

Who are the Homeless? What happened to them?



I can not see this without wanting to help? What if we all did a little? I do not know if you can see it but it is a man out of work and homeless with a family and no friend they are not all scammers!

Are they all families? No there is the typical drunk and drug addict, however the number of families that are homeless is growing. They are the former middle class and even some of the former wealthy who lost it all. They are like us some highly qualified and some very learned as well. Are we really doing what we can?

"I was naked and a ye clothed me homeless and ye took me in." We need to consider the words of the one who showed the most compassion of anyone in history past present or future. I can not cover everything in one flyer but I hope that I shed some light or rather He did as a growing number are children that are hungry and homeless. To care for the orphan and the widow is pure religion.

Take Action. Be the Body

We are the body of Christ or are we?

How will we handle the growing problem of homelessness?

Will we consider our Master was homeless for most of His ministry at least while He travelled?

One thing we can do is buy some of these vacant buildings and have the homeless that are willing to work, there are a lot of them now; help to guard it and prepare it as a shelter.

We can certainly be the love of Christ in this way. If we have a farm we can have some help with the harvest in exchange of food.

We would do well to allow them to take the fruit we would throw out anyway. These are some of the practical ways we can meet the need so we can share the gospel.

Are you a business owner? Hire the homeless and help recovery of a nation.

Notice alms are not only money but deeds of righteousness performed for the honor of our King.

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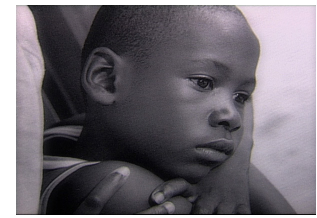
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Before you decide not to help the homeless, please read this.

This is designed to help answer the following questions:

Lies about homelessness.

Factors. What are leading causes of the problem?

The growing problem?

Who are the homeless?

What happened to them?

Are we being Christ to the homeless?

Take Action

Our Goshen Indiana area

If you want to help after reading this contact

<https://www.thewindowofgoshen.com/contact/>

Phone 574-533-9680

If a family

Interfaith Hospitality Network at 574-534-2300

The city of Goshen for ideas 574-533-9322

The Biggest Lie about Homelessness

It can't happen to me is the biggest of all lies and the chances of it happening to you or me are greater now than most any time.

Are you one step away from being homeless without a place to live? Think not?

- One in six Americans is on food assistance.
- The official number of unemployment are lower than reality most of the time
- They are do not take into account the working poor, those that work part time or even full time and can not make ends meet.
- It also does not include the ones that unemployment has long run out. It does not allow for the class of J.O.B. that is Just Over Broke and one paycheck from being homeless.

We even have a new categories and words like stagflation defined as runaway inflation and stagnant wages.

None of this is new but it is increasing. I hope friend you are not next. Won't we have the compassion of Christ and make a difference?

Other lies about homelessness

- **The only people that are homeless are drug addicts and drunks.**

No unfortunately that is not true about a third of the homeless **in Indiana are families according to HUD.**

- **The amount of homelessness is small.** No that is even a worse lie it is estimated that there are over 554,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night in the United States.

Goshen Indiana Numbers

The Indiana average is 8.2 in 10,000 according to endhomelessness.org. This is not the worst in the nation. However the numbers for the Goshen IN area are much higher. Taking the the low count (high count over 100) of approx 75 homeless with Goshen being about 35,000 people, **that is still over twice the state average!**

- **They deserve to be homeless they must have done something wrong.**

If only things were that simple. What did they do different then you or me? Some of them could have made better decisions but so could have we. They have many stories as do we. We all have a story.

- **They are homeless by choice.**

That used to be the case for a lot of homeless but look around you may be surprised as they are the teller at Walmart or the people who do your hair. Sometimes they do not make enough money to prevent homelessness. Please understand this is not the case of all homeless, but some work and can only afford food and not a place to stay. Most homeless do not have a job though and some have been looking diligently for work for over a year.

Factors

There are many factors like the stagflation, but for some the problem is just no jobs that pay enough to provide for a family are available. Some is corporate greed and yes some is laziness. However what about the dad who is laid off but not called back and he struggles to find work even lower paying jobs only to hear "Your overqualified" or "Not enough flexibility." As he has a family, "Your not the right fit." Whereas the right fit is vastly under qualified but willing to work for a lot less like almost minimum wage. The companies of tomorrow will be even leaner as they shed not make more jobs. That goes contrary to what you are being told but I will speak the truth as I will stand before God.

According to an article in The Economist, "In the job world of tomorrow there may be 47% less jobs to go around as the wealth is increasing vanishing from labor to the top earners."

Technology oh how we love it but it is also making most of our jobs obsolete and we may be homeless. There are too many factors to discuss here but the government is also in the mix as well some for the better and some for the worse... A lot worse.

Not to mention the spiritual aspect of it all. If you are at all burdened for that get a copy of Parallels in Jeremiah off of Youtube as the main reason is we as a nation are under the Judgement of a Holy God and also the evilness of men as increased and will increase. If America the great will be the Great again she must remember the Words of her founders and her foundation needs to be placed on the God of Abraham Issaac and Jacob, The Lord Jesus Christ.

Goshen IN Factors

According to HUD the only affordable housing search is for the elderly Per world population review.com for Goshen IN the amount of people over 25 with a bachelor degree or higher is less than 21 percent of population over 25. However the majority of jobs for this area require a bachelor's degree of higher.

The poverty rate in Goshes is 18.5%. The amount of poverty by breakdown Of course the highest is under high school 22.74% High School is 13.97%

This was a shocker though the rate of poverty among those with some college is even higher at 15.7% I think the reason why is almost all the good jobs left are for Bachelors or higher. The HS Diploma only jobs are taken for the most part.

This is a bigger problem than it looks like. If this is not fixed even more will be homeless as the median home price does not keep place with the the median household income of \$43,820. This means a lot of people will not be able to afford housing if the rent rises too much.

This is why Goshen needs a shelter for the homeless. Some people are only 1 or 2 pay-checks from being there.