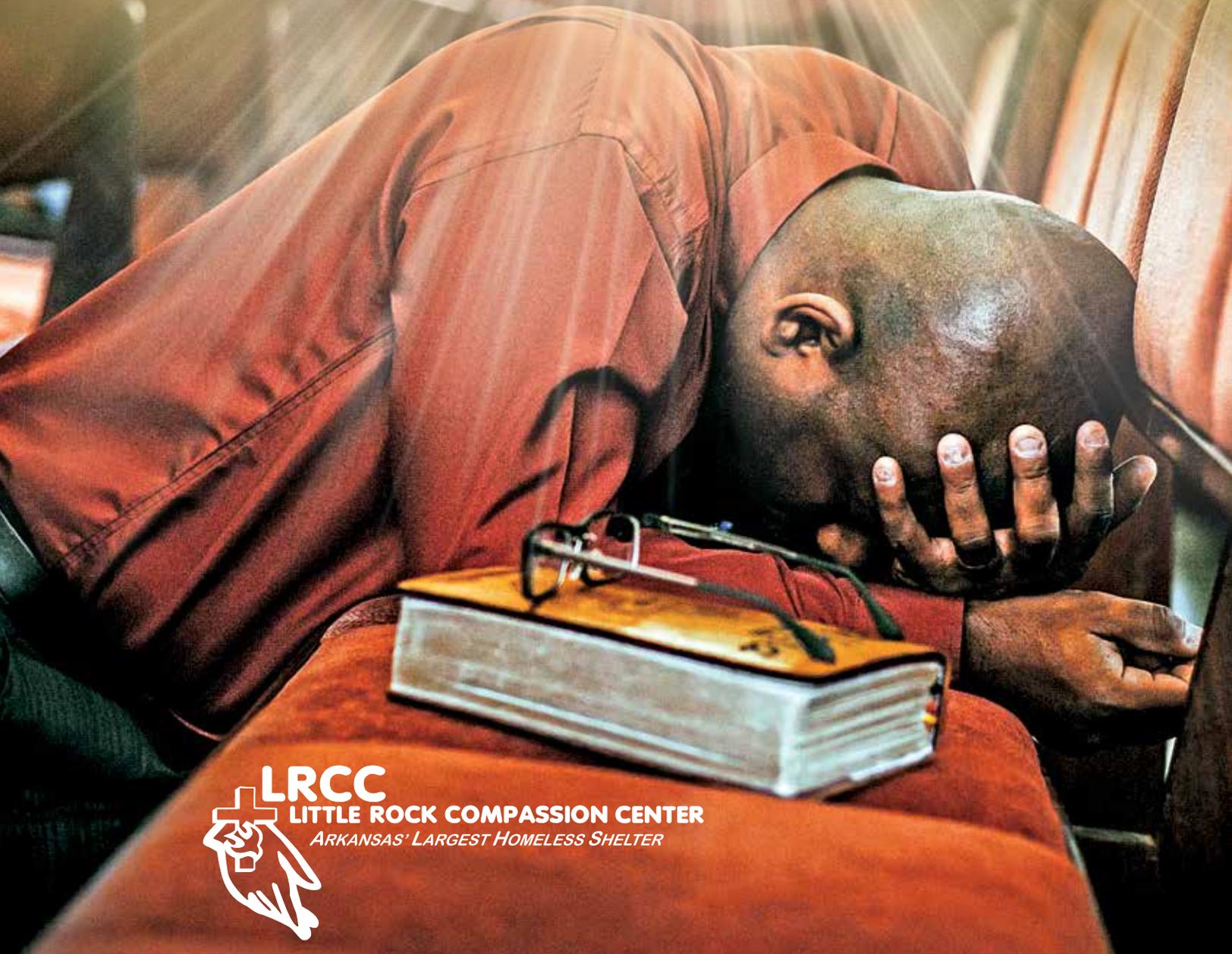


# THE COMPASSION CONNECTION

Restoring lives through the love of Jesus Christ

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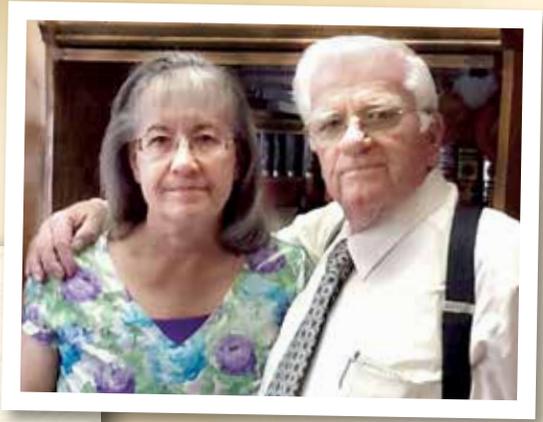
## Wise Men Still Seek Him



