

SERVING IN
AMERICA

OPERATION:
LOST SHEEP
M1812

Leaving the 99 to go after the ONE.

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WHAT A YEAR

I think we all can agree that 2020 was a crazy year. It brought us a lot of changes and even some difficult times. But it also brought a tremendous opportunity to go after the lost, the lonely, and the forgotten ones unlike never before. The homeless population increased a great deal in Pensacola, FL after Hurricane Sally hit back in September. Many of them were scattered all throughout the city and left to pick up the pieces. It's been crazy hearing some of their stories of how they survived the storm. Baldwin County, AL, where we live, also had approximately 300 people who found themselves homeless after their homes/apartments were deemed uninhabitable. We never imagined homeless outreaches being a part of Operation: Lost Sheep, but we see more and more every day now why God has included it as an element of what we do. Many in the homeless community have some understanding of who God is. It was through a tragic situation or a bad decision on their part that they found themselves living on the streets, and now feel rejected by society. They are treated as lesser, unworthy, and inhuman. But God calls us to tell them differently. Showing them love in practical ways and telling them that they are valued, loved, and matter (not only by us but by the ONE who created them), opens the door to share the Gospel. We have also seen these outreaches as a great training opportunity to bring others along and catch ahold of just how easy it is to love people where they are at, just like Jesus did.



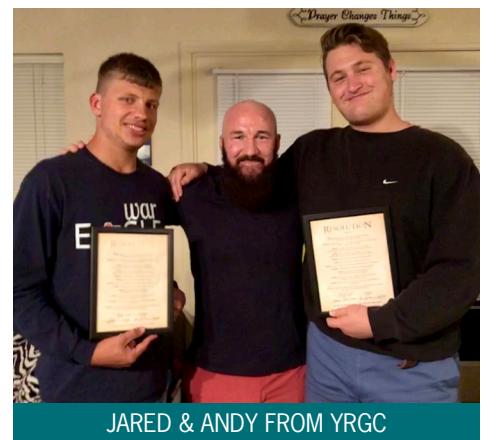
SERVING DURING CHRISTMAS



THERE'S POWER IN PRAYER



HEALING IN JESUS' NAME!



JARED & ANDY FROM YRGC



ROOF DAMAGE BEFORE



NO MORE LEAKS

Speaking of training, we had two more residents at Youth-Reach Gulf Coast complete the restoration curriculum. That makes a total of six residents for the year who completed the 15-week course. Not only do we take these young men through this powerful material, but we also are intentional to include them in out-reaches and spend one-on-one time with them outside of YRGC before they graduate. It's an honor to see these young men grow in the Lord. We are extremely grateful for the partnership we have with YRGC.

We also continued doing disaster relief in our own backyard the last few months of 2020. One was a single mom with two boys in Robertsdale, AL who had a large hole in her roof caused by Sally. Someone came after the storm and tried to patch it, but continued leaking every time it rained. We were able to climb up on her roof and repair it correctly to buy her enough time to find another residence that was safer for her and her boys. Another opportunity was at the home of my local seamstress in Foley. I stopped by Ms. Kim's to drop off some items and noticed she had a tree sitting on her house from Sally.

She and her husband didn't have the finances to get it removed, and they don't have any family nearby. So with the help of Frontline Ministries and a team of volunteers from Church of the Heartland out of Indiana, we were able to knock it out in a couple of hours! **watch the video "A Look Back at 2020" on our YouTube channel to see all that God did last year.



TREE ON MS. KIM'S HOUSE



SAFE & SECURE NOW

CONTINUE ON BACK...

ROOM FOR GROWTH

In a year of going out more than ever before, we lived in the overflow. This included supplies for out-reaches and disaster relief, which made it tight living in a one-bedroom apartment :) We found ourselves with many people willing to donate, but we were limited on storage space. We began praying for the Lord to open a door, AND HE DID! A businessman in the Foley area offered a section of his warehouse for us to use, FOR FREE! This has opened the door for us to do so much more. Not only do we have a place to store items now, but it gives us the opportunity to build a surplus of supplies for future needs as they arise. In the past, we have been offered meat and other food for our outreaches but never had room. With this new storage space, we decided to go out and purchase a chest freezer and two large coolers to store and transport food. We also were blessed by a local organization called Steve's Socks, who donated 285 pairs of new socks! In addition, we partnered with a local business called Itripvacations Alabama Beaches to do a coat drive during Christmas. Together, we collected 120 coats to keep the homeless community warm during the winter months.



DONATION FROM STEVE'S SOCKS



STORAGE SPACE AT WAREHOUSE



COAT DRIVE WITH ITRIPVACATIONS

THE HARVEST IS RIPE, THE TIME IS NOW!

In addition to COVID-19, 2020 brought some other things to America. We saw rioting, racial tension and division, hatred, fear, depression, and financial difficulties across our country. THE NEED FOR JESUS CHRIST IN AMERICA HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER! Going into 2021, there has been such an urgency in Hayley and my spirits to see America restored back to God in this hour. We have been praying and believe with everything in us that the Lord is telling us that NOW is the time to step out into full-time ministry. As the "goers", we are called to carry the message of repentance across America. But we also need "senders" (Romans 10:14-15).

As Senders, there are a few things that we need from you:

PRAAYER - prayer is vital, especially with some of the dangerous situations and environments that we go into. We covet your prayers.

FINANCIAL PARTNERS - We have met with Globe's leadership team and come up with a budget of \$3,000 per month. Here are two ways that you can help us to meet this goal:
If 30 people commit to giving \$100/month, we will be fully funded. Or, if 60 people commit to giving \$50/month, we will be fully funded.

With this \$3,000/month, it will allow us to:

- 1) Do even more outreaches going out after the lost
- 2) Help cover our travel cost and supplies during disaster relief trips
- 3) Help cover our travel expenses when we share God's message of restoration at churches across America
- 4) Do more one-on-one restoration through the restoration plan God has given us
- 5) Build stronger relationships in our communities with churches/pastors, business leaders, law enforcement agencies, and other organizations such as Youth-Reach Gulf Coast

TOGETHER, we can reach people with God's restoration power! We appreciate all of your love and support. Thank you for helping us answer the GO!!

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