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FROM THE CEO

RESTORATION

THE PHRASE, “HE RESTORES MY SOUL”, is in the context of a shepherd caring for his sheep; leading them to green pastures, quiet waters and paths of righteousness. Of course, it is a picture of the “Good Shepherd” leading the sheep of His pastures and restoring their soul as only He can.

To restore means “to repair, renovate, or return to a former condition.” Because God made our soul, He is the only one who can restore it.

Here at Wichita Falls Faith Mission, we believe that restoration is possible for everyone, but we can’t provide it with our programs and services. We see our job as leading men, women, and children to God by sharing the resources He has given us, so He can do His restoring work in their lives.

In this newsletter, you will read stories of restoration that only God can provide. I hope they restore your soul as you read them.

Steve Sparks
CEO

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FAITH RESALE IS GROWING. We have a new warehouse to store items and a new sorting room to sort clothing. Hopefully we can process more items to fill your shopping wishes.



NEEDS LIST

- Bottled Water
- Men's and Women's tennis shoes (all sizes)
- Men's and Women's pants (all sizes)
- Men's and Women's underwear (all sizes)
- Travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, soap)
- Canned vegetables





STORIES FROM FAITH MISSION

GROWING UP, Justin's family was strong and supportive. His grandma lived next door; his mom stayed at home with the kids while his dad worked hard to support the family. Justin is the oldest in the family and has a younger sister and brother.

Justin's family moved when he was in the fifth grade, and adjusting to new people and new surroundings was hard. In an attempt to fit in, he tried marijuana for the first time and continued to use it throughout high school. After high school, Justin became a father. He and his son's mother lived together for three and a half years. After a devastating breakup, he turned to methamphetamine for the first time while trying to cope with the separation.

Over the next eight years, Justin was in and out of jail, prison, and his

relationship with the rest of the family suffered. Everyone else in the family, had good jobs, served in the military or doctors. He said, "I was considered the black sheep of the family. I was a drain on the family while they helped me with legal bills."

His father contracted COVID and was hospitalized with double pneumonia and eventually ended up in a coma for three months. While he was in the hospital, his dad told Justin that if he died, he did not want Justin to come to his funeral.

Justin was at a low point of his life when he showed up on his parent's doorstep looking for a place to stay. His parents and his grandmother turned him away. Twelve hours later he was

in jail. That's when he knew he needed help beyond himself and his family.

"That was exactly what I needed; some tough love. They still loved me, but they couldn't help me." That's when he came to Faith Mission.

"If it were not for the New Beginning Program, I would be in prison or dead."

He gives all the credit to God and the staff at Faith Mission. Justin has graduated from the New Beginnings Program, is working for a local construction company and is attending church.

Today he is reunited with his family. They and Justin have Bible Studies together and his mother is starting to trust him again.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

MELANIE AND DAVID both work for Wichita Falls Faith Mission. Melanie grew up in Holiday and David grew up in Lawton. Both moved to Wichita Falls after graduation from high school. David attended MSU and earned a BS degree in Psychology and was on the cycling team.

David works at Faith Mission as the Assistant Men's Program Director. Essentially, he is providing everything from case management to progress reports to the courts for the programmers.

Melanie is employed at Faith Refuge as Women's Case Manager. She is responsible for helping the clients obtain identification documents, finding employment, and applying for housing. Melanie is also part of the Mobile Outreach Team that goes out into the community to help those who are unable to come into Faith Mission or Faith Refuge.

Melanie and David met over 16 years ago while rock climbing. They attend Faith Baptist Church and volunteer their time with Church Without Walls and The Center, a pro-life pregnancy help center. They have 4 children. David and Melanie enjoy date nights, cycling, and hiking.



STORIES FROM FAITH REFUGE

AFTER SAVANNAH'S PARENTS SEPARATED at an early age, she moved back-and-forth between their houses a lot. Her mother was an addict, so she grew up around drugs. After her mother overdosed, Savannah tried meth for the first time, trying to ease the pain she was experiencing. She found herself on her own and alone. She said, "I went to church, but it was just more for, like the community, you know, making friends."

She went to jail for the first time on a felony charge. "I knew it was time for me to try something different because nothing I was doing was working. I had hit rock bottom. I had given my kids up to my ex-husband. I just dropped them off at his house one day and then I ended up going to jail. So, I hit my knees

and started praying and God delivered me here." While in jail, someone gave her an application to Faith Refuge. In September of 2023, Savannah moved into Faith Refuge.

To her surprise, she was met and welcomed by a supportive and involved staff. "They actually cared about me. Some of the other girls knew exactly what I was going through, since they had gone down that path as well. It is very encouraging to see how far they have come in their journey."

Savannah has been reunited with her children. She is excited to be able to take them to church and the possibility that her ex-husband might go as well someday. She is praying that the whole family will start to



attend church together. "I want them to experience what I am experiencing in my relationship with God."

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"I wanna tell all the girls that are thinking about giving up, 'please don't.' It's worth it. Stay till the end. Fight it through because it is worth it. Everything this program does for you is worth it."
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