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

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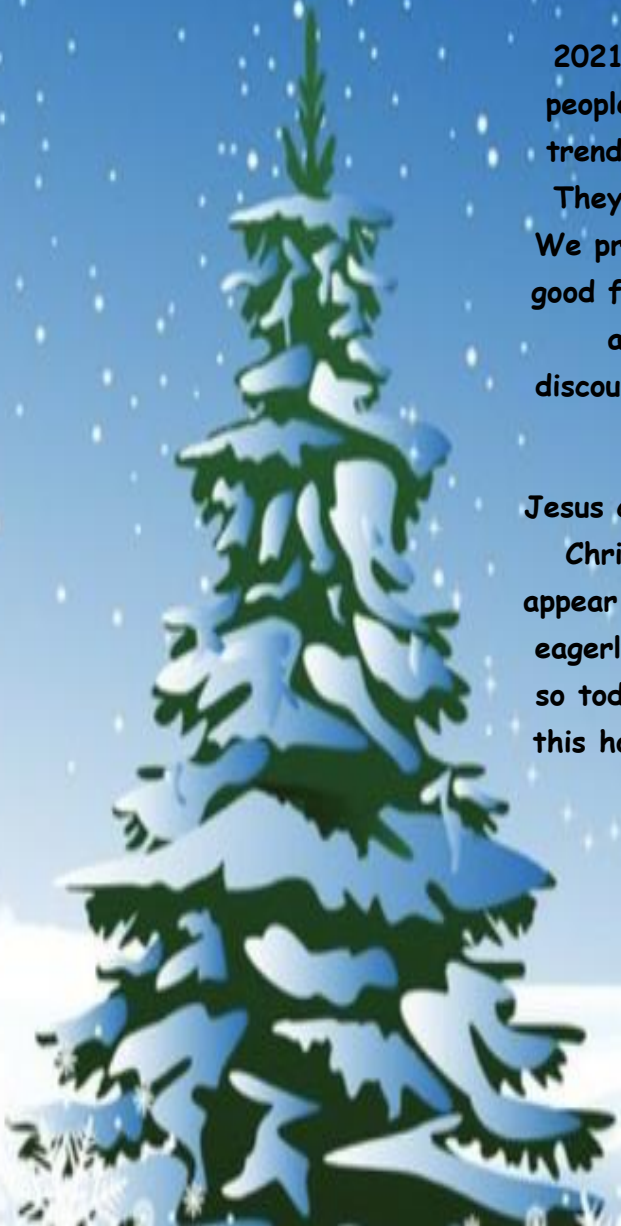


2021 has been an awesome year in the Lord! We have seen many people come to know the Lord this year. We have also seen a new trend this year where people come in but they are not desperate. They get sober for a few days and leave - craving their old life. We pray for those that left but look forward to those to come. A good friend told me that we cannot look at the harvest we reap but at the seeds that were planted. It would be easy to get discouraged however, I am so grateful so be a seed planter and let God be the waterer.

Jesus came as a baby in a manger and He is coming back again. "So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him." Hebrews 9:28. Tomorrow is not promised so today is the day to get right with Him. As you gather together this holiday season, remember to tell others about Jesus. You may be the only chance someone gets to hear the Gospel.

Grace and Peace to all in the New Year to come!

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14





My name is **Albert Ellis Gardner**, and I was born in Nashville, TN in 1977. When I was 8 years old, my parents got divorced and my home life was violent. I was lost and looking for something that my mom couldn't give me and I turned to the streets. By the time I was 13, I was in a gang. Being in a gang gave me a false sense of peace, like I was finally part of something, and I fit in somewhere. I also felt like I always had to prove myself. The streets will make your heart cold and hard like a rock. In the end, I found nothing but pain and hopelessness. The street life and my gang would finally turn on me and try to take my life. I really felt like I was going to die on March 26th. I ended up sleeping on Vanderbilt campus because I felt like I would be safe there. I awoke to the most beautiful sound I had ever heard in my life. I looked up and seen a tall cathedral in in sky and realized I was hearing the sound of church bells. At that moment I knew it was God speaking to me. I felt it all over my body. Just a feeling of peace that I will never forget. That night I prayed to God to forgive me for my sins, and I told him that I wanted to go to Heaven and that I did not want to die in my sin. **"God demonstrates His own love for us in this while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** Romans 5:8. His Word says that he will leave the 99 to rescue the one and that day...the 1 was me! I could not run anymore, and I had nowhere to run to, but little did I know, Jesus had a plan for me and everything in my life was leading me to where I am today. I had to lose everything to gain everything and that's how He came to me to show me His power and His love and His mercy pulling me out of my mess and delivering my soul from death. My cousin had been to a mission teens center, and I reached out to him for help. He dropped me off at Freedom House and my life is changed. I knew the moment I got here that I was feeling a love that I had never experienced before. Jesus has done so much for me. I have 4 kids that were taken away because of the life I was living. I was told that I had permanently lost all parental rights. I am currently in an appeal process and cannot wait to see God's restoring power in this situation. I give God all glory for everything. **"For you delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling."** Psalm 116:8

Our top prayer for 2021 is that the Lord will continue to fill the beds and grow His ministry at Freedom House. We pray that the people He sends will be desperate for a life change that only comes through Jesus Christ. We pray for all the churches and other Mission Teens centers across the United States. We also pray for our nation and its leaders.



The world needs Jesus!

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold**, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**.



Isaiah 7, verse 14



Thanks to everyone who has sent in a \$65 Sponsorship for the Christmas gifts! It's not too late to get yours in just mark the memo portion of your check "Christmas".

Happy New Year

Tuesday, Dec 21st - Thursday, Dec 23rd
Dusk to 8:30 pm Nightly

What a wonderful way for you and your family to witness the true meaning of Christmas!



Brought to you by the residents of Freedom House

NEEDS

Breakfast Meats, Turkey, Ham, Hamburger meat, Fresh Produce, 5w30 Motor Oil, 5w20 Motor Oil, Dexcool Anti-Freeze, De-Icer Windshield Fluid, Windex

Regular Monthly Supporters – Please ask the Lord if He would have you send a portion of your giving to us.

SPECIAL NEED – Good running truck or van for donation pick ups



The holidays can be especially hard for some people. If you are ready to be delivered from your life-controlling problems, if you are ready for **JESUS**, then we believe that our program is for **YOU**. If you are looking for help for yourself or for a loved one, please pick up the phone and call us today... **573-371-2020**. We will be happy to help or direct you to one of our other 20 Mission Teen centers.