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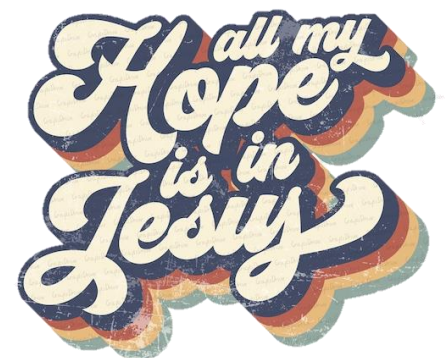
"Help for the desperate, those willing to seek Jesus Christ for the answers in their lives."

"Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad-for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world." 1 Peter 4:12,13

We all know that the Bible says we will have trials and that the trials help us to develop endurance. (Romans 5:4) But let's be real, most of us would probably rather not have the trials and just be okay with the endurance we currently have. Actually, the trials help us to strengthen our faith. We can all say that we have great faith, but it's through the trials that what we *say* is actually put to the test. Sometimes the really hard trials break us. That seems like a bad thing, but it's when we are truly broken, and we feel that we can't go on that we have a choice to make. We can either let bitterness and depression get a foothold or we can cry out to God for help.

He is always faithful. God may not always change our circumstances, but He will see us through, and He will never leave us. At first this can seem like little comfort and help, but as we grow and mature, we see the true gift that it is. Trusting Jesus, even when our hearts are absolutely breaking, will bring us through to the other side with a confidence in God that we had not experienced before. This builds our faith for the next trial that comes, and **it will.** We are strengthened, with an unshakable belief that God will never fail us, which enables us to minister to those around us. One of the attributes of Mission Teens is that every staff member came in broken and went through the program. This enables each of us to be able to minister Jesus' love to the heartbroken people that He sends to us. We can honestly say, "we understand" then we let God demonstrate His love, through our faith in Him, to others.

*Therefore if the
Son makes you
free, you shall
be free indeed.
John 8:36*





My name is **Katelyn Walker**. I am 22 years old. I am from Belden, Mississippi. I had a little bit of a rough start growing up. From the time I was born I was exposed to drugs. My biological mother was an addict and so was all of her immediate family. The earliest memory that I have of my mom is when the police had busted my mom and her, at the time husband, for cooking meth in mine and my little sisters' room. That is also when we were taken away from her, from there we went into the foster system going from house to house. When I was six years old, my sister and I were both adopted to a great family. They did everything they could to raise us in a home filled with love and we had everything we needed and they made sure we went to church. When I turned 17, I decided I wanted to go live with my biological father and he introduced me to meth. I started using meth and that went on for a couple of years until I became pregnant with my son. I stopped using when I found out I was pregnant and didn't use until right after he was born. Then I continued my addiction for about 6 years. During that period of time, I felt like there was no hope for me, like I was always going to be an addict for the rest of my life. I didn't know how else to cope except to use drugs when I felt any sense of stress, anxiety, depression, or any type of emotion I didn't want to deal with. I came to Freedom House in January and things changed. Since being at Freedom House instead of trying to fill a void that was never going to be filled with drugs, I have learned to cope with all of my emotions and feelings in a healthier way by filling that void with Jesus. Before coming to Freedom House, I didn't know that Jesus is what was missing in my life. Since I've been here, I have a peace and comfort I have never had before. The Lord has helped me to care for others instead of just myself, He has helped me heal from some things that I didn't really want to deal with for the good. When I first got to Freedom house I prayed for pickles and mustard the Lord heard me and to this day, we still have plenty of pickles and mustard. One of the best things about Freedom House is you can feel the presence of the Lord as soon as you walk in the door. Also, the fact that all of the staff have been through a lot of the same situations we have been in, and the Lord works through them to help us. Also, the way the program is I have learned how to be more responsible because before I had none. "When you pass through waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. Isaiah 43:2

We are excited to announce that after 3 years of praying- we are finally moving forward with the expansion! All glory to God and His perfect timing. This project will be a 4-phase project:

- 1- Finish out the bldg. for the Open Door Church to provide classrooms, storage and an all-purpose area.
- 2- Remodel the current children's ministry bldg. into space for the Freedom House women and staff!
- 3- Rework the current women's space in the big house for more men and men staff!
- 4- Convert the third floor into storage space!

We are very excited to be part of the church expansion and the Freedom House expansion. We look forward to the opportunity to serve even more men and women in the SE Missouri area. Watch our Facebook for current project updates and ways you could be a blessing in this. We know the Lord has given the vision and He will provide for this financial undertaking.

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And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

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