



# THE CANAAN CONNECTION

Canaan Bible Chapel—71 Adams Rd—Lake Ariel, PA 18436 570-937-4848 [www.canaanbiblechapel.org](http://www.canaanbiblechapel.org)  
Home of Canaan Christian Academy [www.canaanchristianacademy.org](http://www.canaanchristianacademy.org)

## From the Study

by Pastor Dave

Someone has said that "missions" is the heartbeat of God. Even though I can't give you a specific verse that says just that, it is not at all inaccurate. After all, consider verses like Mark 16:15, *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."* And Matthew 28:19, 20 which says, *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

How can we come to any other conclusion other than this: that GOD's heart is to see the world reached with the saving and transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is true of local missions, like the Scranton Rescue Mission, all the way to the far reaches of the globe. Thus, missions is an important part of the ministry of Canaan Bible Chapel both in supporting and sending out others and even some of our own Flock as we have done this year.

## SPOTLIGHT ON . . . SCRANTON RESCUE MISSION

On the 4th Friday of each month a group of individuals, couples and families from CBC travel to the Scranton Rescue Mission for an evening of fellowship and presentation of the gospel to the residents. Many thanks to Liz Allsop for her commitment and ongoing service in keeping this ministry in the forefront.

This past month Kevin Lamberton delivered the devotional, and his wife Tammie with son, Ben, provided special music. The group also prepares a meal for residents.

The word "rescue" describes what SRM does—because when people walk through their doors, it is usually because they have nowhere else to go for help. Although one would expect to be giving a blessing to others, the truth is, once you have ministered to them, *you* become the one who is blessed.

For more information get in touch with Liz Allsop at

[savedbygrace311@gmail.com](mailto:savedbygrace311@gmail.com)



Kevin Lamberton Delivers the Devotional



Front: Carol Oliver, Liz Allsop, June House, Kevin, Jr and Kevin Lamberton, Tammie Lamberton, Ben Lamberton, Pat Crispell, Dave Oliver.  
Rear: Carl House, Jesse Lamberton.

## Scranton Rescue Mission—the Early Years

by Liz Allsop

As a young child growing up in NYC, I often wondered about the people sleeping on the park benches. Others would huddle in abandoned doorways, sometimes wrapped in coats or blankets and curled up in cardboard boxes. I would ask my Mom, "Why don't they go home if they're cold and tired?" She would answer, "They have no home to go to."

After I was saved, I wasn't surprised when I still had a heart for the homeless. I remember one week in particular when I was heavily burdened with it. I searched the internet to see what services were available for the homeless in Scranton and the surrounding area. I thought perhaps I could help out somewhere. I couldn't find anything! I took it to the Lord in prayer, asking Him what I could do to help. The very next Sunday, Pastor Matt introduced Phil Schultz to the congregation. I

was astounded as I listened to him speak about his desire to start up a rescue mission in Scranton. Presently, he



Tammie Lamberton and son Ben perform at Scranton Rescue Mission

was feeding sandwiches to hungry people out of the back of his van on Wyoming Ave. He was in search of a building to purchase for the mission. As the weeks went by, I pestered Pastor Matt for more information. He gave me Phil's email and told me to contact him. I soon found out that Phil was ready to have a closing on

a building for the mission. He would need speakers as well as volunteers to prepare and serve meals. On the very first day of ownership, (it was a Saturday), Phil had a cleanup work day in the mission. That evening, Pastor Matt attended their first service with the homeless. Everyone sat in a circle on the cold floor as there were no tables or chairs. Thus the Scranton Rescue Mission was born.

The following day, Pastor Matt spoke of his experience at the mission from the pulpit. A special offering was taken to raise money to purchase chairs. On Monday, Pastor Matt met with Phil to make the purchase only to discover that many chairs had just been donated. He then used the money to buy the much needed tables. I arranged for Canaan Bible Chapel to serve



Liz Allsop

the meal on the following Friday night. During the message, a news team showed up to cover story. I heard about it on Sunday morning as I apparently got caught on tape! If I remember correctly, we assembled hoagies and brought in some homemade desserts for the meal. Since then, we have been serving every fourth Friday of the month.

### New Look

The Canaan Connection is starting its second year. We've changed the look a little because fewer graphics means more room for news and photos. Thanks to all who make it possible.

### New Sunday School Classes

A new class for *high school girls* will be starting up for Fall taught by Mrs. Paula Adolfson. All girls grades 9-12 are invited.

An adult class taught by Jeff Wittenbrader will be in the Commons every Sunday morning during Sunday School.

For more details, contact John Ashley or the church office.

### Can You Help?

#### Young Moms Small Group

CBC is developing a small group especially for new and young mothers. Although it is still in the planning stage, there is already much interest! Pray that God will bring everything together and this much-needed ministry will help meet the needs of young moms for fellowship and study. Our moms need to fellowship with each other as well their mentors—our more experienced moms. Tammie Lamberton is the contact person. If you can be a part of this exciting new group, please contact Tammie at 570-937-3348. There will be a planning meeting September 29.

#### South Canaan Days

#### OUR CHURCH WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE "SOUTH CANAAN DAYS"

celebration on Saturday, September 17th. We need volunteers to be present at a table to share information about the church, etc. If you are willing to help for part of that day, please contact Jerry Birmelin.