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FROM  
THE CEO

## FRESH WIND

AS THE TEMPERATURES BEGIN TO COOL and the crispness returns to the air, it reminds me of a word we use often to describe this time of year. That is the word "fresh."

It is actually a meteorological term that is used to describe the wind. A Fresh Breeze is between 19-24 MPH and a Fresh Gale is between 39-46 MPH.

When the weatherman says the wind is freshening, he means it is about to get stronger and colder. In other words ...

**Things are about to change.**

Around here at Wichita Falls Faith Mission, we feel that way all the time. Things are changing all the time because God is changing lives. We get to see God's Fresh Wind blow on a man or woman's life and turn their world upside down. He starts with their hearts and gives them the desire to change. Then He works on their minds and changes their thinking. When they fully commit to His work in their lives, the blessings begin to flow.

Health improves, relationships are restored, dreams are reignited, and they have purpose in their lives again.

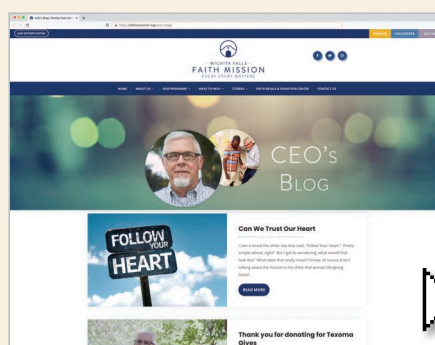
In this newsletter, you will see examples of this. You'll read inspirational stories of men and women who have fought through the pain of change and come out on the other side with Christ as their Lord.

It is my hope that God's Fresh Wind will blow on you as you read these stories and you will be reminded of the power of God and His faithfulness to restore.

Steve Sparks  
CEO

## STEVE'S BLOG

If you like the inspirational message from our CEO, then you need to check out Steve's Blog on our website. Several times each month, Steve Sparks gives us his inspiring messages. Check out our website, [www.faithmissionwf.org/ceos-blog](http://www.faithmissionwf.org/ceos-blog) for the messages.



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## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Our procedure has changed for Memorials and Honorariums. If you would like to make a Memorial or an Honorarium donation to Wichita Falls Faith Mission, please contact the development department 940-723-5663 or go to the website and fill out the form so we can make sure we notify the correct parties. [www.faithmissionwf.org/memorial-honorarium-donations/](http://www.faithmissionwf.org/memorial-honorarium-donations/)





## STORIES FROM FAITH MISSION

JEROME GREW UP in a small Kansas town, where he attended church and sang in the choir next to his grandfather. He left Kansas at 18 and by 21 he was married. Looking for a career change, he and his wife moved to the Dallas area. They adopted two girls from China and became very involved in their church.

In 2014 Jerome had an accident while training for triathlons and suffered a massive concussion. Since he couldn't train, he started to get depressed. A subsequent car accident left him with a bad back and he could barely walk.

At 45, he seldom used alcohol, never smoked, never used drugs, but because of his pain, he tried his first drug – methamphetamines. When his wife found out he was using drugs, she made him move out. After four years of using,

he lost everything ... his house, his car, his career, his family. He was fired from his job and was unable to keep one.

The only way he knew to make money was dealing the drugs that he was using. He was finally arrested and put in jail. While in jail, he was diagnosed with colon cancer. After chemotherapy treatments, he was told that the cancer was in remission.

Jerome was paroled in 2021. His ex-wife found the New Beginnings Addiction Recovery Program at Faith Mission for him. He had no place else to go.

***“God led me here to rebuild the foundation of my life. What I’m getting at Faith Mission is a true, rock-solid foundation to build upon.”***

“I was finally beginning to understand what the Holy Spirit meant by being well in every sense of the word, because I believe I was already dealing with the cancer when I was using the drug in the world and just didn't care. You see, drugs owned my life, and I really didn't care what was going on around me.”

***“Faith Mission is providing me with the basics ~ they are clothing me, they are feeding me.”***

Jerome is thankful drugs didn't kill him, cancer didn't kill him, and by the grace of God he is still alive.

