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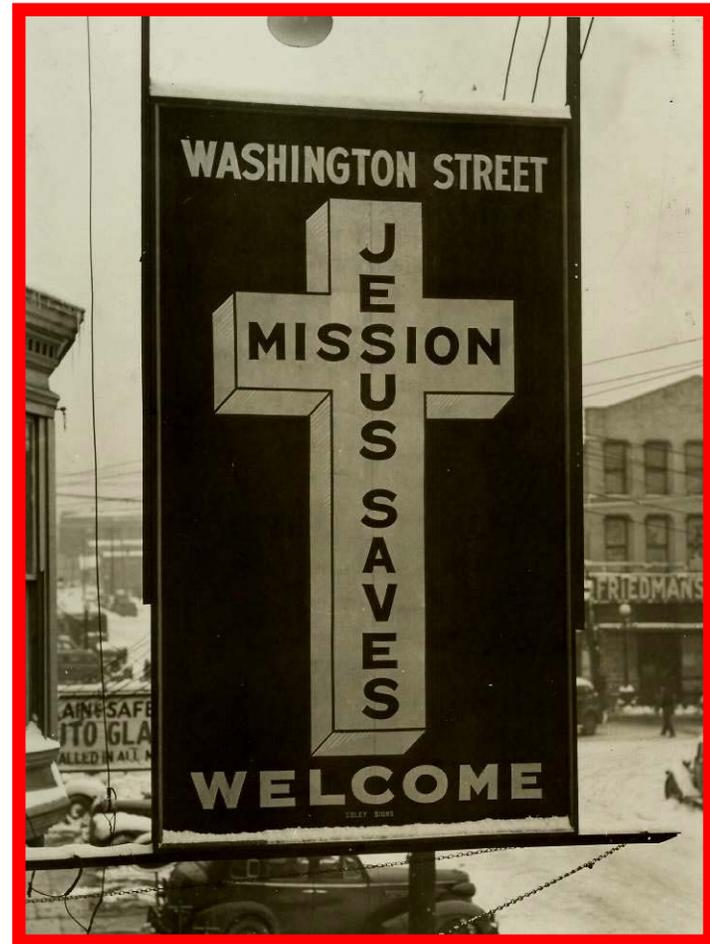
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*On a cold winter day* in January 1910 in downtown Springfield, the doors at Washington Street Mission were opened and the *Christmas* message was proclaimed. It is the message that Jesus saves. Now, more than one hundred years later, that message continues to go forth . . . .



Each day as we see this photo of the sign that hung in front of the old Mission among the other old photos on the wall in the reception area at the Mission we are reminded that the essential message we continue to proclaim here is that Jesus saves.

The heart of the message proclaimed clearly every day at Washington Street Mission has never changed. It's all about Jesus. We proclaim that Jesus saves. He is our only hope for salvation.

By our actions as well as our words, we announce to each person who enters the doors of the Mission that Jesus is the Savior of the world. They hear that Jesus still loves them and that Jesus still saves people who are lost and hurting.

As Jesus came from heaven on that first Christmas to humble shepherds who were willing to look for him in a manger, he still comes to those who can set aside their pride and seek him. As he came to the wise men who looked diligently for him and gave him their costliest treasures, he still comes to those who are willing to give him their lives.

During this Christmas season, many people are more responsive to the message of Jesus. As they enjoy a warm cup of coffee at the Mission or sing along with some Christmas carols, they hear that Jesus saves.

*She will have a son and  
you are to name him **Jesus**  
for he will **save** his people  
from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21

Please give generously to support the ministry of Washington Street Mission during this special season of the year. Your support is appreciated.