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**HE WHO DWELLS IN THE SECRET PLACE – PSALM 91**

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“Of the Most-High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty” (Psalm 91:1) - Mr. M. is a 55-year-old male who was too young for Social Security and not sick enough for disability. He filed several times but was turned down. Mr. M came to the Christian Shelter after having a knee replacement. Unable to heal properly by being homeless and poverty stricken, he had nowhere to go. He'd been on the streets off and on for two years.

“I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God in Him will I trust.’” (Psalm 91:2) Mr. M. was receiving food stamps and he was learning to survive on those alone. That meant that he could eat at least 2 weeks each month but not much more as the funds were not enough to sustain him for an entire month. Over time he began losing weight and ailments seemed to pop up.

“Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.” (Psalm 91:3) Mr. M. was appreciative of being in the shelter. He set out to do any chore asked of him even though his health was not that great. Then he learned to help in other ways such as stuffing envelopes and cleaning up behind the children at the shelter.

“Only with your eyes shall you look and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge even the Most High, your dwelling place.”. (Psalm 91:8) Through the efforts of the staff at the shelter, Mr. M. started receiving disability payments. He was so excited as he waved his acceptance letter. He has received back funds as well! He saved part and paid back bills with the rest. Mr. M. has cleared his past financial record thereby making him eligible to rent again. It had been such a long time.

“He shall call on Me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and

honor him.” (Psalm 91:15) Over time during his stay at the Christian Shelter, Mr. M. was able to attend regular doctor appointments, pay his back bills, keep a safe roof over his head through the pandemic, stay active and busy helping out, start receiving regular disability payments, seek and find housing through the Rapid Rehousing Program and welcome adjusting to daily devotions. As mentioned above, he also gave back to the other guests and staff at the Christian Shelter during his time there. He was a true inspiration to all who got to know him.



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 was planned, built &  
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 through  
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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE – KEEP HOPE ALIVE**

In a long time, nothing has brought the world together and raised its fears as much as this deadly outbreak. If certain things are not done on time, this could be the biggest threat the world is going to face. Already, pundits are projecting that COVID-19 could lead to a recession and could affect as many as 600 million people globally. It's evident to everyone that there is danger. This is not a pre doomsday fear-call. It is the reality on the ground as all eyes can see. But the big question is, seeing the visible threat and global panic, is there hope? The answer is yes. There is hope in the Word of God. God's Word was written to bring us hope in a seemingly hopeless time. As Christians, we are not that surprised at the news. Thousands of years ago, our Master and Savior told us that the world would have different kinds of outbreaks. He prepared our minds, instructing us that no matter how dreadful each of the outbreaks is, it is only but a small part of the major crisis expected in the world. He counseled us to remember that these outbreaks, economic crisis, wars, and threats of wars, are the beginning of the suffering the world would experience. **Matt. 24:6-8 give us a clear indication of these sorrows: 6 "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet". 7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places". 8 "All these are the beginning of sorrows".** So, we are not to be surprised, neither should we panic. Jesus told us these things so that we will continue to have peace in Him, even when the world is troubled. **John 16:33 says "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world".** We can rest assured that as we put our total trust in God and lean not to our own understanding in the mist of this pandemic, God's unchanging hand will protect our family and every area of our lives. Let's keep hope alive.



*Executive Director J. Anthony Dickerson*



**POWERFUL PRAYERS THAT WILL SHIFT THE ATMOSPHERE" BOOK SIGNING**



*Executive Director J. Anthony Dickerson signing a copy of his book for a shelter guest*

**OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR J. ANTHONY DICKERSON HOSTED A FREE BOOK SIGNING FEATURING HIS FIRST BOOK ENTITLED "POWERFUL PRAYERS THAT WILL SHIFT THE ATMOSPHERE"**