# Merry Christmas

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# A note from Pastor Holloway



## You want to help ... but how?

Dear Friend,

It is hard to see someone sleeping on the street in the Christmas season.

You may feel blessed and want to help, but practically, what should you do? If you hand out cash, it may be misused. If you take them into your home, their needs may be more than you can handle by yourself.

One good answer is to send people in need to the Little Rock Compassion Center. Our staff and volunteers work together to shelter and feed close to 300 people each day.

Caring for hungry and homeless people is too big a job for one or two people to handle alone. But between us all, and with God's help, the job gets done. Some donate, some volunteer, many pray.

We see beautiful things happen, such as a guest who has been here a month helping someone who has just come in from sleeping on the street. This place is a community of one person helping another. I love to see volunteers sitting and talking with our guests and helping them as best they can. Our guests really want to be loved.

This will be a merry Christmas for those staying here because good friends like you care.

Thank you!

William & Rosemary Holloway  
Founders-Directors  
Little Rock Compassion Center

Some cities spend millions of dollars to provide free homes for the homeless. This can be a good solution for a mom with kids fleeing abuse. But for those who are homeless because of a personal problem, like an addiction or inability to work, we have to ask are we really helping if we simply put them in an apartment without solving the problem?

You can read about Melissa and Bart in this newsletter. They had two homes and lost them both because they couldn't resist the pleasure of drugs. Only when God fixed their problems and taught them to live strong, could they live a normal life.

If we had given Melissa and Bart a free home while they were still addicted, they would have probably fallen again.

# Caring for those in need this Christmas

We need your help to provide food and shelter for close to 1,000 guests at our Christmas celebration. Some are homeless and have nowhere else to go. Others have little food in the house. Some cannot bear to be alone at Christmas.

## Toys For The Children

Our Toy Giveaway is a Christmas highlight. The children are thrilled to choose their own gift. That gift may be their only one, so it means a lot to them.

If you would like to provide a gift for a child, here are some ideas:

## Gift Ideas

- Baby & toddler toys
- Legos
- Basketballs, footballs or soccer balls
- Dolls
- Action figures
- Remote control cars
- Board games
- Art supplies
- Bikes and ride-on toys (these are very popular!)

Gifts should be new or gently used. Please bring them to the Little Rock Compassion Center by Saturday, December 15th. Call us at 501-296-9114 with any questions.



# The story of a happy, married couple.

**Five years ago, Melissa and Bart showed up at the door of the Compassion Center with one suitcase between them. That was all they had left after years of partying and drug use.**

This married couple had earned and lost two houses, all their property and were loaded down with debt. “We stopped paying our bills. Everything went for drugs,” said Melissa.

With nowhere else to go, they came here.

“Melissa looked like a zombie,” said Pastor Holloway. She had been earning money at a research center who paid her to test the drugs they were working on. Her body was falling apart.

Today, five years later, Melissa runs the Compassion Center kitchen where she is responsible for preparing hundreds of meals a day for our guests. Bart works at the front desk, meeting and greeting everyone who comes in the door. They have never been happier.

“This place is family to us. Pastor Holloway and Rosemary are like our adopted dad and mom. When we came here, they took us in. They didn’t judge us or look down on us. They just loved us and helped us get free. They told us what to do, and when we got around to listening, everything turned out right.”



*Today, five years later, Melissa runs the kitchen, preparing hundreds of meals a day for our guests.*

“Today, we work hard, pay our bills and even have money left for vacations. We tell the people who come here who are feeling down, ‘If you want something different in life, you have to pray for it. The Lord will do it.’”

**Thank you for providing a place for people who have lost hope and have nowhere else to go. God blesses them more than they ever knew possible.**



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