

# The Connection

SUMMER 2016



## Grace in Action

"I've spent every day for the past 3 years in prayer with God," Gregg declares during his interview. "I want your supporters to know that I am eternally grateful to Good Samaritan Rescue Mission (GSRM)." Earlier in his life, Gregg was in the **U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment**. Now he lives in pain every day. He suffers from chronic pain in his back and neck and last year was diagnosed with cancer. In addition to all of that, he has dealt with bouts of homelessness and addictions for the past 18 years.

Holding a Business Management degree from Northwood, Gregg has had his own business. His passion is custom wood working and looks forward to having his own business again. But for right now, he knows he needs to concentrate on getting himself healthy and back on his feet before he looks forward.

His life has not been without struggles and challenges. He has had two wives pass away. He has fought the temptations of alcohol and prescription drug abuse. He's had dealings with the law after making some poor choices. "Now I know I have to turn my pain and my past over to God. Sometimes the pain is so bad I just want to sit down and cry. But what good would that do," he says.

After GSRM case manager was able to help Gregg secure his disability and Medicaid, he recently was able to move out of the Mission. He is very grateful for the time he spent at the Mission in the Patriot Dorm with other veterans who have found themselves homeless. "Good Samaritan



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accommodated my every situation; from being in and out of the hospital, Chemotherapy, loss of appetite, and general feeling of being tired," remarks Gregg. "Without GSRM I would be on the street."

Currently, Gregg is dealing with his daily radiation treatments, living with a roommate, and looking forward to going "wherever God points me." He gladly accepts prayers for his healing of cancer and pain and to be healthy and normal again. Also, to conquer his fear of not getting healthy and being able to work soon. Won't you join with us and pray for Gregg, our other veterans at the Mission, and all of our guests?



**Pastor Loggins**

## Save the Date

Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan Anniversary Dinners  
– For reservations call Marlene at 989-893-5973 ext. 221

### Monday, September 19

Double Tree Hotel  
1 Wenonah Pl – Bay City  
6:00 pm

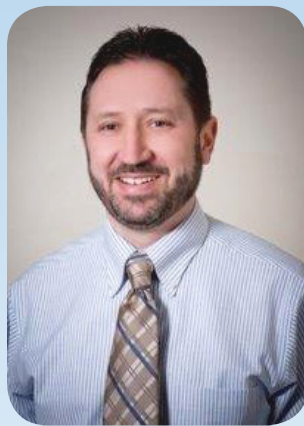
### Tuesday, September 20

Horizons Conference Center  
6200 State St – Saginaw  
6:00 pm

**Guest Speaker, Pastor Robert Loggins**

Minister at Large - Association of Gospel Rescue Missions  
CEO of RF Loggins Ministries

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



How many of you have a mirror in your home? When you pass by one of the many mirrors in your house and take the time to look, you normally see something that you need to adjust about your appearance. Maybe it's the hair, or the makeup, or need to tuck in a shirt, but you would be foolish to see something that you could correct, and then walk away and do nothing about it. Why bother looking if you didn't care?

The Apostle James makes the same analogy in the first chapter of James, except he compares reading God's Word to a mirror. Why bother going to church, or reading God's Word if you aren't going to apply what you read and learn? James 1:22 reads, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only..."

We are looking for "doers" at the Mission. There isn't a week that goes by that we have too much help. We have been blessed to have some very faithful volunteers that assist consistently every month with chapel services, sorting clothing and material goods, assisting with meals, and volunteering as a receptionist. But there are so many more projects that need your help.

We are looking for mentors in our new Jobs for Life classes, or drivers for our guests to their new place of employment using a Mission vehicle, spend a couple hours on a remodel project of a guest room, or assist with a group discipleship class. There so many meaningful and practical ways to invest the time God has given us and I am sure there are many more potential "doers" out there that just need to take the next step of applying God's Word.

Do you have a couple hours a month to invest in the life of another who is hurting and homeless? It is so easy to start. Just call the Mission and ask for Jill Bair, our Director of Volunteer Efforts. She will take the time to hear your interest, desires, and abilities and help match you up with the best project.

It's time to put those mirrors to good use.

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# Vacation Bible School

## Train Up a Child

**We Invite you to Share some Love with the Children at GSRM this summer!**

"It's always great when there are volunteers who are excited to come to the Mission and work with the children who are in shelter, especially when they are teaching the children about Jesus and His love for them," Jill Bair, Volunteer Director.

A Vacation Bible School is one idea and can be one to five days. Maybe you have another idea of how to share some time with and put smiles on the faces of the children in shelter. We would love to hear your ideas. If you are interested in bringing a VBS experience to the Mission or another idea to bring some joy to the children, please contact Jill Bair, to arrange the dates that will work for you! Jill can be reached at [volunteer@gsrmbaycity.org](mailto:volunteer@gsrmbaycity.org) or 989-893-5973 ext. 215.



## Mission Needs:

- Spiral Notebooks
- Girls Summer Shirts & Shorts - All Sizes
- Women's Socks & Underwear - All Sizes
- Men's T-Shirts, 1X-XXXL
- White Sheets - Queen
- Purse Size Tissues
- Toilet Paper

## Mission Statement:

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

# Al Christiansen Memorial Golf Challenge

## Remembers Golfer and Mission Friend



The annual golf challenge was bitter sweet this year after the passing of Al Christiansen last fall, for whom the event was named. Golfers reminisced about Al and vowed to do their best to honor his memory and passion to provide hope and care to the homeless. This year's event raised over \$80,000! The most ever raised. Thank you to our sponsors:

- **Event Sponsor** - Incal Technologies, Inc.
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