Are you ready to stop the devil in your life and family today? Are you ready to say enough is enough to all forms of Satan's instigated threats against your marriage, children, finances, health, and divine purpose? Are you challenged in speaking God's promise in your life? Powerful Prayers that will Shift the Atmosphere is a must-read and Biblical meditation tool. Our Executive Director J. Anthony Dickerson released his first book in May and has written several prayers through the power of the Holy Spirit, that will terminate the assignment of the enemy and encourage the heart of the believer. Those who will read and meditate on these prayers will experience an encounter with God that will cause an atmospheric shift in every area of their life. In May his book made the Best Seller's list in Prayer on Amazon. On June 29, our executive director hosted a free book signing for all the guests at the Christian Shelter. All the guests were given a free autographed copy of his book. Many of the guests use his book as a personal devotional tool while here at the shelter. Starting in August you can purchase an autographed copy of the book by contacting the Christian Shelter at 410-749-5673. **All the proceeds will go towards the support of the Christian Shelter.** As we work our way through the summer months at the Christian Shelter, funds continue to be very tight as volunteers and donations have dropped off significantly so any help you can offer by purchasing a book is greatly appreciated!



Some years ago, folks at the Salisbury Bible Fellowship began developing a middle school ministry with the intention that the youth of their church would learn to experience the joy of being useful to someone else. Calls to Sister Angie were made, and these young folks began their journey of service at the

Christian Shelter. On the second Saturday of every month, for the past eleven years, these young hearts of service dedicated themselves to complete chores that helped in the daily operations of the ministry. Serving is not always easy, but as a person of faith, God calls us to serve others. Hebrews 13:16 tells us "Do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." God's seeds were being planted in their young hearts as they volunteered at the shelter. Also, while working at the shelter this group had the opportunity to make friends with children from the neighborhood and those staying at the shelter. In preparing this article for our newsletter, I asked Jim Lanzi, one of the adult leaders of the group why they chose to serve at the Christian Shelter. Jim stated, "we want to serve at the shelter because we care for this ministry and what they do here. It is important." Jim shared about a sermon given at his church that he believed contained a particularly important principle. God does not call us to be successful in our service to others, but He calls us to be faithful. Year after year this group was reliable in their commitment to the Christian Shelter. Without hesitation these individuals did whatever was needed. Seeing people in this world that have little, is a very humbling experience. May we always realize how fortunate we are in our lives.

The Christian Shelter is thankful for the Salisbury Bible Fellowship youth group and for their service.



*Youth Leader for the Salisbury Bible Fellowship Group*



*Children Serving at the Christian Shelter*

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A FINANCIAL DONATION**



**A NOTE FROM THE BOARD**

Summers are tough! Typically, this is the time of year that our guest numbers are highest and our donations are at their lowest. This year is a little bit different in that we are struggling with the extra burden of providing COVID safety to our guests and staff and this becomes a very difficult and challenging responsibility. We are thankful that some of the community organizations have attempted to help the Christian Shelter with some of the extra costs necessary to protect our guests and the requirement for new special sanitizing efforts. It is difficult, but we must protect our vulnerable homeless men, women and children.

We always struggle to pay salaries and utility bills in the hot summer months. Why? Many don't really think about the homeless until the cold weather sets in. And most families are very busy in the summer with vacations, outdoor fun, etc. We are a busy people!

Thankfully, with the approach of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the "giving spirit" returns and we are again mindful of the less fortunate. So, if you have some discretionary funds available in August, please consider a financial gift to the Christian Shelter. Thank you.

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### **SHOUT OUT TO ONE OF OUR FRIENDS**

#### **DELMARVA PRINTING & DESIGN**

Over these past 40 years, there have been individuals whose hearts have been touched to help the Christian Shelter. In this issue of our bimonthly newsletter, we would like to give a **Shout Out** to Darrell Fearin and the staff of Delmarva Printing & Design.

For many years, this organization has given guidance and support for the many printing needs of our organization.

**Thank You** Darrell and Delmarva Printing & Design for partnering with the Christian Shelter.

## **MOST URGENT NEEDS**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Laundry Detergent & Bleach
- Toilet & Paper Towels
- Bar Towels (Kitchen Cleaning)
- Disinfectant Cleaning Spray (Pine Sol, Bleach, etc.)
- Cold & Flu Meds for Adults & Children

### **FOODS**

- Cheese (Sliced or Grated)
- Sugar
- Butter/Margarine
- Breakfast & Lunch Meats
- Cooking Oil & Spices
- Coffee, & Tea

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