knew he needed structure and discipline to help him on his recovery path which he very much wanted!

Once at GSRM, he says he found an honest and sincere staff who could relate to what he was dealing with. "They put trust in me and helped my feeling of self-worth. My basic needs were covered so I could focus on what I needed to do to help my situation. Most importantly, I was able to focus on a God-centered life. I knew if I started to rely on me too much, it wouldn't really work out," John says confidently.



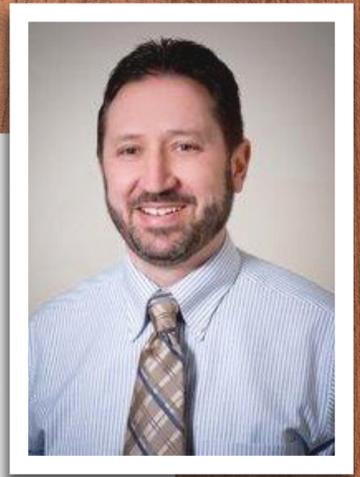
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"Roland (Men's Shelter Director) has been a true mentor. Rick (Men's Supervisor) has been my ready and willing case manager, and Craig (Director of Operations) encouraged me to stick with the Jobs for Life program when I thought I didn't need it," recalls John. Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan (R3M) facilitates the SAVE program which includes Life Skills classes, Jobs for Life mentorship program and a Step Up Discipleship program for men. John has completed everything and now agrees, "I needed all of them. Each one was beneficial for my recovery."

John has held many jobs in carpentry and other trades. He is currently working some odd construction jobs and interviewing for something full time and permanent. At GSRM, one of his jobs to help out is laundering all of the linens in

the building. As he reflects on his stay at the Mission, he sees it as one step to overcome challenges. As he looks forward, he is hopeful for a future with his daughter and grandson. "I am healthy, doing good, grateful and hopeful."

# DIRECTOR'S DESK



Recently, I was out of town on Mission business with a few of the staff. We had already enjoyed a very adequate dinner; in fact, I had no plans or desire to eat anything else the rest of that evening. We were at an evening event together, and as a fun icebreaker, they were giving away full length, fresh made, sub sandwiches. I cannot resist the offer of receiving something for free, so I raised my hand in the excitement of the moment, and was promptly awarded a great sandwich. Only after I had the sandwich in hand did I remember how full I was from my previous meal, and now I had a dilemma. I placed the sandwich with the rest of my belongings, and figured after the evening meeting I would deal with my dilemma.

After the meeting, our group met outside to stroll along the riverbank to fellowship. As we talked, we came upon a man in a wheelchair who was in need and he asked if we could help him with some food. What a great opportunity to share! We spent some time talking with him, gave him the sandwich, and were amazed how God coordinates events in our lives to serve him. That was an easy encounter in which to succeed because I had an abundance to share.

Recently, in the course of my Bible reading I came upon Proverbs 14:31. It is a thought provoking verse on how God views the plight of people in need, it reads, "He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has mercy on the needy." Have you taken the time recently to meditate about how abundantly God has blessed you? Health, family, housing, friends are just a few of the areas we sometimes take for granted. We all have so many things that God has provided, and if we aren't careful, we may squander those blessings. Ultimately, God gave us those blessings to share with others and bring glory to him.

We see needy, starving physical and spiritual souls walk into the Mission each day. Their needs are various and range in diverse ways. God usually works very simply. Prayerfully take the time to reflect on God's abundance in your life. You may be surprised at how easy of an opportunity to honor Him is coming your way.

Dan Streeter  
*Chief Executive Officer*



JOIN US  
FOR OUR  
*Anniversary*  
DINNER



Monday, September 19th, 2016

CELEBRATION BEGINS AT  
6:00pm Punch Bowl ♥ 6:30pm Dinner  
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FEATURING

**Pastor Robert Loggins**  
*Minister at Large, Association of  
Gospel Rescue Missions,  
CEO of RF Loggins Ministries*

*Please R.S.V.P. to*  
Marlene at 989-893-5973  
ext. 221 by September 8th

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# Summer CAMP

Saginaw Women's Shelter Director, Tina Watley, enjoyed helping to transport some of the kids who are staying in shelter to a summer camp in Frankenmuth. The children played games, met some wonderful people, and were covered in God's love. Thank you to Frankenmuth Bible Church for hosting the summer camp.



# Mission Statement:

To glorify God by serving people in need, proclaiming the Gospel, and establishing disciples among disadvantaged people.

## 2016 Rescue Ministries Al Christiansen Memorial

# Golf Challenge

The Rescue Ministries Annual  
Al Christiansen Memorial Golf Challenge  
was a huge success!



Our golfers demonstrated their compassion for the homeless raising over \$80,000. The golf challenge sponsored by InCal Technologies was held May 20 at beautiful Apple Mountain Golf Club. Our top 3 teams raised \$33,225.



### 1ST PLACE TEAM

Bill Denno, Tom Waske,  
Tom Najawicz, Frank Dawe



### 2ND PLACE TEAM

Kurt Schwannecke, Mark Kinzer, Jeff Sams, Cam Sich and Robert Owens (missing from the photo)



### 3RD PLACE TEAM

Eric Nordquist, Rob Klaczewicz, Charles Lange, Stan Sobol



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- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal & Juice
- New Socks, Bras & Underwear - Women
- Toilet Paper



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