MEETING NEEDS AND CHANGING LIVES!

BY: REV. JOHN BELCHER, FOUNDER; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Where do you turn in a crisis moment of your life? Everyday, many people in the Wiregrass turn to the Christian Mission. Since 1983 when the Lord laid on my heart the vision for the Mission, we have sought to do two things: meet the crisis needs of people and see their lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we now enter 2022, our staff continues to labor with these two goals in mind.

We hope the launch of this quarterly newsletter will better educate and inspire you about the many ways the Lord is using us to touch the lives of many people. You will also find in this first issue an Annual Ministry Report for 2021 highlighting the number of people we ministered to during the past year.

The Lord has continued to pour out His blessings in so many ways and we want to consistently share these blessings with you! We know without the encouragement, prayers, and support from our volunteers, donors, financial contributors, business partners, civic clubs, school groups, and church groups we would not be able to make an impact in our region the way we do. We are grateful to serve the Lord and share His love with all people daily.

Partnering Together,

Johnny Belcher
Rev. John Belcher

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**New Life Women's Program Expands Its Reach!**

Since 1998 when the New Life program began, we have sought to share the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with countless men and women. With recent additions and changes, we have the opportunity to reach more women than ever before!

First, we hired Marianne Schwab as our first Women's Counselor/Teacher. She will be working exclusively with the women entering the program phase.

Second, we transitioned the women in the program into a shelter that provides up to 15 beds along with a laundry and large fellowship area too. The previous shelter could only hold up to 8 women at a time, and will now be used for women entering into the Aftercare phase upon graduation. This will give a greater number of women the opportunity to come into the New Life program!

Third, we made shifts in the program and meeting locations to allow the women in the program to focus on their recovery more as well. Both in the warehouse and in the classroom, the women will be able to focus more on their recovery without outside distractions.

**Jerkins' Testimony Reaches 9,500 views on Facebook**

Ashley Jerkins came to the New Life program broken and confused. We were her last hope. Now her life is changed forever. Listen to her story below or view it online at newlifeenterprise.org!

For more info or to apply to enter the program, please visit our website: www.newlifeenterprise.org

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**The New Life Women's Program Shelter**

Marianne Schwab
Women's Counselor/Teacher

**New Life Graduating Class 2021-2**
## ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT 2021

**TOTAL NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED**: 82,992 ($248,976)

**TOTAL NUMBER OF NIGHTS OF SHELTER PROVIDED**: 7,260 ($108,389.50)

**TOTAL NUMBER OF HOT MEALS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**: 39,286 ($117,858)

**TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SHELTERED**: 551

**TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HELPED THROUGH FOOD PANTRY**: 690 ($67,700)

**TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW LIFE RECOVERY GRADUATES**: 19

**TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HELPED WITH BENEVOLENCCE ASSISTANCE**: 2,347 ($115,603.77)

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF BENEVOLENCCE ASSISTANCE EXPENSES**: $564,406

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*Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare His praise?*

*PSALM 106: 1-2*
10 Years Plus of Mitchell Nissan Food Drive

During the month of February, John Mitchell and his team hosted the annual food drive to support our food pantry. Members of the community stopped by various Mitchell auto dealerships and selected grocery stores to drop off non-perishable food items and canned goods. Mitchell and his team also purchased and contributed many donations to the drive as well. The items donated during the drive supplied our food pantry for many months to come. For several years, John has served on the Board of Directors at the Christian Mission.

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