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# Highlights from 2020



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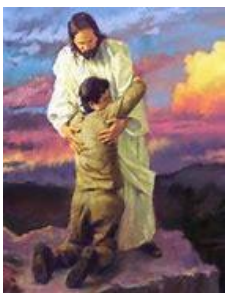


My name is **Eric Wood**. I am 26 years old from Dexter, Missouri. I've always had the feeling that I was going to do something "big" in this life, even though I grew up feeling rejected by my father who was very abusive and controlling because he was addicted to pain medication. I always felt like he treated me different than he treated my 2 older brothers. I never felt loved. My father overdosed and we found him dead in our dining room when I was 15 years old. At the time, I guess I felt happy and relieved that he was dead. I decided right then that I would never let anyone else treat me the way he did. I became extremely rebellious and was out of control. I started hanging out with the wrong people and doing drugs. I finally felt accepted, but it was all false. It took me down a very dark path. I ended up in juvenile and on probation and in and out of several rehabs. When I turned 18, I got caught and tried as an adult and the cycle continued for 3 prison terms. I never thought I would be the person I had become. I went to a church and someone told me about Freedom House. I came here and completed the program. The Lord told me to stay on for staff training and I did. Shortly after I graduated, during my staff training commitment, I was released from my probation. I was supposed to be on probation for 3 more years, but the Lord was showing me favor. That's when I allowed the devil to creep back into my thought. I was constantly thinking about how free I was from the laws of man. I was judging everything and everyone around me, just waiting for a reason to leave the mission and my commitment. I got corrected and that's all it took. I left and fell flat on my face. I came back to let the Lord complete the good work He started in me and complete the commitment I had made with the Lord. The Lord continues to work on my pride. I don't like it, but He knows what I need. I always knew I was going to do something "big" and now I am! I get to see miracles each and every day. I finally realize that life without Christ is meaningless. My family restoration has begun, and I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store. I have made so many mistakes, but I am forgiven. I get to witness lives being changed because of God's grace and love for all of us. Romans 8:37-39 ***"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow-not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below-indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."***

### **PRAISE REPORT!!!!**

In last month's newsletter, we gave glory to God for answering our top prayer of 2020 by filling the beds at Freedom House and raising up great staff to help all those He sends. Our prayer going into 2021 was for His guidance on ways to expand to serve more people. Praise the Lord!! He is so faithful. Before the new year even started, He had already provided the plan. (**Matthew 6:8b** ***"for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."***) We are excited to announce that we will be gaining 3200 square foot of residential and staff living space. Thank you Jesus and Open Door Church!! Our plan is to help the church expand their worship center and then we will gain this new space. The space will need to be modified to add showers, laundry facilities, a few walls and some basic upgrades. Please be in prayer about ways you can help us in the coming year to finance this expense. (**Philippians 4:19** ***"But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."***)

### **GRADUATION BANQUET**



*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.*

### **JANUARY NEEDS**

Lunch Meat, Salt, Pepper,  
Sugar, Eggs, Bread,  
Fruits and Veggies

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels,  
Feminine Products, Trash Bags,  
Bleach, Rubbing Alcohol,  
Dish Soap

Large and Small Envelopes,  
HP 63 Black Ink

### ***Regular Monthly Supporters***

*We have a lot of fundraisers over the year, but we need regular support that we can count on each month.*

*Please pray and ask the Lord if you could pledge a portion of your giving to us.*

