



# 2025 IMPACT REPORT



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**FAITH MISSION**  
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# “When the Doctor Said No, God Said *Yes* – Robert’s Story”



Robert was never supposed to wake up.

That’s what the doctors said after his stroke. His body lay still, his future already being discussed in the past tense. They called his sister to prepare for the worst. She refused. “You don’t know my God,” she told them. “He *is* going to wake up.” She asked them to put the phone to his ear. When she said, “Bubba,” Robert answered, “Sissy.” Life answered faith.

When Robert finally woke, he was confused, restrained, unable to speak, unsure where he was or how far he’d been taken. His heart was barely functioning. His body was broken. And in the quiet moments, a question echoed in his soul: *Why did You wake me up, God?* He didn’t feel worthy of another chance. Thirty years of addiction had cost him his health, his family, and his children. He had self-medicated until there was almost nothing left. God giving him breath again felt undeserved and overwhelming.

***“The Lord gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.” – Romans 4:17***

Thirty days later, Robert arrived at Faith Mission, weak, hurting, unsure if he could even stay. His body couldn’t do much, but his heart was willing. If it meant getting on his hands and knees to clean floors just to remain in the program, he did it. “My relationship with God was the driving force,” Robert says. “He kept giving me strength to carry on.”

Doctors found the arteries dangerously blocked. Surgeries followed. Yet fear never came, only peace. God even built a natural bypass around his heart. No stent required. Robert calls it what it was: God-directed.

Then came the answer to his question. God didn’t just save Robert’s life; He changed his desires. After decades of daily drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes, the cravings vanished. No withdrawals. No struggle. Just a quiet invitation: *Trust Me. Walk with Me.*

Robert now calls this his “Year of Jubilee.” Debts erased. Chains broken. A life restored. What the enemy meant for harm, God turned for good. And Robert knows now why God woke him up because his story isn’t over. It’s just beginning.

# “The Pink Bible That *Changed* Everything – Shana’s Story”

When Shana arrived at Faith Refuge, she didn’t want to be there.

Her fourth DUI had brought her to the program, and from the start, she resisted it. She remembers reading through the rules; early mornings, chores, structure and thinking it felt more like jail than healing. She argued with her lawyer and hoped for a different rehab altogether. But looking back now, Shana says it clearly: God had other plans. Shana grew up in Oklahoma and describes herself as a “community baby,” raised by her grandmother, mother, uncle, and father. Faith was always present in her life, even if church wasn’t. That quiet foundation would later become something she leaned on in ways she never expected.



Just one month before entering the program, Shana buried her mother. She arrived at Faith Refuge deeply broken, carrying grief she hadn’t yet begun to process. Living in close community with other women was overwhelming. She admits she wanted to go home, didn’t want to talk, and spent months fighting the program and even fighting opening the Bible.

Then something changed.

During class one day, a teacher handed Shana a brand-new pink Bible. Though she can’t fully explain why, she says she was finally ready. Slowly, through structure, community, and faith, her heart began to soften. Letting people love her wasn’t easy. She describes it as painful at first, like a heart growing after being closed off for so long.

One verse stayed with her: ***“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’” – John 14:6***

That verse became a source of comfort, reminding her that God was present and walking with her through every step. Another pivotal moment came during class when she was told it was okay to grieve, just not to get stuck there. For Shana, that permission brought clarity and hope. Now, after nearly 400 days in the program, Shana is preparing to go home. Her greatest hope is simple and powerful: reuniting with her children. What once felt like resistance became redemption. Through faith, healing, and love, Shana found the way forward.

# YOUR *Impact* IN 2025



**145,653**

**Nutritious Meals Served**

Faith Mission 113,131

Faith Refuge 32,522



**45,691**

**Nights of Shelter**

For Men at Faith Mission 24,555

For Women at Faith Refuge 16,597

For Children at Faith Refuge 4,539



**10,431**

**Volunteers Hours**

Faith Mission 4,445

Faith Refuge 5,987



**1,052**

**Hours of Bible Study  
Classes attended**



**482**

**Medical, Dental, Eye  
Appointments**



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# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Through its two shelters, Faith Mission for Men and Faith Refuge for Women and Children, the Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc. helps individuals and families struggling with homelessness and addiction. Both shelters are open 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and all our programs and services are free of charge.

## **EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES**

Emergency Shelter Services are provided to individuals daily. Beds, food, clothing, showers, and health clinics are available.

### **Case Management Services**

Case Managers are available by appointment to help each client develop an individual service plan that is customized just for them. This may include help in securing I.D., medical services, legal aid, employment, transportation, and housing.

### **Mobile Case Management Services**

The Mobile Outreach program is designed to help individuals committed to leaving the streets and becoming self-sufficient. It provides essential services such as offering shelter at Faith Mission or Faith Refuge and facilitating transportation from outreach sites to these shelters.

### **Clothing Ministry**

The Clothing Ministry provides essential support to individuals in need by offering access to free clothing, shoes, bedding, and household items.

### **Chapel Services**

At Wichita Falls Faith Mission, our chapel services provide a welcoming and compassionate space where our guests can find spiritual support and encouragement.

## **ADDICTION RECOVERY/JOB READINESS PROGRAM - "NEW BEGINNINGS"**

A thirteen-month residential program that helps men and women overcome addiction, homelessness, and joblessness.

### **Level 1 - Orientation**

A 30-day orientation to the New Beginnings Program.

### **Level 2 - Addiction Recovery**

A six-month program that provides addiction recovery classes, Bible studies, anger management coaching, life coaching, counseling, and work therapy.

### **Level 3 - Job Readiness**

A six-month program that prepares men and women for the workforce. This program helps hard-to-employ men develop a positive work history and gain marketable skills. It allows women to prepare for the workforce, including computer skills, Biblical Precepts for daily living, anger management, parenting, money management, and GED prep and testing.

### **Transitional Supportive Housing**

This program is for New Beginnings Program graduates and offers short-term shelter for independent living. Graduates live in a sober living environment, a supportive house with other program graduates, with a resident manager at a reduced rate for up to one year.



# Giving HOPE

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**[www.faithmissionwf.org](http://www.faithmissionwf.org)** for ways to give.

## Executive Director's Message

Life is full of unexpected twists and turns ... for some more than others. The truth is, what may appear to be the end of the road, might just be the start of something unimaginable. Rock bottom can be a firm foundation.

That is why we are here. The men and women we serve every day would, in many cases, rather be somewhere else. But God meets them right where they are.

The stories in this report are just a sampling of the work God does in the hearts of our homeless and addicted neighbors. The statistics are more than numbers ... they represent lives.

And all this is possible because of folks like you who support Wichita Falls Faith Mission.

Thank you for taking the time to read these stories and I hope you will join us in this vital ministry through your prayers and giving.



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