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Homelessness can come about because of many reasons. Mine came about because of my drug abuse. In January of 2007 my wife kicked me out of the house and I found myself sleeping on the floor of the office I worked in. In late February I went out to make a drug buy and was caught in a sting and found myself in jail that night.

My family just said "he got himself into it, let him sit in his mess." So, I ended up in jail for 3 months on a first-time drug charge, but that was enough.

When I got out, I was taken into the Gospel Rescue Ministries drug program because I had no place else to go and I wanted to have real change in my life. I turned my life back over to Jesus Christ while in jail and worked to strengthen that relationship with God for the year that I was in the program. When I got out, I went to a recovery program that meets every Friday at my church. (Independent Baptist Church of Clinton, MD.) My wife also took me back into the house and we have been together for these past 15 years.

During a recent move I found I had more clothing than I needed and was able to contribute over 50 shirts and 10 pairs of pants and some coats to Homeless Outreach.

When God gets hold of your life he is able to change you from someone who takes to someone who gives. There are many stories within the story of what God has done in my life.

If you know anyone who has problems or addictions in South PG County, you may contact Carol to receive my contact information. They would be welcome at our weekly program!