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

Everyone is excited about the holiday season. We have our Fall Talent Show on November 21ST, followed by a Thanksgiving Day of feasting and fellowship. Then we jump right into the Christmas play. We are going to be attending several different churches throughout November and December, handing out brochures and telling testimonies about what Jesus is doing in and through us. We will also be presenting a live nativity the week of Christmas. Last year everyone was blessed with the peace, comfort and joy that only comes from Jesus during this busy time of the year and we are looking with great expectations this year. Please pray about being a blessing to us throughout this time. (*Philippians 4:6,7 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*)

We are so grateful for everyone who supports what God is doing here. We stay busy all the time. We keep our eyes on Jesus and He moves the mountains. The house continues to stay full and God continues to provide.

We have so many people who just want to be a part of what He is doing here.

We cannot express how much that encourages us.

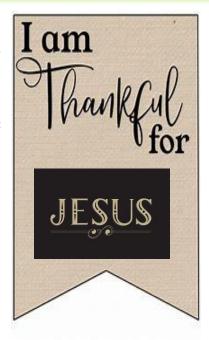
Lisa Lambert – I am thankful for learning to have a real relationship with Jesus. I am grateful that He is restoring my family, my mental health and healing wounds from my past.

Trace Cohn – I am thankful for the restoration with my family and the new joyful, beautiful life I now have in Christ

Shelby Campbell – I am thankful for second chances, Freedom House and my Kids and my mother. I am grateful for God's love and mercy in my life that now I get a daily shower and delicious food to eat.

Jason Motter – I am grateful for a peace I never had before.





Treyton Hartle – I am so grateful for my new life in Christ. I am also grateful for this house of refuge and the opportunity to help others learn about Iesus.

LeeAnn Woods – I am so grateful to have a purpose in the world and also for the love that the Lord has put in my life.

Jacob Barnes – I am thankful for this house and the love that has been shown to me from the minute I got here. I am also grateful for Jesus and the family that He put in my life that will be there for me forever, no matter what!

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.

My name is **Courtney Shipley**. I am 28 years old. I was born in Southern California to loving parents and grew up in church. Since I grew up in a good home and never struggled with drugs, I really didn't think I had a testimony for a long time. Yes, my life felt lonely and empty, but I had no idea why. I was married to my high school sweetheart, we owned a home, we both drove brand new cars, and we both had respectable jobs that paid well. On the outside, my life lacked nothing. Yet, week after week I continued to see a therapist for my laundry list of mental health diagnoses. Month after month, I continued to fill prescriptions for antidepressants, anti-anxiety medications, anti-psychotics, and sleeping pills. Nothing seemed to help. My psychiatrist and my therapist both seemed content with how I was doing but I was absolutely miserable. My life felt completely empty, I lacked purpose in every sense of the word. Most of all, however, I lacked integrity.

Since, I remembered how women in church used to talk about how their relationship with Jesus brought meaning and hope into their lives, I decided to try to get back into church. My husband and I began attending church with my family every Sunday, but I still craved more. I also began to get involved with a ministry that focused on reaching out to women that struggled with depression and anxiety. Ironically, it seemed like the more I got involved with church and this ministry, the more strain it put on my marriage. Slowly but surely my husband and I began to drift farther apart as the Lord started to take more of a priority in my life. This left me even more confused than ever before. Wasn't my life supposed to get better the closer I got to Jesus? Wasn't my marriage supposed to get easier? What was I doing wrong? That's when I decided that the Lord had nothing to offer me, the church had nothing to offer me, and living a responsible life had nothing to offer me. If I couldn't be happy, what was the point of going to school, working a job with crazy hours, and constantly trying to be perfect? Since I was already miserable, I decided to throw out the structure that controlled every aspect of my life and live in a way to try to satisfy myself in any way I could. In a matter of months, I was divorced, jobless, car-less and on the verge of being homeless with to desire to be alive. That's when I decided to give Freedom House a try. I figured I would stay for a few months to detox from all of the psych meds I was on then begin the hunt for a new psychiatrist. However, the Lord began to work for me the second I walked on property. I did not experience a single symptom from coming all of the cocktail of psych meds I was on and I was able to sleep the first night I was here. Facing the person I allowed myself to stoop down to had been the most difficult thing I have ever done but I have stood on Exodus 14:14 in my times of distress, "The Lord will fight for you, you need only be still."

Being at Freedom House has allow

"Events"

- ✓ November 21st FALL TALENT SHOW
- ✓ December 19th CHRISTMAS PLAY
- ✓ December 20th 23rd LIVE NATIVITY

Christmas is Coming! Christmas Sponsors Needed

We are currently collecting \$65/per resident for purchasing Christmas gifts.

For many of the people at Freedom House, this will be the first Christmas in a long time that they will spend sober. This is also, for many, the first time that they will truly understand the meaning behind this special time of year and why we celebrate...because of JESUS!

We want to make this holiday a great day for each of them. We let the residents make a list of things they want and then we go out and buy the items with the money that is raised. We wrap each gift, place them under the tree and then we open them as a family on Christmas.

Please pray about being a blessing to us with a sponsorship

We are also collecting items for a Traditional Holiday Meal.



NEEDS...Turkeys, Hams, Rolls, Butter, Sugar, Creamer, Deli Meat, Plastic Ware, Styrofoam Cups, Paper Plates, Cake Mix, Tea, Pepper, Large and Small Envelopes, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Bleach, Mop Heads, Dex-coil Anti-Freeze, 5W30 Motor Oil, Rubbing Alcohol



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