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

Since 1969, well over 26,000 people have come through the doors of a Mission Teens center with a 90% success rate for the people who have graduated and have been reporting back. Freedom House has had 300 people in the past 4 years. It is amazing to think of all the lives that have been touched. We have had 72 graduates of the 8 – 10 month program since March, 2016. The program itself is not easy because you are forced to look at yourself and ask the Lord to help you heal and fix the areas that are broken. We are so encouraged by the number of graduates that have come out of Freedom House and have applied what they learned here and are doing well.

Be encouraged as a few of the past graduates share their heart about their lives after graduation ...

ALLELUIA!

Drew Waddell - (2017 Graduate) “When I graduated, I came back to Tupelo, MS and helped open a rehab. Then just a few weeks later, I went to court and had to go back to prison. Going to prison was difficult, but God had given me the tools to stand firm and hold on to the promises while I was there, so I didn’t fall back into drugs. I’ve been out of prison almost 2 years now and God has given me my wife and kids back, a better job and appointed me to be over the youth at my church. I wouldn’t turn back for anything in this world now. Isaiah 54:17 no weapon formed against me shall prosper.”

Skylar Matheney - (2017 Graduate) “The mission gave me a foundation on which to build my new life in Christ on. Life did not get any easier, but because of that foundation, I have learned how to properly deal with life issues. When a problem comes about, I know who to go to - JESUS”

Hunter Willis - (2019 Graduate) “My life after the mission has been completely different. Not only do I have a relationship with Jesus, but I also have a true relationship with my family. Way better than I could ever imagine. Not to say I do not struggle because I do, but I know who is standing beside me and not going to let me fall. Fear not do not be dismayed for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go! Joshua 1:9”

Tyler Cullum - (2019 Graduate) “Life was not the painted picture I had in my head. But I thank God that He sent me to Freedom House to learn the tools of everyday life! Now when I know the devil is coming after me, I know how to stop it. The Lord has blessed me since I’ve come home. He has opened doors I never thought would open by giving me a good job right after graduating. I want to thank Jesus and Freedom House for giving me a new life.”

John Van Loan - (2018 Graduate) “I now have a personal intimate relationship with Jesus. I learned that I’m not fighting physically, but spiritually and now I can look to Jesus in the storms. The battle has already been won. He restored my family and my life.”

Jason Freeman - (2020 Graduate) “Life has been challenging. I had to find work and make time for my family. I am keeping myself buried in the Bible. Praise Him, my family has been restored.”

Cody Ishmael - (2019 Graduate) “Going to the mission didn’t change the world or the people in it. Sadly, it’s the exact same as it was before if not worse. What is different now though is that I don’t have to face these battles myself or try and figure it out on my own. I put it all in the Lord’s hands and He is always faithful in every situation. I’m constantly in awe of how He is working all around me.”

Shawn Matheney - (2018 Graduate) “My life after the mission has been a blessing and I give all the glory to God. My family has been restored and we are all living for the Lord. I want to thank everyone that took the time to show me love and I am grateful for all the friendships that were built.”

Bradley-Boyer Able - (2019 Graduate) “I got married the day of my graduation to my beautiful wife and mother of my son. Of course, I had my own plans, but God revealed to me that He is in control and His ways are better than mine. Life is great today because of what Jesus did for me and my family through Freedom House. He is beyond faithful and continues to be my provider. Life still throws its curveballs and stressors at me, however because of the solid foundation I have with Jesus, I have the strength and have been equipped with the tools to stand firm. All glory to God!”

Clair Florence - (2016 Graduate) “When I graduated the program, I felt the Lord wanted me to stay on for staff training, and I grew so much more in my walk with Him. Then, last September, the Lord called me to go help the mission in East Kentucky. The Lord has blessed me because He has restored my relationship with my son and his wife, and now the best news; they’re having a baby and I will be blessed to be a grandmother for the first time! I thank the Lord every day for saving me and blessing me.”

Earl Gyger - (2018 Graduate) “Since graduating, I have been able to hold down a job and take care of my family. Even in times of struggle, I am able to use the tools and scripture I learned at the mission and get back on track. I am truly blessed.”

4th Annual Graduation Banquet

Saturday, March 21st 6pm

Please RSVP* to Susan Smith @ 314-640-0019 or Dezirae Starcher @ 573-609-1175



My name is Russell Bishop, I am 54 years old from Highlandville, Missouri. My father was a Baptist preacher and our lives were centered around God. I was saved when I was 18. I attended a Bible college for 4 years and married my high school sweetheart, Sharon. Our intention was to serve the Lord in whatever avenue He would lead us, which we did for a while. Going to church seemed to just become an obligation. Having a drink on the weekend was not uncommon, but at the time I could take it or leave it. My walk with the Lord was suffering. I started missing church, setting the Bible down and not even praying. I became very successful in the construction business and began to believe it was all my self-reliance and not at all the Lord taking care of me and my family. This had not been a conscience decision of not relying on Him, it was gradual. The housing market crashed and I was no longer the hero I thought I was. My drinking escalated from weekends to daily. I still thought I could stop if I wanted to, but I didn't realize that drinking had replaced my relationship with Christ. I took a job out of town and the problem got worse. Now I was drinking from the stress of being away from my family. Wherever I turned, alcohol seemed to be the answer. I eventually opened a taxidermy and gun shop to be back home more. I started drinking earlier in the afternoons. Alcohol had its hold on me, and it seemed there was no way out. It was taking me down a road of destruction. The Lord had a plan for me even though I had let something else replace Him. God had put a man twenty years earlier in my path. This man was a recent graduate of Freedom House. Sharon invited our friend to our home in February 2019 to talk to us about how the Lord helped him overcome his alcohol addiction. I made every excuse about why I should not go to Freedom House. All these excuses still had to do with self-reliance. Finally, in August, I woke up in the middle of the night telling Sharon I needed help. The power of prayer should never be underestimated. Sharon later told me she had been praying 3 years for me to get the end of myself and go down to Freedom House. James 5:16 says, **"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."** On August 16, 2019 I arrived at Freedom House a broken man. This decision at a crossroads in my life turned out to be the best decision I've ever made. God was here waiting on me to be obedient and make the right choice to come back to Him. The Lord has not only taken away my desire to drink, He has restored my marriage and given me a desire to serve Him again. I thank the Lord for His protection when allowing me to get into a mess I created, bring me through self-destruction and then provide a way out. I want to put Jesus first in my life again and owe Him everything. He is the author and finisher of my faith. Gal 2:20 says, **"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ lived in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."** I'm excited to see what the Lord had in store for me.

EASTER TALENT SHOW CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS!

SATURDAY – APRIL 4TH @ 7 PM

March needs....

We are totally dependent upon God to move upon the hearts of people to supply our needs. Our needs include basically anything it takes to run a large household (food, finances, cleaning supplies, etc.). There is no charge for any of our services and none of the staff receives pay.

Highlighters, Whiteout, 5w-30 Motor Oil, Dex cool Anti-Freeze, Cooking Oil, Kool-Aid, Gallon size Ziplock bags, Pancake Syrup, Lunch Meats, Chips, Brooms and Dust Pans, Yard Sale Tables

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.



Yard sale season is coming upon is quickly! The Freedom House yard sale is one of our most successful forms of reaching out to the lost. If you have any items that you would like to donate please call James at 573-371-2020.

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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.