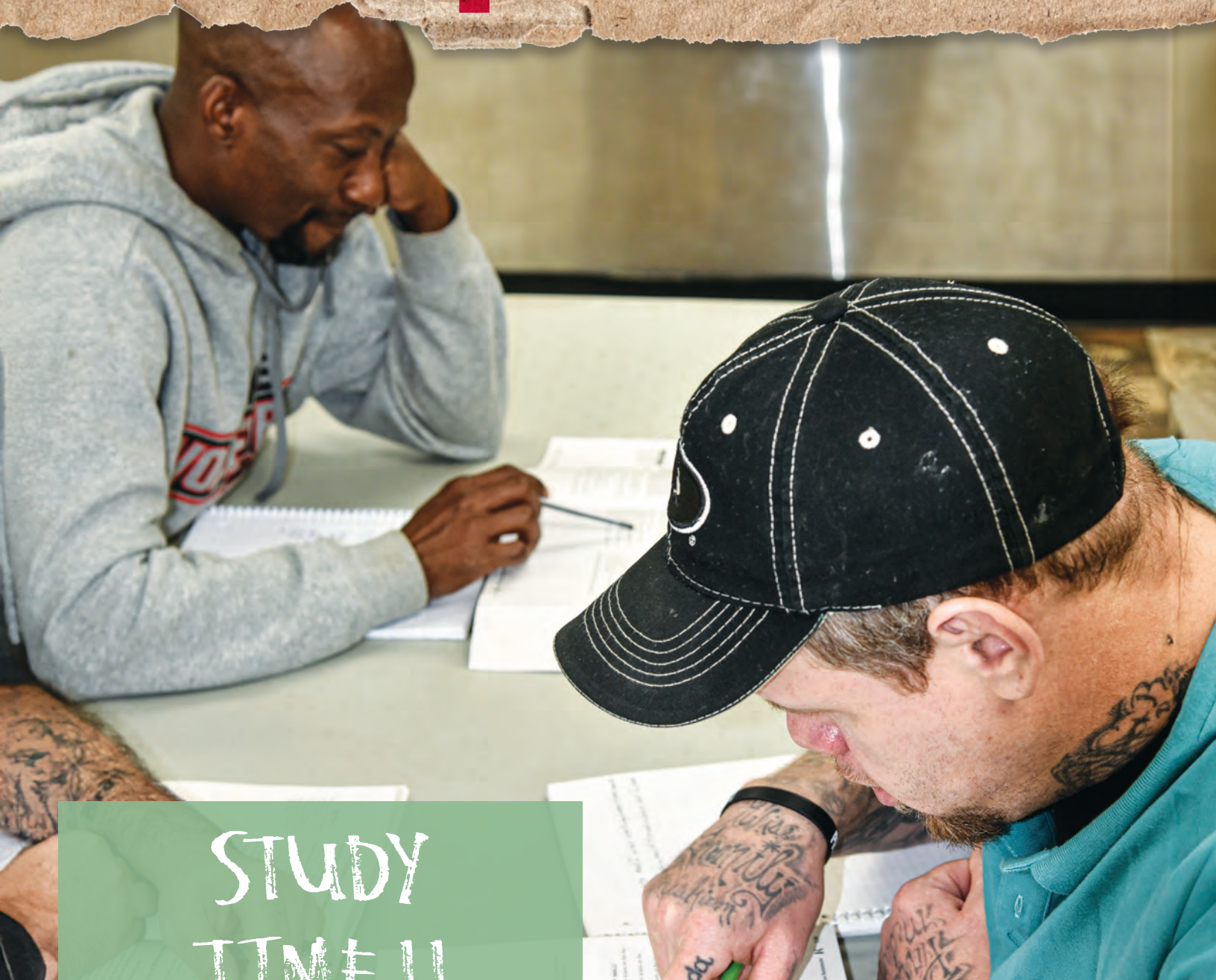


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GATEWAY

RESCUE MISSION



STUDY
TIME !!

OUR MISSION *To offer life changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men, women, and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling and discipleship*



FROM THE DIRECTOR

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."

- C.T. Studd



REX BAKER

I recently walked into our kitchen to see Michael and George with their noses in books. They are both studying for their General Educational Development test, also known as the G.E. D. On this particular day, they were studying division using decimals.

Math was never my best subject. While I loved history, I boldly flunked my first exam in college algebra. Somehow, I miraculously pulled a B out of the class after my mother's stern admonition that she didn't send me to Ole Miss to party, but to learn. So, as our scholars face the reality that learning can be hard, I feel their pain, particularly on the math problems.

This educational project started when a personal friend of mine asked if he could help some of our New Life Program residents get their G.E.D. I said sure, so here we are turning our kitchen into an impromptu classroom where during the week you will likely find Michael and George hard at work.

I believe God wants us to be educated. The Bible says "study to show yourselves approved to God," which indicates a level of learning that He expects us to master. We have an enemy who wants to keep us in darkness and ignorance. That's why we have an obligation to teach not only the precepts of the faith, but also the basics of literacy which unlock the mind.

In 1781, an English newspaper editor named Robert Raikes started a system of learning for poor children who lived in the slums and worked six days a week in the factories. Since Sunday was the only day the children didn't work, Raikes started classes on Sunday using biblical teachings to teach children how to read and write. This is the origins of Sunday School.

Over the centuries, Christians have founded schools, colleges, and universities. A pastor in South Jackson runs an elementary school at his church for neighborhood children. Education should always be a key focus for churches and Christian non-profits.

