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was here
when I
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Grateful for your Giving



From Kevin to You

Coming into the Joyful Season



Dear Friend,

Thanksgiving is coming! It's a joyful time, kicking off the holiday season that brings our year to a close.

At MorningStar Mission, we expect to welcome 150 guests to our Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone gets a warm welcome and a place at the table. We go all out to give them plenty of food and a festive atmosphere.

Sometimes we wonder where we will find the means to do that.

But God always provides to get the job done with our limited resources. He takes the little we have and multiplies it, through gifts from friends like you. The love goes further. The energy goes further and the dollars go further.

More people than ever need food and shelter. The reasons are as various as those who come to us for help. No two stories are the same. Many struggle with addiction or domestic abuse. But more often than you think, circumstances just get the best of people. A health crisis, a job loss, even the rising cost of food and rent can force someone out of their home.

These can be overwhelming problems that only God can help them overcome. And He does, in ways that are better than we imagine. He answers every prayer and provides the means to bless people with exactly what they need ... through you.

You give — and God fills the plates! He brings people who teach, counsel and encourage. They do what they can and God makes it work. It's like the boy giving his few fish to Jesus and watching Him feed a multitude.

Thank you for your partnership in this heavenly work, filling plates with food ... and hearts with hope.

Sincerely,

Kevin Watson
Executive Director

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

— 2 Corinthians 9:8

Loving our Neighbors this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for grace and gratitude at MorningStar Mission. With your help, we will host a wonderful, welcoming Thanksgiving dinner for our guests and provide generous food baskets to our neighbors who need a hand during the holidays. Please note these important dates:



October 8 and 9th:

Registration for the Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution event. This lets us know how many boxes to prepare to serve as many guests as possible.

November 23rd:

A Thanksgiving Banquet will be held at MorningStar Mission to serve a wonderful meal to our guests. Last year, we served 157 meals, and this year we expect to serve many more!

November 26:

Thanksgiving Distribution day! This is the day when individuals and families can receive the prepared boxes of food to help make ends meet.



Jeff Puts the Brakes on a 38-Year Ride of Drinking



Any number of circumstances can lead someone into addiction. For Jeff, it was a freak accident at a Fourth of July party when he was 21. “Someone pushed me into a swimming pool, and I broke my neck in three places,” he says. Miraculously, Jeff was not paralyzed. However, he spent two months in the hospital, after which his pain medication was abruptly cut off.

“That’s when I discovered Jack Daniel’s,” Jeff says, “and started on a 38-year ride of drinking.”

During that harrowing ride, Jeff had more jobs than he can count. A steelworker by trade, he could typically only work a few months before his old injury would flare up and he would quit or be fired. All told, he spent 11 years with no income at all, living with his parents during the leanest times.

When Jeff’s parents passed away in 2012, he had nowhere to go — and he was still drinking. He lived on the streets for almost two years before his brother-in-law brought him to MorningStar Mission.

Jeff had been through several rehabs before coming to MorningStar. He graduated from the program and took another steelworking job — which only restarted the cycle of pain, addiction and homelessness.

In 2019, Jeff returned to MorningStar on his own volition. “I was ready this time. I’d had enough,” he says.

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

— 2 Corinthians 3:17

Today, Jeff works for the Mission, picking up food donations from restaurants and grocery stores. He lives in Hope House, our transitional housing for



graduates, and enjoys a strong relationship with his sister, his only surviving family member. “She tells me all the time how proud she is of me, and she’s thankful that MorningStar was here for me when I needed it.”

Jeff also gives thanks for MorningStar Mission — and for your generosity. “Please keep giving,” he urges. “The way times are going now, it’s really tough and getting tougher. There are a lot more people like me out there who really need help.”

Without your support, Jeff says, “I would probably be dead.” Thank you for providing a place where men like Jeff can restore their lives and find freedom from addiction!



Dear **Salutation**,

At MorningStar Mission, giving thanks is not just for Thanksgiving Day. God is good to us every day. But sometimes, in the labors of life we can lose sight of Him.

And yet every breath, every leaf on the tree, every bird song and hour of sleep is God blessing us. As is every accomplishment of our guests, every day of sobriety, every restored relationship.

We tell our guests, the more you seek the more you will find. The treasures God has for us are endless, and He longs to give us more. And He will, if we ask, seek for Him and knock.

I'm thankful for you. I'm thankful for the Mission. I'm thankful to Jesus, who brought us to God, the Father.

May your joy be full this Thanksgiving season!

Sincerely,

Kevin Watson
Executive Director
MorningStar Mission

P.S. A gift from you will go a long way toward helping us get ready for the holiday. Also, please think about lending a hand this Thanksgiving. There's plenty to do ... and lots of joy to go around!

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