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Jesus said...

**"I needed clothes and  
you clothed me."**

Matthew 25:36



# URGENT MISSION

Dear Friend,

On a severely cold night, in the middle of the winter, a homeless man named Doyle nearly froze to death on the streets of Dayton. His legs were badly frostbitten. Police found him the next day and took him to the hospital where they had to amputate his legs below the knees.

Cindi and I were called to come and pray for Doyle in the intensive care unit at Miami Valley Hospital. When we got to the ICU he was in terrible pain and could not speak (because they had done a tracheotomy on him). We fought back our tears and shared the gospel with him as he listened carefully.

When I asked him if he wanted to accept Christ, big tears rolled down his rough face and he nodded yes. We led him in prayer and then did our best to comfort him with our visits for the next several days... before he died.

We only knew Doyle for a short time, but his suffering filled our hearts with deep compassion for homeless people in the winter.

Even now, years later, his story fills my eyes with tears and reminds me that winter brings increased hardship, suffering and danger to poor and homeless people! *continued >*



# -10° WINDCHILL

As the weather turns cold, poor and homeless people URGENTLY need our help to survive. They don't have thermostats to turn up the heat, or homes to stay warm in. They don't have warm cars to get around in. They don't have dresser drawers from which to pull dry socks or closets to go to for winter coats, hats and gloves.

But thanks be to God, they have us! Because God has put His love in our hearts for them. And He has provided this ministry for them, and partners like you who make it all possible.



*"My socks were soaking wet!"*



*"My fingers were freezing!"*

Six days a week we are here for them! We give them a place of refuge to come and get warm. We give them free cups of hot coffee on those cold winter mornings. We give them free hot meals to keep them going for another day or night in the cold. And we give them the dry socks, gloves, hats, rain ponchos, blankets and winter coats they need to survive.

Doug, who was homeless for 7 years, spent many nights in a downtown parking garage sleeping under cardboard boxes to try and stay warm. Sometimes he had to rub his feet all night to keep from getting frostbite. He said, "I would not have survived without all the help I got from Target Dayton!"



**We see them hungry, and in love, we feed them a free hot meal. We see them shivering in the cold, and in love, we clothe them with a winter coat. We see them hopeless, and in love, we share the gospel with them and lead them to Christ!**



"It's a huge project to purchase the hundreds of winter coats we need at a low cost and in the right sizes! But it's worth it when I think of how many people we are helping survive the freezing cold this winter." **Susan Chong**, Program Administrator

**Shipments of new winter coats for men, women and children are arriving at Target Dayton every day as we prepare to clothe a thousand poor and homeless people during November.**

Brie is a prostitute who is addicted to crack-cocaine. She lives on the street most of the time. She came in from the freezing rain last winter, completely soaked. Cindi gave her some dry clothing, and was able to share Christ with her, and pray for her.

That's why we are here. God put us here for the hundreds of homeless people like Doyle. Doug. And Brie. We are here to feed them, clothe them and lead them to Christ this winter.

Many will do their best to survive this winter in a parking garage. Or an abandoned house. Or even a make-shift tent. But without our help, their chances of survival are not good.

It all adds urgency and relevance to Jesus' words: *"I needed clothes, and you clothed me..."* (Matthew 25:36) [continued >](#)



*"I think my ears were getting frostbite!"*



So the next time you turn up your thermostat, or zip up your winter coat on a cold day, will you think about the homeless people who are shivering out in the cold? Will you take to heart their suffering, hardship and danger and let God's love fill your heart with compassion?



Then, pray for them. And give a generous donation to help us feed, clothe and save them for Christ this winter! For just \$40, you can help a homeless person survive with a winter coat, hat and gloves.

**Also, please give a gift to a homeless person this Christmas!** Donate today to sponsor one or more Christmas gift boxes! And please consider becoming a Christmas Day Crusade SPONSOR by making a special donation to help with the \$200,000 cost of the crusade.

If you are not already a monthly supporter will you please pray about becoming one? Your monthly gift of \$25, \$50, \$100 or even more will make it possible for us to continue this life-changing mission for the poor and homeless. It's easy to sign up to start giving today!

Remember, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me!" (Matthew 25:40) Thank you for giving to feed and save the poor this winter for Christ! God bless you!

*Pastor Mark & Cindi*

## **YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE!**

*Through your service & monthly support...*

**YOU BRING THE POOR:** You give them a ride to get the help they need...

**YOU FEED THE POOR:** You feed them with free hot breakfast or dinner...

**YOU CLOTHE THE POOR:** You clothe them with shirts, socks, shoes, hats, gloves & coats...

**YOU SAVE THE POOR:** You preach the good news to them & they are saved...

**YOU DISCIPLE THE POOR:** You disciple them & give them a place to serve Christ...



**OUR GIFT TO YOU!** Receive a free Target Dayton **sweatshirt** with John 3:7 imprinted on the back when we hear from you this month! Show your support of Target Dayton and share Christ's word everywhere you go!

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