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**TARGET
DAYTON
MINISTRIES**

**DESOTO BASS
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Desoto Bass Housing Project is a one of our new bus pickup sites with about 300 housing units where poor families live in poverty on the west side of Dayton.



RESCUE MISSION

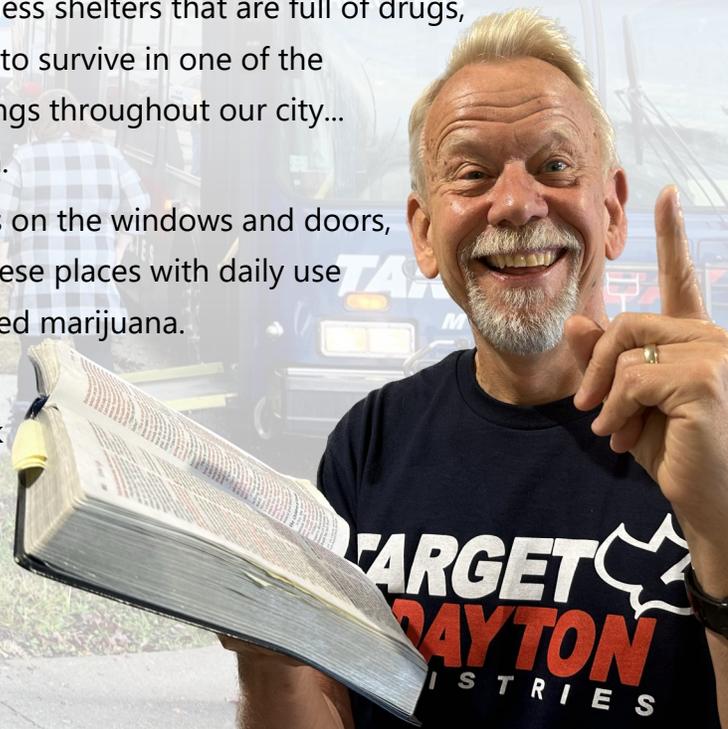
Dear Friend,

All over our city tens of thousands of people are perishing in spiritual darkness and poverty from which they cannot rescue themselves. They need someone to go to their rescue!

They are real people who Jesus loves! And for whom He died to rescue. Some of them are struggling to barely survive in one of the filthy homeless shelters that are full of drugs, non-stop chaos and oppression. Most are struggling to survive in one of the hundreds of low-income housing projects and buildings throughout our city... that are full of drugs, non-stop chaos and oppression.

And while there are no barbed wire fences or bars on the windows and doors, Satan keeps most of them securely locked away in these places with daily use of illicit drugs, prescription drugs, alcohol and legalized marijuana.

Most of them were just kids when Satan started feeding them drugs and alcohol. Some are now stuck in addictions to hard drugs like cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, or meth. Some are now serious alcoholics who are stuck drinking their lives away. *continued >*





Westdale High-rise



Lakeview Estates



Desoto Bass Courts



Jaycee Towers High-rise

Most just smoke a little marijuana every day and drink a few beers. Enough to keep them too foggy in mind and too weak in spirit to escape Satan's evil control. And tragically, Satan will soon be feeding drugs and alcohol to their kids, so the cycle of misery will repeat.

This is the every day life of poverty for tens of thousands of poor men, women and children in our city today. Most do not know how to escape, and unless someone goes to their rescue and tells them how, they will soon perish.

And that is our mission: to go to their rescue and tell them how before they perish. It is to these tens of thousands of poor people that Jesus has called you and me!

"The Target Dayton

bus is a life-line for me!

I rode your bus for a free meal & I found Jesus!"

~Antonio

"Your bus is the only way I have to go to church. I might never have heard the gospel if I hadn't gotten a ride on your bus!" ~Sade

