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

We pray that everyone is doing well during these trying times. For most, it has been an exceptionally long April and we are looking to the Lord for a better May. It seems that the enemy is trying to use this time to divide some of God's people. I have read several people talking about 3 points to our current world and I can honestly say, I think everything is a process and I can look back over the last 40 days and admit that I have gone through each phase. 1.FAITH – ("Because you know the testing of your faith produces perseverance." James 1:3) Knowing that we serve a God that protects. That is healthy, but some have taken this to the extreme saying, "I'm going to go about my life as usual because I am protected by the blood of Jesus." 2.FEAR – ("For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7) Not taking thoughts captive, walking in the measure of faith that is given to us, and actually checking the news every hour to see what new development we need to fear. Being a leader in a house of 39 people, I think it is necessary to be informed, but not necessary to let it overtake your thoughts. 3.WISDOM – ("Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider great love of the Lord." Psalm 107:43) Submitting to the governing authorities and doing what is best even if it does not make sense which I guess takes us full circle back to FAITH. We have been isolating since mid-March. We are not having our normal teachers come out and we are not allowing visits. We are still having 5 1/5 hours every day of worship and Bible study. The staff has stepped up to do all the teaching and we are experiencing a bond through the house that we have not had in a long time. "We know that God works all things to the good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

*Thank you, Jesus, for the time you are giving us and families all over to slow down and bond with each other but more importantly to get closer to You.*

We have been blessed with a huge gift from our friends at Creative Design Group (4cdg.com)! They have revamped our entire website. You will find that the new site is very user friendly. It is updated daily. You can also view archives of past testimonies and worship services as well as our Easter Talent Show. We welcome your feedback and know that you will be blessed.

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**Grand Opening**  
of our new website!

Thanks Dave and the crew at 4CDG for this huge blessing!



*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 **Patrick Cook**. I am 40 years old and from St. Louis, Missouri. I was raised by parents who did well but were alcoholics. Growing up, I always felt different and had very few friends. I also had a hard time fitting in anywhere because I was a very sick kid and couldn't participate in what "normal kids" do which led to me feeling left out and very alone. Growing up, I always said that I would never smoke, drink or do drugs and I didn't until I went to college. That's where my addiction to alcohol started and eventually led me to losing my job, home and everything I owned and cost me all of my friends and loved ones. Throughout all of this., I struggled with depression, anxiety, guilt, shame, fear, rejection and condemnation from myself and other people. I had heard of Jesus since my childhood but never really had a personal relationship with Him. Well, a few months before I turned 40, I had finally had enough of the life I had been living and just called on Jesus. Psalm 40:1 says, "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry." This definitely applies to me because when I did call on the Lord, he heard me and moved on my behalf. To my surprise He moved quickly. Within 24 hours of crying out to Him in prayer He put a nurse in my path that told me about Freedom House. That's when I knew the Lord really had moved on my behalf to rescue me from the life I had been living for so long. At that time, I came here to Freedom House and gave my life back to the Lod and without hesitation he delivered me out of everything that I had dealt with on my own. Luke 18:27 says "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Since I have been here, Jesus really has become the center of my life and gave me a new family to love and to be loved by. Not only that, but He has also broken all of the strongholds that I have so long struggled with. Jesus has also taught me to go and do for others the same way He has done for me and I am excited to see what He has in store for me to go and do in His name.



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## *MAY NEEDS*

Men's and Women's Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Body Wash, Razors, Q-Tips

Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Brooms, 5w #10 Motor Oil, Dex-Cool Antifreeze, Brooms, Water Hoses, Wheelbarrow, Wheelbarrow Tires, Fertilizer, Potting Soil

Cream Cheese, Lunch Meats, Shortening, Butter, Chips



*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.*



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 573-888-7545.

*\*Please pray that we are able to continue with our sales this summer*