



My name is **Melissa Gaydos** and I'm 29 years old. My whole life I never felt like I fit in and that I needed to be different somehow. No matter who I was around I felt all alone. From as long as I can remember I struggled with depression. Like what's the point to life or does it even matter if I'm alive. I was bullied a lot too and walked in a lot of fear. Why doesn't anyone like me or why can't I just be normal are questions that haunted me. Pain pills took all those thoughts away, well at least at first. Suddenly that sick feeling in my stomach was gone and I felt normal. Before I knew it though, that same pill consumed and controlled me. It didn't matter if I was broke or homeless or who I hurt. I was a master manipulator and pathological liar. No one could stand to be around me but that didn't matter. In 2011 I got saved because something inside of me told me I needed Jesus. In the Bible Jesus says, **"You did not choose me, but I chose you."** John 15:16 and I believe that. At that time, I wasn't looking for Jesus, but He found me. I got to know Jesus really well and fell in love with Him. Everything was different, it wasn't like I never struggled again, and my life is happily ever after. Along the way I have fallen got back up and fallen again. I still struggled with depression and loneliness. I still have to face me every day. The good, bad and ugly. At times it hurts as bad I just wanted to give up. Bitterness, anger and self-righteousness have tripped me up more times than I like to admit. Jesus has been there for me the whole time though with just enough grace to get me through. He didn't just save me from my sin, but He saved me from my self. I picture Jesus on the cross, beaten so bad that you can't even recognize Him, people laughing and mocking Him and Jesus just looking back at them with this hurt in His eyes like, "Don't you know I love you." And I get to know that love today. Every day I get to know that even more. His love far outweighs any guilt or shame or sin. I have been at Freedom House for almost a year and it has given me a safe place to be myself, to make mistakes and to grow. Everyone here seeks after Jesus with their entire heart. No one's perfect but we all just try to love each other like Jesus because we know that **"love covers a multitude of sins."** 1 Peter 4:8

JANUARY NEEDS

Lunch Meat, All Purpose Flour,
Pepper, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Noodles,
Cake Mixes

Motor Oil, Dex Cool Anti Freeze,
De-Icer Windshield Fluid, Bleach,
Hand Soap, Dish Soap

Large and Small Envelopes,
College Rule Notebooks
HP 63 Black Ink

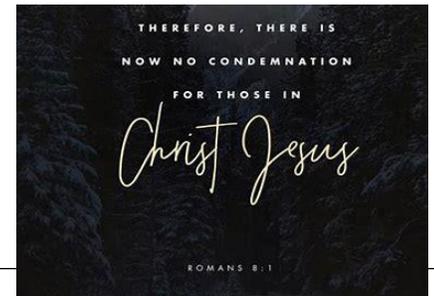
Pick Up Truck with Hitch,
Smaller Car that is good on gas

Regular Monthly Supporters

Our top prayer request for 2020 is that the Lord will fill all the beds at Freedom House and all 20 Mission Teens centers across the United States. We pray that the people He sends will be desperate and hungry for change that can only come from Jesus. We pray that He will raise up the staff to help lead the residents at all the centers. Please keep this in your prayers.

The world needs Jesus!!

If you would like us to come to your church or event, to share through worship and testimony, what Jesus is doing in our lives...please contact Derrick Mitchell @ 573-344-5110.



GRADUATION BANQUET

MARCH 21ST



*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11



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.

FREEDOM HOUSE
Mission Bible Training Center
A division of Mission Teens, Inc
www.freedomhousembtc.com



27791 State Highway 25
PO Box 221
Holcomb, MO 63852
573-371-2020
freedomhousembtc@gmail.com
Like us on Facebook!!

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

2019

"You did awesome and amazing things which we did not expect.." Isaiah 64:3



Setting the Captives FREE!



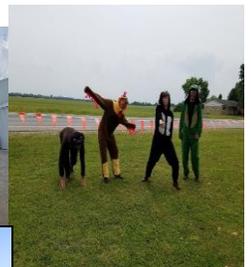
Serving the Community



Holiday Fun!



Renovating God's House



Fundraisers

50 years ago, Rev. Jim Bracken received a vision from the Holy Spirit to create a safe place for the lost, broken and hopeless to find love and purpose for their life through Jesus Christ. Mission Teens was birthed and became just that. We currently have a house full of people from New Jersey to New Mexico who come from all different backgrounds with all different problems, but everyone has one thing in common... we all reached the bottom and became desperate for change. We have good days and bad days, but one thing remains, Jesus loves us, and we all desperately need Him. We had a special sign made for our dining room (pictured) and it just keeps on ministering to us. Anyone can give up. We are all good at giving up and then blaming others for our problems.

But when you press through, you will reap a harvest!