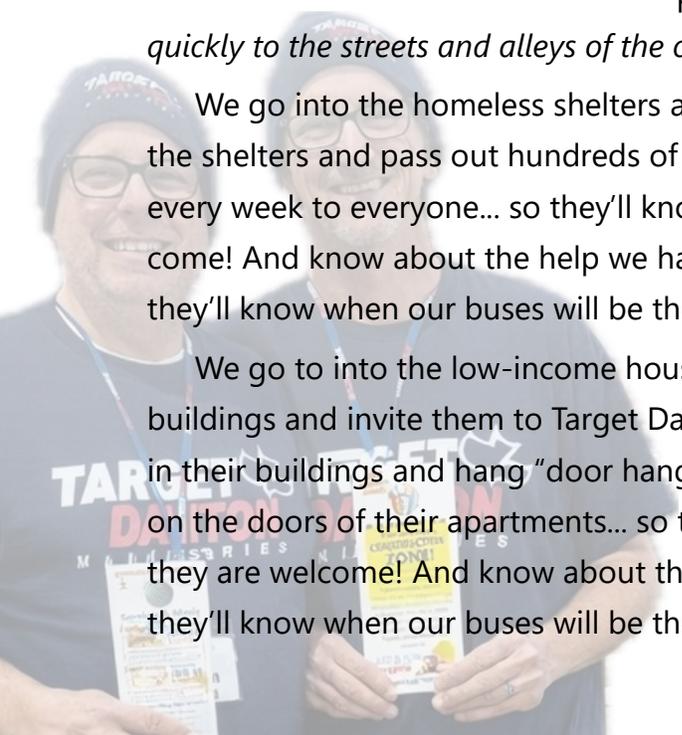
Jesus said, "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame!" (Luke 14:21) These words of Jesus, spoken 2000 years ago, could not be more relevant to our mission... and the every day ministry of Target Dayton.

We feel the 9-1-1 sense of urgency in Jesus words, "Go out quickly..." and we know the truth that they will likely perish if we wait for them to come to us. So we "Go out quickly to the streets and alleys of the city and bring in the poor..." to Target Dayton!

We go into the homeless shelters and invite them to Target Dayton. We hang posters in the shelters and pass out hundreds of flyers and schedules every week to everyone... so they'll know that they are welcome! And know about the help we have for them. And so they'll know when our buses will be there to pick them up.

We go to into the low-income housing projects and buildings and invite them to Target Dayton. We hang posters in their buildings and hang "door hangers" by the thousands on the doors of their apartments... so they too will know that they are welcome! And know about the help we have for them and their families. And so they'll know when our buses will be there to pick them up.

"Your bus is the only way I have to get to Target Dayton. I got saved because you gave me a ride





**“Go out quickly into the streets and alleys
of the city and bring in the poor...!”**

Luke 14:21

Six days a week we “bring in the poor...” to Target Dayton. We don’t wait for them to come to us. We go out to them and bring them in! And every day people surrender to Christ.

And then we send out our dedicated team of bus drivers to their rescue (a number of our drivers were once homeless themselves before they rode our bus and found Jesus)! They drive our Target Dayton buses, shuttles and vans out to pick up the poor and provide them free roundtrip transportation to and from Target Dayton!

Six days a week we “bring in the poor...” from the shelters. Every weekend, Saturday and Sunday, we “bring in the poor...” from the low-income housing projects and buildings all over the city.

We welcome them. We shower them with love and kindness. We pray for them. We lead them in worship. We preach the good news of Jesus Christ to them and hold out to them His promise of salvation, transformation and eternal life.