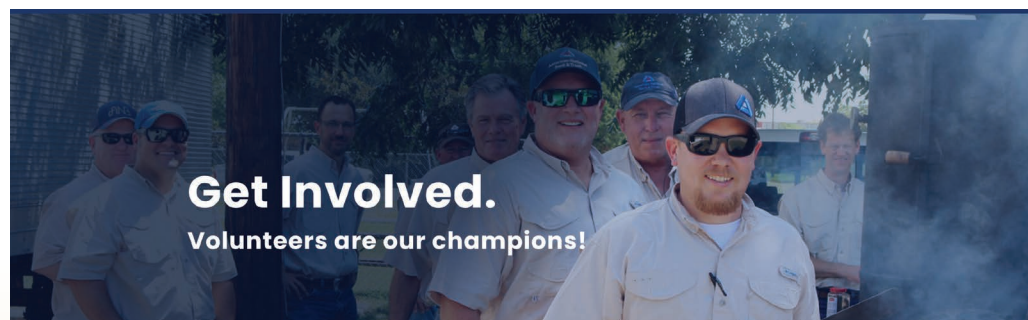
“I can't say enough good things about what has happened. Faith Mission is providing everything that I need to restart my life.”

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer at Faith Mission, Faith Refuge, or Faith Resale we have a lot of opportunities.

- Serve meals
- Cook meals
- Serve in chapel
- Help with donations
- Small appliance tester
- Cashier

Please contact Paula Hall, Volunteer Coordinator at [Paula.Hall@faithmissionwf.org](mailto:Paula.Hall@faithmissionwf.org), 940-500-5911 or check out the opportunities at [www.faithmissionwf.org/volunteer](http://www.faithmissionwf.org/volunteer).



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# STORIES FROM FAITH REFUGE

BRENNA WAS RAISED by a single mother in California. Being the oldest of her brothers and sisters, she ended up taking care of her siblings. She started working at an early age in the restaurant industry, and eventually became a cocktail waitress. Working late hours, she was around older coworkers and was exposed to drugs and alcohol. Because of this, it eventually started to interfere with her school. She tried many different jobs but always returned to the restaurant industry.

For a while she was a nanny in Santa Barbara, where she sustained a back injury. She was prescribed medicine but eventually became addicted to it. She was working as a hairdresser, and her business began to fail due to her drug use.

Her relationship with men was not any better. Her last boyfriend in California kidnapped her and drove to Wichita Falls. Eventually, she escaped and was admitted into the hospital. Someone told her about Faith Refuge

and the New Beginnings Program.

One day at Faith Refuge, Brenna was listening to a song, it moved her, she felt the Holy Spirit come over her and said, “You know what, you’re mine”. Her arms rose above her head, and she started singing. “I’ve been in love with God ever since. He is my Father that I never had.”

“When I tell you that God can change your life, he can change your life. He’s done everything for me. He’s given me power, authority, He took my shame. He lifted all my shame and my guilt from me. Now, I don’t have any fear, I don’t have any anxiety. He has transformed my life.”

“Before I had a hard time speaking to people, and now, not only do I go boldly to them and want to help, but I also pray that I have eyes like Him and have compassion like Him to reach other people. You know, we get a lot



of homeless and hopeless people in our life, and He’s taught me to just try to see sincerely and compassionately who they are.

Brenna graduated from the New Beginnings Addiction Recovery Program, moved into her own house, and began working again in the restaurant industry. One year after her graduation, she came to work at Wichita Falls Faith Mission at our Resale store. She is now the Store Manager for Faith Resale Downtown.

“So I just want to thank everybody and, just tell you that all the glory goes to God.”

## JORDON’S STORY

JORDON GREW UP in Sulfur, Oklahoma in a family where drug and alcohol abuse was prevalent. Her dad was an alcoholic, her mother was a drug user, and she started using drugs at 12. When she was 15, her dad died. By 17, she was living on her own. At the age of 19, Jordon had a job, a car, a boyfriend, and was pregnant with her son.

After her son was born, she started using methamphetamines. The drug use took over her life and she lost everything, including her 4 children. She soon found herself in jail and facing prison for a series of charges. While there, she filled out an application for Faith Refuge and the New Beginnings Recovery Program. She was accepted with a deferred

sentence and within a week, arrived at Faith Refuge.

Being in the life of drugs and alcohol abuse, Jordon knows the guilt and shame that goes along with it. “If you wait for the perfect time to ask for help, it will never come. You need to come to Faith Refuge as you are. God is close to the brokenhearted and He will love you and comfort you when you are at your lowest. There are so many staff members at Faith Refuge that will help you. If you wait for the right time, no time will be perfect. You just have to come here as quick as you can.”

Jordon still has a few months until graduation. Her past work experience was as a Certified Nursing Assistant, and she also loves to sing. She hopes that music is somewhere in her future.

Now she knows that she doesn’t need the pills or alcohol in her life to get by. She feels like a new person and the grace of Jesus is enough for her.

