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

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied." Matthew 5:6

I saw a quote the other day that said something like McDonalds can mess up your order 100 times and you still keep going back, but one thing happens at church (or the mission) and you stop going. People are just not hungry enough. I have been thinking about this lately. We get several phone calls daily from people who are in a bad situation and need help. We go through the application process and ask them if they are willing to seek Jesus for the answer to their problems. If they agree, we just let God do the rest. Our prayer is that God will send people who are hungry for Him; those who truly want change. We have seen a revolving door of people who want change and are desperate until they do not get their own way. Then all of the sudden they want to run back to their old life. If you are not hungry for the Truth, you will never be satisfied. People want change but they only want to change the things they want to change. Mission Teens is not a "rehab" we don't allow drugs so when someone enters the program, they are no longer bound to that habit. We try to fix the other things that led us to that habit. Mainly not knowing Jesus or who we are in Him. We don't need to count the days, months, years of "clean time" because we are no longer the same person. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says that ***anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*** It is amazing how many Bible scholars forget this verse and want to bind addicts to "recovery" or "how long have you been sober?" My Bible says the old is GONE! A NEW life has begun. That passage goes onto say ***"all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, NO LONGER COUNTING PEOPLE'S SINS against them.***

We count our new life in Christ as joy. Being fully satisfied, even when trials come.



At the Directors Meeting last month in Florida, some exciting changes took place. Steve Schwartz is now the Chief Executive Director of Mission Teens, Inc and he named Victor Adair and our own Pastor Gary Smith as Co-Executive Directors. Victor will be overseeing the Mission Teen centers in Florida, Oregon, Georgia, California and New Jersey. Gary will be overseeing the 3 centers in Arkansas (Center Ridge, Marked Tree and Paragould), Indiana and Missouri. Please pray for these leaders as they are led by the Lord in their new duties.

We are so grateful to be part of what is happening in Mission Teens and the Kingdom!

We are so blessed to have these men teach and lead us.



My name is **Danny Washburn**. I am 50 years old and was born in Joplin, Missouri. I had what I felt like was a pretty good childhood besides the fact that up until I was 12 years old, I saw my dad get drunk and beat up my mom. I have 2 older brothers and they beat up on me like brothers do. When I was very young, I learned to play pool which opened the door to a lifestyle of gambling, even if I was only playing with lunch money. When I turned 18, I joined the Navy. This really opened the door to my ripping and running. I never liked to stay in one place for too long and with the Navy, I was able to travel half the world including 10 countries. I met my first wife in Mexico, and we have 2 wonderful kids. I left the Navy and started a career in welding. I traveled a lot. The traveling led to endless drinking, drugs, and women along the way. I got pretty out there on drugs, but it was the drinking that led me to Freedom House. Alcohol was so easy to get. I was a "functioning" alcoholic for several years. I met my second wife while I was still married to my first of 21 years. I know I hurt a lot of people along the way with my actions. For the past 4 years I have been drunk and don't remember half of those years. The reason I know that God had His hand on me is that all of the times I should have been thrown in jail, I have actually never even been arrested. I thank God that He protected me from myself before I even knew Him. I came to Freedom House in November 2022. It is the best and hardest thing I have ever done. I have had to be still and look at myself. I never had to do that when I was running. I needed to be still for a long time, even though I kept running. God had to do it for me. Jesus has really been working on me since I have been here. I was very angry for a long time and was very difficult to deal with or correct. Today I am calm, and I know who to look to when I feel anxious and want to run. The scripture that has helped me the most is James 1:12 **"Consider is pure joy my brethren when you face trials of many kinds."**

We have a few Sunday's in October, November and December open if you would like us to come and share at your church! We fill up quick so if you are interested, please contact Dezirae @ 573-609-1175. We love to come and share what the Lord is doing here and offer hope through Jesus Christ.



EVANGELISM IN THE PARK

Qulin, MO 7/29

Poplar Bluff, MO 8/26

10 AM – 2 PM

The first park event in Parma was a huge success! Several churches and ministries came together to serve. 273 people were blessed with FREE food and clothing, fellowship, music and fun.

26 people prayed to receive salvation!!!!

"There's a world that's longing for something more. How can they know unless they're told?"

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

JULY NEEDS:

Pork, Beef, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Freezer Bags, Toothpaste, Feminine Hygiene Products, Potting Soil, R134A Freon, 5W30 Motor Oil, Dex-Cool Coolant, Windshield Wiper Fluid, Reading Glasses, Copy Paper, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Laundry Soap, Rubbing Alcohol

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