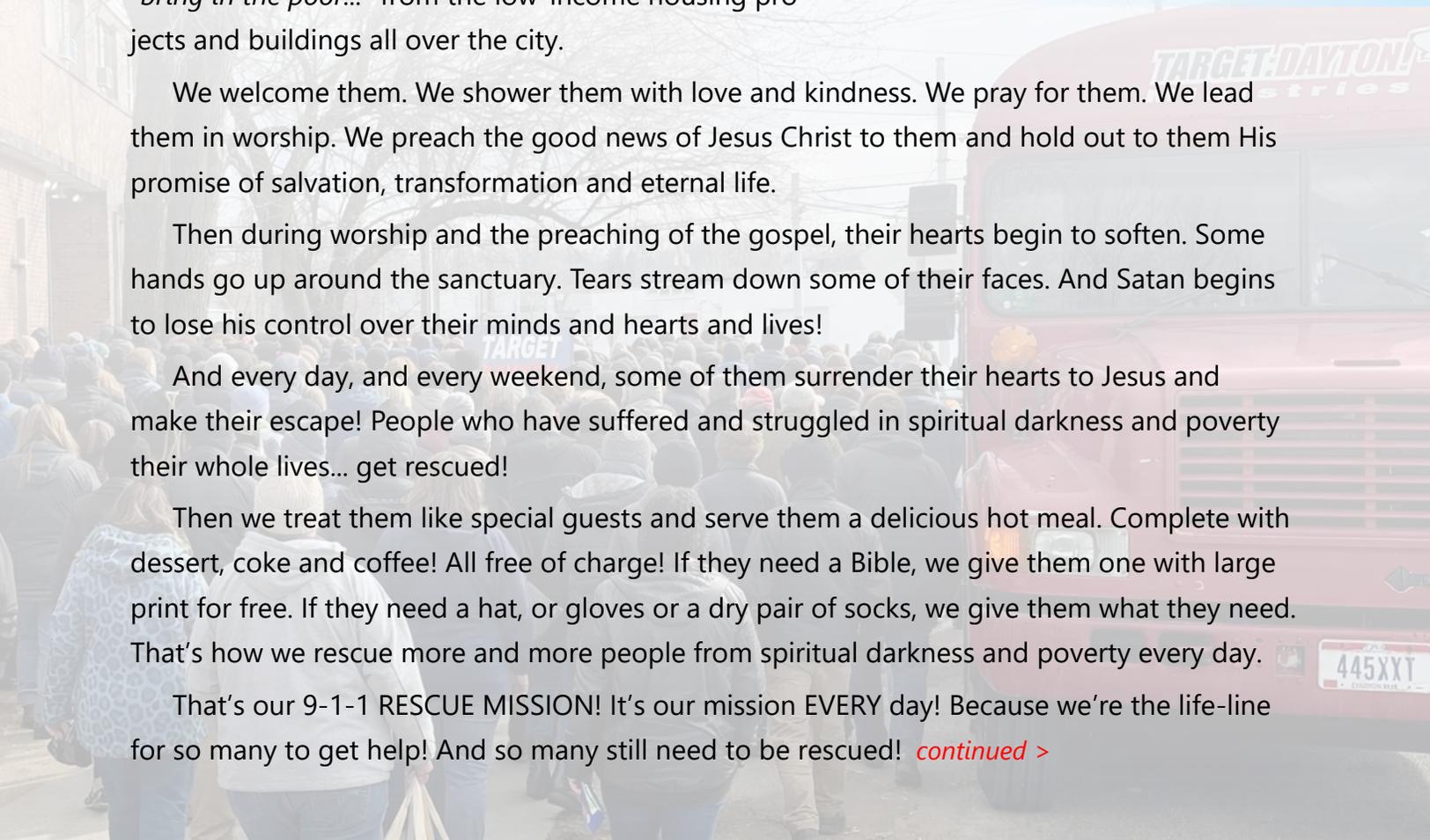
Then during worship and the preaching of the gospel, their hearts begin to soften. Some hands go up around the sanctuary. Tears stream down some of their faces. And Satan begins to lose his control over their minds and hearts and lives!

And every day, and every weekend, some of them surrender their hearts to Jesus and make their escape! People who have suffered and struggled in spiritual darkness and poverty their whole lives... get rescued!

Then we treat them like special guests and serve them a delicious hot meal. Complete with dessert, coke and coffee! All free of charge! If they need a Bible, we give them one with large print for free. If they need a hat, or gloves or a dry pair of socks, we give them what they need. That’s how we rescue more and more people from spiritual darkness and poverty every day.

That’s our 9-1-1 RESCUE MISSION! It’s our mission EVERY day! Because we’re the life-line for so many to get help! And so many still need to be rescued! *continued >*

**“I would go hungry if I
couldn’t get a ride on your
bus! My kids would be hun-
gry if we couldn’t get a ride
on your bus!” ~Barbara**





By the way, Charles was addicted to crack when he rode our bus to Target Dayton in 2003. He's been clean for 20 years. Mike was a homeless crack addict living in a tent when he rode our bus for a free meal. He's been clean for 18 years. Jason was homeless and addicted to meth when he rode our bus for dinner. He's been clean for 15 years. Today, they've all been rescued and transformed by Jesus! And they are Target Dayton CDL licensed drivers who "Go out quickly to bring in the poor..." with a mission to rescue others like they were rescued!

Thank you for helping to make our RESCUE MISSION possible!

Will you join Cindi and I in making a fresh consecration of our lives to Christ in 2026... and step out in faith with us to do MORE THAN EVER BEFORE for "the least of these brothers of mine" who are struggling in spiritual darkness and poverty? Will you pray more, serve more and give more than ever before for Jesus... so we can rescue more of them than ever?

It's easy to sign up to start giving today! Visit our website, scan the QR code, or simply use the enclosed donation form to donate by mail. And sign up to serve at one of our services! Visit our website, use our TD SERVE app, or just give us a call!

Because Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me!" (Matthew 25:40) Together, let's "Go out quickly..." and do more than ever for Jesus!

Pastor Mark & Cindi ❤️

YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

Through your service & monthly support...

- YOU BRING THE POOR:** You give them a ride to get the help they need...
- YOU FEED THE POOR:** You feed them with free hot breakfast or dinner...
- YOU CLOTHE THE POOR:** You clothe them with shirts, socks, shoes, hats, gloves & coats...
- YOU SAVE THE POOR:** You preach the good news to them & they are saved...
- YOU DISCIPLE THE POOR:** You disciple them & give them a place to serve Christ...



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