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NEWSLETTER



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- SCOTT, MEN'S CENTER GUEST





Transforming Lives: Scott's Journey Through the Rebuild Program at Oliver Gospel Mission

On Scott's last day as a guest at Oliver Gospel Mission, he sits down with his Life Coach, Patrick, in the Men's Center. Together, they reflect on Scott's journey and the progress he has made through the Rebuild program.

Like many individuals, Scott once led a typical life—working hard, paying his bills, and managing daily responsibilities. However, a significant financial setback led to the loss of his home. *"I made some poor financial decisions in the past, which contributed to my housing situation,"* Scott candidly admits.

With nowhere to turn, Scott sought assistance from Oliver Gospel Mission. Upon entering the Rebuild program, he received guidance from Life Coaches who helped him address the underlying factors that contributed to his homelessness. *"The intake process was*

very easy and straightforward. I immediately felt like I was part of something meaningful," Scott recalls.

As Scott and Patrick review his future plans, one goal stands out above the rest: to deepen his relationship with Jesus Christ. *"First and foremost, I want to continue my relationship with the Lord. That opportunity really opened up for me when I came to the mission, and I'm eager to expand on that,"* he shares with enthusiasm.

Their session concludes with laughter and heartfelt hugs, highlighting the strong bond they have formed. The Rebuild program at Oliver Gospel Mission is designed to facilitate transformative outcomes like Scott's, empowering individuals to turn moments of adversity into opportunities for growth and renewal.



About the Rebuild Program

Rebuild is our six-month transitional housing program tailored for unhoused, working men. Much like scaffolding supports the walls and foundation of a building under construction, this program provides essential support for individuals rebuilding their lives after the challenges of homelessness.

Many in our community require external support to reconstruct vital aspects of their lives. While these men are often skilled, trained, and dedicated

workers, they may have lost their sense of hope and safety due to the absence of a stable home. The Rebuild program aims to restore that sense of security and purpose, empowering participants to regain control of their lives and work towards a brighter future.

You can play a crucial role in continuing this important work. By making a donation of any amount, you help us transform lives and foster lasting change within our community.

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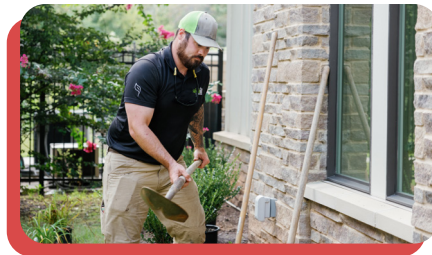


There's more than one way to give to Oliver Gospel. Here's some ways you can reach out to the unhoused in Columbia.



Monetarily

You can support the mission of Oliver Gospel through financial donations. For just \$3.65 you can provide a meal for one of our guests. Support our mission as we seek to transform lives with the gospel!



Volunteering

Another way you can support our mission is through volunteering. You can help shine the light of Christ's love in a variety of settings including: our Men's Center, Toby's Place, and our Social Enterprises.



In-Kind Donations

The third way you can support the mission of Oliver Gospel is through in-kind donations. Whether it is gently used clothing or donations for our kitchen, every single donation is an incredible help.



Kyle Harding,
Executive Director

Discovering the True "Why"

For my holiday message to you, I could share that Oliver Gospel is committed to serving the public and providing programs to assist the unhoused in overcoming barriers. These statements, while true and significant, do not communicate the real "why," of the mission, do they?

Several weeks ago I had my first opportunity to attend one of our men's chapel services. The presence of God's Holy Spirit was profound. Two of our staff members together preached the Word of God in a powerful unity that can only be attributed to Him. When the invitation was extended, seven men came forward to commit or recommit their lives to Christ. It then became my privilege to lead these individuals in their prayer of surrender to

the Lord Jesus. As I left that night, I praised God for having shown me the real "why" of Oliver Gospel, and it aligns so perfectly with Christmas.

Our mission is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the unhoused men, women, and children of Columbia, South Carolina, much like the shepherds proclaiming His birth on the first Christmas. It's because true life transformation must begin with true heart transformation, and that is the essence of Oliver Gospel's purpose.

Thank you for your support. We wish you a blessed holiday season filled with the peace brought by one small child on a silent and holy, transformative night.

Hope Match

Give a Gift of Hope

Give a gift of hope with our Hope Match! Every donation until the end of the year will be matched up to **\$100,000!** Your donation will provide the hope of the gospel to men, women, and children this holiday season. **Donate today by scanning the QR code below or on our website olivergospel.org/hopematch**



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"... it was then that I carried you."

Our Annual Benefactors Dinner will return on February 27th in the Moore Building at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds. This year we are commemorating the blessing of God's presence with our theme, Invisible Footprints.

Help us as we transform lives, get your tickets today by scanning the QR Code!



Prayer Requests

- Pray for direction and guidance as Oliver Gospel embarks on the New Year!
- Pray that God guides the gospel to the hearts of those in spiritual and physical desperation.
- Pray for our staff as we continue to pursue excellence throughout our gospel oriented approach.

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