Here's the rub. We currently use our kitchen as a classroom/study hall due to a lack of space. It works for right now but is not optimal for future growth. We've got some expansion plans for future growth that we will be announcing in the coming months. However, we are not waiting on the future to launch our G.E.D. program.

I believe in the power of learning new things. I am currently studying to take the Ham radio test and am excited at my age to be tackling a new endeavor. I've learned that questions involving math will be on the Ham radio test, much to my dismay. So, I may pull up a chair during our G.E.D. tutoring sessions to brush up on what's left of my math skills.

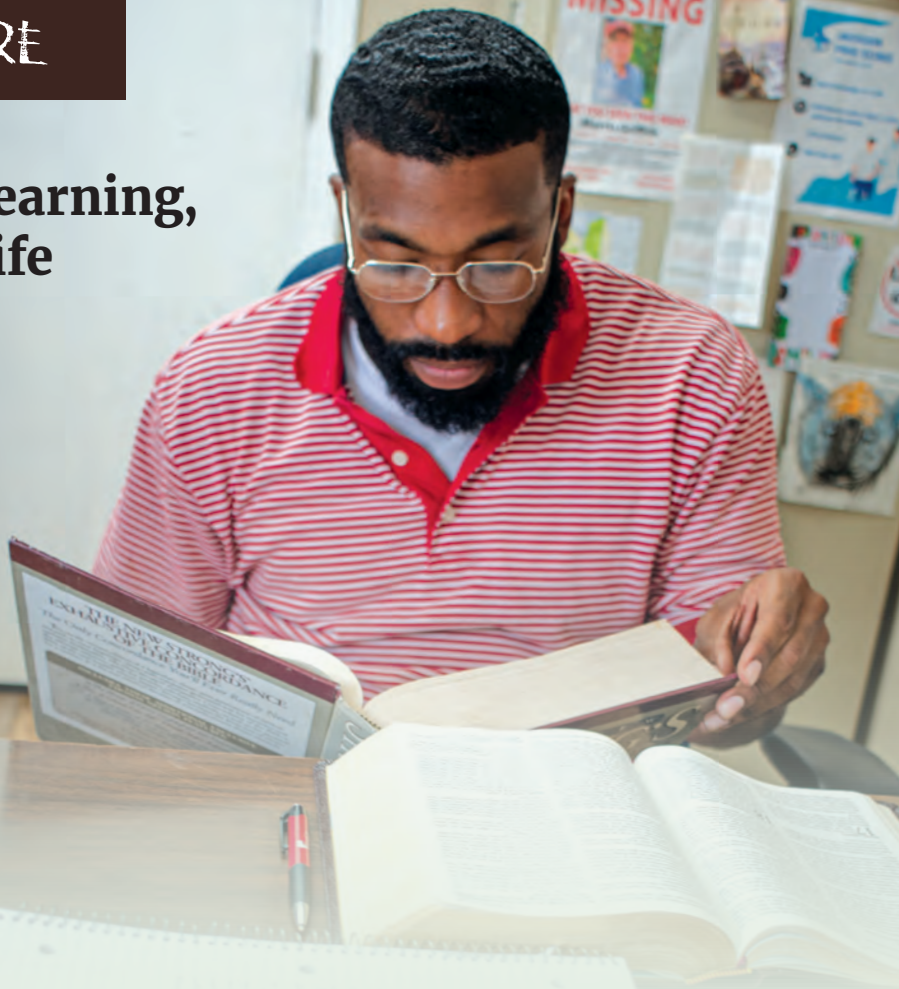
Until my mother's eyes grew too weak for her to read, she was always studying a new book. She imparted to me her love of reading and gaining new knowledge. I pray that God will bless our nascent G.E.D. program and open up minds to the possibilities of learning at and beyond Gateway Rescue Mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rex M. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rex Baker
Executive Director
Gateway Rescue Mission

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New Learning, New Life



We may not churn out many Rhodes Scholars, but learning is an important part of the day at Gateway Rescue Mission. You can find guys like Jeremy reading at the desk and Forea Ford, our Director of Programs is pictured here teaching a class on addiction.

We are currently developing plans to renovate a large warehouse building adjacent to our shelter for new dorm and classroom space. When complete, this project will allow us to expand our New Life Program and help more people seeking freedom from addiction.

How long does it take to earn a G.E.D.? That depends on the individual student, but some online sources say the average time is 2-3 months. G.E.D. education helps ingrain positive traits involving scheduled learning and working to attain goals.



Your support means not only are the hungry being fed, but people seeking a new life can now further their education at Gateway Rescue Mission. **Thank you** for your prayers and your support.

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I love a picture that tells a story. This photo taken shortly before lunch at Gateway shows that the bond between man and dog transcends all levels of life. On a totally unrelated note, I was in the kitchen recently when Chris came bebopping by with big smile and an outfit reminiscent of the Skipper on Gilligan's Island.

The picture of Chris was taken on "Tuna-fish Thursday", which comes with a healthy portion of tuna-fish and bread for a sandwich, a bag of chips, and our homemade macaroni and cheese. We continue to feed hungry people daily at Gateway Rescue Mission.

We'd like to thank all our volunteers who drop by to help serve meals at the Gateway Café!



CURRENT NEEDS

- **Number two pencils and pencil sharpeners**
- **Composition notebooks for studying and note taking**
- **Classic literary books such as: (but not limited to)**
 - A Tale of Two Cities–Charles Dickens
 - The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde–Robert Louis Stevenson
 - To Kill a Mockingbird–Harper Lee
 - Crime and Punishment–Fyodor Dostoevsky
 - Moby Dick–Herman Melville
 - Night–Elie Wiesel
 - And other related works of literature

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