

# THE RESCUE MISSION ministryminutes



When my wife, Cathleen, and I knew God had called us to leave the church we were pastoring in Port Jervis, NY, and move to Syracuse, there was one thing missing... A job!

This past January we began the process of looking for a place to live knowing we were moving in June.

But there was one thing still

missing... A job! I knew my next assignment would be as a full-time chaplain. But where? And by the way, did you know you can't buy a house or rent an apartment without proof of future income? So, we waited...looked...prayed...and waited.

The scripture says to wait. It also tells us how to wait.

**“Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.”**

(Psalm 27:14 ESV) What? Wait patiently? Really? Well... OK. And so, we did. I'll admit that Cathleen often waited better than me.

In my years of following Jesus and being in ministry, I have learned a couple of things: God is never early and never late. He is always on time. God is never in a rush. And in the waiting, God is doing His best work in my heart to learn to trust Him.

This past February, the night before we were to go look at houses, Cathleen and I were in the hotel room, and I was scrolling through Instagram when an email popped up in my inbox from Indeed.com. It was an Associate Chaplain position at the Syracuse Rescue Mission. My excited and grateful response? “No God. Not that and not

there.” Now, don't judge me! I wasn't familiar with the Rescue Mission, nor did I know that “We Put Love Into Action.” I quickly asked God's forgiveness because He knows what's best for me and I want to do His Will always. I applied and waited patiently.

In that time of waiting God worked on my heart and I was truly excited when I received the email to arrange an interview with Chaplain Yulon. I was offered the position and I bet you think “they lived happily ever after.” Not quite.

We were excited when we found and purchased a house in Baldwinsville. We closed in early June and hoped to move in during the summer. But it was a house that needed a lot of work. So began another process of waiting patiently. Cathleen's sister, who lives in Cortland, NY, offered to let us stay with her. Who would have guessed it would be four months and counting? Yet our time with her has been a wonderful relationship-building opportunity. And my adjustment to Rescue Mission life has been a blessing. All in the waiting.

Friend, if you are in a waiting season, I want to encourage you, **“For since the world began, no ear has heard, and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!”** (Isaiah 64:4 NLT) Don't just hang in there. Trust God. He has got you and He's working on your heart, just like He is working on mine. God bless you.

Tom Zahradnik  
Associate Chaplain



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In the coming weeks, our campus will be bustling with clients, staff, and volunteers— all contributing to the cherished traditions and sentiment of the Holiday season.

*"Please pray for my brother-in-law, Chris, who is recovering from a stroke—that he will surrender his life to the Lord. He is extremely depressed."*

- Rescue Mission Prayer Partner

*"Pray for an end to all the labor unrest making the papers, that my father's trip overseas goes smoothly, that I can get through this month, that I can finally meet new people after being on my own for far too long, and that I can be in a better financial position."*

- Rescue Mission Prayer Partner

*"Pray for nurses in One Day surgery Auburn. I told some that I prayed they would have a nice day."*

- Rescue Mission Prayer Partner

*"Salvation for unsaved loved ones. Healing and love restored for strained family relationships. Wisdom and resources for an aging, handicapped family member whose children need to pay more attention to her. Healing and strength for frail neighbor who is 'failing to thrive' as her doctor described her."*

- Rescue Mission Prayer Partner



Mail the enclosed card to share your prayer requests.



Several people partake in group prayer outside of the Rescue Mission shelter



Yulon and Crossroads residents took a trip to Beak & Skiff Apple Orchards

**NOV 16**

**Hope Awards\***

Marriott Syracuse Downtown

**NOV 23**

**Thanksgiving Day\***

Syracuse, Auburn, and Binghamton Rescue Mission

**DEC 09**

**Christmas Cookie Bake (2 sessions)\***

Syracuse Rescue Mission Campus

**DEC 03**

**Movie with a Mission (Tune in at home!)**

NewsChannel 9 Studio, Bridge Street

**DEC 24**

**Christmas Eve Service with Yulon**

Syracuse Rescue Mission Chapel, 6-8pm

**DEC 25**

**Christmas Day\***

Syracuse Rescue Mission Campus

\* = Volunteer opportunities available



Interested in learning more about the Rescue Mission or involving your place of worship with our efforts?

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