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# Atlanta City Baptist Rescue Mission *UPDATE*

Open doors and opportunities...  
to God's greatest desires and  
wants for His creation!

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## Another Life Changed



My name is Don Price. I was born on March 13, 1963, in Porterville, California, to James and Helen Price. I had an older sister and two younger brothers, all of whom have passed away. In 1967, we moved to Washington state where I started school in 1968. My parents were very strict and raised us like folks from the 1920's, but I still learned a lot from them. Mom passed away in 1969 and Dad in 1998. (Dad remarried two years after Mom died.) I started to rebel when I was very young and was only 7 when I started drinking, which lasted 18 years. I was raised in the Mormon Church and never knew the Lord until I went to church with a friend from school. After hearing a message on the book of Revelation, I accepted Jesus into my heart and was saved on May 15, 1976. In 1982, I enlisted in the Army and served 10 years (until my career ended from combat injuries in the Gulf War). Experiences of combat caused my drinking to get out of hand. My first wife (and unborn son) were killed only 6 months after we married in 1985. After laying her to rest on my uncle's horse ranch in Oklahoma, I went on a drinking binge and stayed drunk for 30 days straight. Three years after her death, with the Lord's help, I quit drinking and that has been 22 years ago now. *Continued next column*

In 1992, I remarried after being discharged from the Army. Because of my stress, depression, and her drinking, we separated, so I moved to Atlanta in January 2009. In September, a friend told me about the Mission, so I came and stayed as a client. In October, I joined the Discipleship program and rededicated my life to the Lord. I thank God that He has always been and always will be with me. I also want to thank all the people who support the Mission and make this place of second chances available.

## From the Director's View



As I was praying about what to write this month, I felt directed of the Lord to use part of this column to share more of the life story for the disciple we are featuring this month. While typing the various aspects of his life, I was moved in my heart and hope that you will be, as well. I do not want you to be moved without purpose, but it is with the prayer that God will impress upon all who read Don Price's story to see the need of this ministry and to join in supporting it. We desire to reach all who come to us with needs, burdens, and heartaches that are just as real and painful as those you just read. May God reach down and touch the hearts of His children to motivate us to help those we have the opportunity and ability to help.

**James 4:17** "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

## Monthly Totals

March	TOTALS	April
2,911	<b>LODGING</b>	3,376
8,167	<b>MEALS SERVED</b>	9,177
916	<b>SALVATIONS</b>	1,052
10	<b>BAPTISMS</b>	22
861	<b>CLOTHING</b>	1,344

### IDEAS FOR HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

To help meet the daily needs of the men here at the Mission, why not have some of your church Sunday School classes choose one or two of the items below to collect and donate? Looking for a good missions project? We can always use a group of men to donate time to help do things here at the Mission. Perhaps you could organize a food drive of canned and other non-perishable foods. Any help is appreciated!

- Bibles (KJV) & Hymnals
- ALL TYPES OF FOOD
- Disposable Dinnerware
- Drinks & Bags for Bagged Lunches
- Toiletries, Hygiene, & OTC Medicine
- Men's Work Clothing & Shoes
- Laundry & Dish Soap
- Towels & Blankets
- Cleaning Products
- Tools, Paint, & Wood
- Electrical, Plumbing, Building, & Paint Supplies
- New / Used Electric Dryers
- Bunk Beds—Metal frame preferred



## Blessings from Above

The Mission continues to reduce operating expenses by monitoring day-to-day schedules and routines. In addition to this, we have had several churches and individuals take up special offerings to help pay down the previous combined utility bills of \$10,000. During March, one smaller church amazingly collected money which totaled \$650. Another individual gave \$1,000. Three other churches gave \$220, \$500 and \$1,100 respectively. While my family and I were at a Missions emphasis Sunday service, the Pastor asked the people to consider when they had last given sacrificially. This resulted in an offering to the Mission for over \$3,600! All combined, it was nearly \$7,100. **The LORD IS truly amazing!**



**Matthew 5:41** "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

This is one of our regular supporters that heard of a repair on our downstairs cooler and decided to go the extra mile. One of their youth clubs collected offerings over a period of time and presented us with a check for \$368 to cover the repair expense. Thank God for young people that want to be used of the Lord. **Praise His Name!**

## OPEN HOUSE MISSION LUNCHEON

Many of you have not been to the Mission for quite some time. Our free monthly luncheon would be a great time to get reacquainted with the Mission and even to introduce someone you know to this amazing and rewarding ministry. Come and bring a friend as everyone is welcome!



**Dates: May 27th  
& June 24th**



**Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.  
316 Peters Street, Atlanta, GA 30313**

### Mission Repairs

Air conditioning system repair final cost - **\$1,455**  
Please pray about how the Lord would have this need met!

## Read all about it! **Mission still continues financial struggle.**

Every time difficulties or obstacles come our way, we are faced with choices. How should we handle it? What harm could come as a result of this? What is at risk and what is the greatest potential damage that could occur? When these times come, our instinct and natural response is to stop giving and supporting the work and ministries of God. However, making a decision to do so not only lacks faith in the Lord to provide for us through the struggles, but also grieves Him as we have gone back on decisions we made to submit to His leading in our lives in the first place. This actually works against us, since all we have comes from God. Struggles and burdens in our lives are really opportunities for us to see God do great things in and through our lives while bringing glory to Him!

The Mission right now has combined bills of **\$5,900** already due. This does not include the ones now accruing as we continue to serve the needy homeless men of Atlanta through the Atlanta City Baptist Rescue Mission.

Will you allow the Lord to use you through these trying times which affect all of us? Will you join us in "walking by faith," as we trust the Lord to use us for His honor, praise, and glory? Let's work together and see our **FAITH INCREASED** in continuing our part of this great ministry for the Lord!

Please **pray** and ask God what He would have you give toward this great need.

*"How can I help," you ask:*

- Give a one-time gift in honor of someone special.
- Support the Mission already? We should regularly ask God if we are giving according to His desire and will.
- Learn to give by **FAITH** - if you can already see how it will all work ... **where does faith in God fit in?**

### *Heaven's Invitation*

FIRST, WE HAVE ALL SINNED.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." *Romans 3:23*

SECOND, THERE IS A PENALTY FOR SIN -- HELL.

"For the wages of sin is death." *Romans 6:23a*

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire." *Revelation 20:14*

THIRD, JESUS MADE A WAY FOR YOU TO GET TO HEAVEN.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." *Romans 5:8*

FOURTH, YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS TO GET TO HEAVEN.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." *John 1:12*

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." *Revelation 3:20*

WHY NOT RIGHT NOW SIMPLY ASK HIM TO COME INTO YOUR HEART.