



Brother Bryan Rescue Mission

A Time of Transition

We write to give praise to God for all of His goodness, (Psalm 34:8) and to address a special time at Brother Bryan Rescue Mission. Ms. Linda Hartley has begun her years of retirement.

We begin a time of transition as another assumes the position of Executive Director. As we move ahead, we ponder the feelings that flood through our hearts and we are reminded of what Joshua must have felt as he tried to lead the children of Israel after the death of Moses.

Joshua stood in the place of leadership embracing a task much larger than himself! Joshua surveyed the multitudes, and began to share the wisdom of one who knew from whence his power and strength must come. (Joshua 24:13-15). He realized this would be a wonderful but challenging transition for the children of Israel and their new leader. Joshua turned his eyes to the heavens. He called upon the children of Israel to make a decision on that day. Joshua urged them to follow God. He understood very well that Moses could only have been effective in the power of God. As we enter this time of passing the mantle at Brother Bryan Rescue Mission, we acknowledge the same. God alone can direct and lead in the ways of prosperity and hope. God alone can move Brother Bryan Rescue Mission into a successful future. We dare not labor except in His power and in the power of the blood of his son Jesus Christ. Countless lives depend upon this decision.

The challenges we face each day are much larger than us, individually and collectively. However, we serve a God with whom nothing is impossible. We believe that as we partner with all of those who love and support the Brother Bryan Rescue Mission, and put our total and complete faith in God, we will continue to see miracles happen. Moses walked in front of the children of Israel. Joshua followed in his place. God led them all. As long as they followed God they prospered.

In light of this lesson, our transition becomes easier and our decision simple. May we always give God the glory and follow Him. We give thanks for what He will do for the mission this coming year. We give God all the glory for meeting our needs and changing lives in a ministry that by choice for 68 years has never received any financial support from the city, state, or federal governments.

Brother Bryan Rescue Mission exists to share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We offer safe long-term shelter for homeless men. Whether depression, alcoholism, substance abuse, or other issues, we believe in the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit and God's Word.

Jesus said "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Meet our New Director



Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish...."

My name is Stephen L. Brown. I have been a licensed and ordained minister for 23 years, and currently serve as pastor of Jasper Independent Methodist Church in Jasper, Alabama. I am also a Licensed Professional Counselor, specializing in addictions, marriage and family, and grief counseling. On August 25, I was blessed with the opportunity to begin serving as the Executive Director of Brother Bryan Rescue Mission in Birmingham, Alabama. The mission was founded by a few dedicated and prayerful individuals at the request of the beloved Brother Bryan shortly before his death. Brother Bryan Rescue Mission has been helping to change the lives of the homeless in this area since its inception in 1940. That goal remains the same today. The opportunities for growth and personal enrichment at the mission are abundant, as is God's grace to meet each and every need, (II Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness"). In the coming year, I envision these opportunities:

- 1) The creation of a 30-day drug and alcohol rehabilitation program funded solely by sponsorships.
- 2) A fully stocked and functional library for the educational enrichment of the residents.
- 3) A computer lab to help with life skills, for example, literacy, employment, and, personal finances.
- 4) Additions to the daily chapel services of personal spiritual mentors and special group sessions involving volunteers from local churches.

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- 5) A peaceful outdoor area for the men to reflect on the day, fellowship, and meditate.
 - 6) Community involvement through volunteer work and networking with other resources.

The mission does not receive government funding. Because of the generous and selfless giving of countless individuals and organizations, the mission is able to continue in its efforts to point men to God and provide hope for their lives. The Bible teaches us to ask and believe to receive. My prayer is for God to open the storehouses of heaven on Brother Bryan Rescue Mission in the coming years.

In closing, I again give thanks for the opportunity to serve as Executive Director of Brother Bryan Rescue Mission. I am very happily married and have three children and three grandchildren. I understand the blessings of family. You and I may be the only “real” family some of these men ever know. This is an awesome responsibility and a great challenge. I ask for God’s strength and wisdom and the prayers and assistance of all who support this special ministry as I accept this challenge.

May God Bless You,

Reverend Stephen L. Brown
Executive Director, LPC

Another Brother Bryan Success Story

I lived here at the Brother Bryan Rescue Mission for almost twenty months.. I came to the mission in February of 2007 with a backpack, two pairs of socks, and the clothes on my back. I was suffering the devastating effects of an addiction to crack cocaine.

This addiction had cost me my wife and child through a divorce nine years ago. I was powerless over my addiction. This battle between good and evil without a firm foundation of belief in God had left me thinking I would never escape the grips of my addiction. The hope generated by periods of sobriety would be crushed by another return to drug use. These continued failures left me with no hope for the future.

My time at the Brother Bryan Rescue Mission was spent going to work every day by the only transportation I had, a bicycle. It was a humbling experience for a man accustomed to earning over forty dollars an hour as an RF Engineer. Through that experience and the AA meetings offered at the mission I developed a wonderful group of friends. The chains of alcohol and drug abuse had been broken in their lives. They were more than willing to share their experience with me. “Stick with the winners” has been my motto. God’s word teaches “...Bad company corrupts good character” (1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV). I cannot stay sober without a solid relationship with Jesus Christ.

The new director and staff have done all they can to help me develop a relationship with God. A lot of the credit for my recovery is due to the patient counseling I’ve received from the staff. I now have a steady job, a great car, and an apartment in Hoover. I owe all this to God and His faithful servants at the Brother Bryan Rescue Mission

- Anonymous

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**Donations can also be made at
www.brotherbryanmission.com**

**Invite Executive Director Steve Brown to speak to your
church, business, or civic group.**

The Brother Bryan Rescue Mission exists to "change lives" of homeless men in Birmingham, Alabama. It was the first shelter established for the homeless in Birmingham. We have 66 residents who reside here long-term and all residents are required to work and maintain jobs outside the mission (if physically able). This keeps them from living on the streets of our city. Accountability and responsibility help rebuild their self-esteem that has been lost for so long. For over six decades, the Brother Bryan Rescue Mission has been making a difference in the lives of the homeless. The mission is a non-profit 501 (c)3, non-denominational Christian ministry.

Brother Bryan's Wish List

***Large Print Bibles
Bicycles
Cleaning Supplies
Men's Clothing
Toiletries
Monetary Gifts
Meats/Poultry
Institutional Foods***

\$ 30,000 Monthly

*To maintain the operation
of this ministry.*

**Provided Monthly
5,950 Meals**

**66 Beds
Provided Weekly**

*All donations are Tax
Deductible*
