



Frederick's been inspired... "I'm staying on the path of change!"

Frederick has followed many paths in his 54 years. The first path led him to run away from home and an abusive father at age 13.

Down that road, he began "hanging out with the wrong crowd," which led to drinking and smoking and "getting into trouble with the law." Eventually, Frederick's path led straight to prison.

"I stayed on the right path for a while," he says. "But then, my

addiction got out of control again... **I knew I needed a change."**

At first, Frederick thought that it was "word of mouth" that led him to the Mission and our Hebron Addiction Recovery Program. But he knows now that it was God doing the leading.

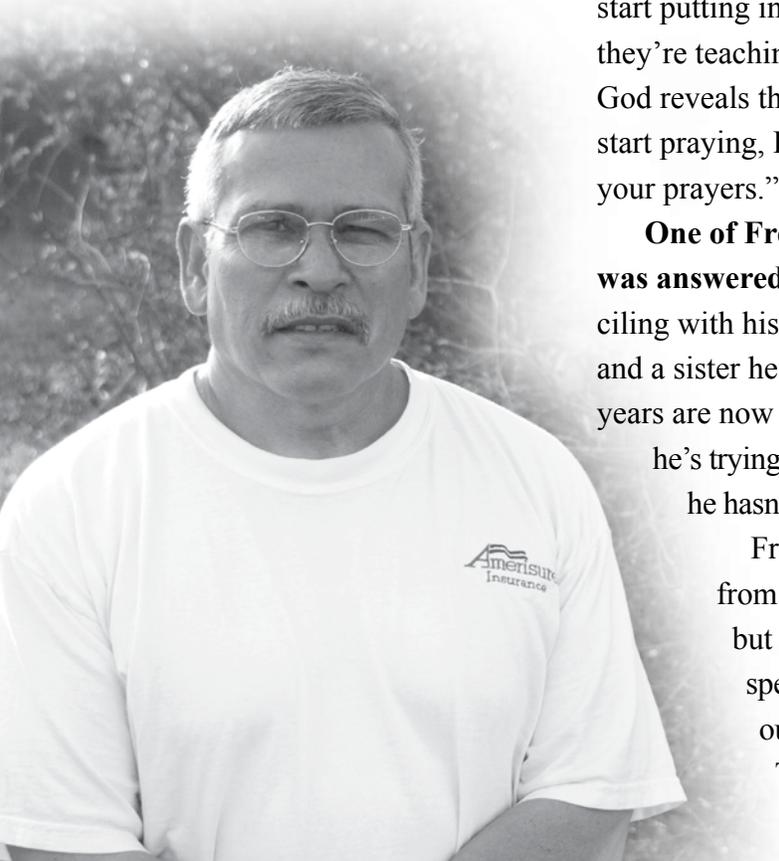
From that time on, Frederick started living "a whole different life." "It's just like being born again in Christ," he says. "You start putting into practice what they're teaching you in class, and God reveals things to you. As you start praying, He starts answering your prayers."

One of Frederick's prayers was answered as he began reconciling with his family. His mother and a sister he hasn't seen in six years are now writing to him, and he's trying to locate the daughter he hasn't seen since 2002.

Frederick graduated from Hebron in April, but he's committed to spend another year in our Servant Leadership Training Program,

which is similar to an internship. He believes God is leading him into ministry. "I realize that I still have a long way to go. It's a lifetime struggle. I accept that, and I've made a commitment to continue."

"Every day, I get up and I thank God for what He has given me and for bringing me here. I try to show my thankfulness by serving others; trying to be a good example for my younger brothers in the program. I just try to inspire them and encourage them to stay on that path of change. That's where it's all at...being obedient and staying on that path."



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A Message From Rick Alvis



A New Vision

Christmas is time of joy and celebration. And at the very heart of this celebration is a child born in a stable and placed in a manger... a child whose birth, life and death transformed the world, giving us a new vision.

Thanks to your partnership, we are able to share this vision with those who come to the Mission... people who are lost and forsaken, those who have no family or friends, and individuals who are alone and frightened.

With your help, we take them in. We feed and shelter them. And we offer them the hope of Christ.

May you feel blessed this Christmas, knowing that you have helped many who are less fortunate not only by providing food for their bodies, but nourishment for their spirits as well.

Rick Alvis
President/CEO

It's Not Too Late to Dash!

It's not too late! You can still register for the **10th annual Wheeler Mission Drumstick Dash** presented by Huntington Bank! It's a fun-filled run/walk on Thanksgiving morning, November 22 at 9 a.m.

Your entry will help feed homeless and hungry people in Central Indiana.

For more information or to register, visit www.WheelerMission.org or call (317) 635-3575. Sign up now!



Holiday Needs

60 turkeys
15 #10 cans of sweet potatoes or yams, or 4 large cases (200 lbs)
100 individual boxes of Stove Top stuffing
10 gallons of turkey gravy
25 lb. bag of brown sugar
20 lbs butter
35 gallons of apple cider
10 boneless hams

50 lb. bag of white onions
12 #10 cans of cranberry sauce
40 individual cans of Cream of Mushroom soup
40 lbs of fried onions



Donations can be dropped off at the Wheeler Mission Men's Residential Center at 245 N. Delaware St., 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., 7 days a week. Please call Milton at (317) 635-3575 or visit www.WheelerMission.org for more information.

Bah! Humbug!

When the Spirit of Christmas Present visits Ebenezer Scrooge in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, he brings a feast to dazzle the imagination... "turkeys, geese, great joints of meat, suckling-pigs, barrels of oysters, red hot chestnuts, cherry-cheeked apples, juicy oranges, luscious pears..."

Here at the Mission, we don't have suckling pigs or barrels of oysters. But many of our guests are still "dazzled" by a simple meal of turkey or ham, vegetables, potatoes and gravy, and perhaps a slice of pie for dessert.

You can supply just one of these



"feasts" with your gift of \$2.25. A special Christmas gift of \$27.00 will feed 12

people. And each and every donation you send will enable those in need to learn about the services here at the Mission that can truly change their lives! Life change often begins with a meal offered to a hungry person.

Please send a special holiday gift today or give online at WheelerMission.org to turn "Bah! Humbug!" into "God bless us, every one" for men, women and children right here in Indianapolis.

“God is working here...”

“He’s saving lives!”

Logan’s mom is a school teacher. His dad had a great job, and Logan enjoyed a “good life”...until he was 16 and started using meth [a drug that produces an intense euphoria or “rush” and can be highly addictive].

For the next four years, meth became Logan’s god. “I quit going to church and pretty much wiped out any chance I had of going to college,” he says. When he turned 18, Logan decided on a career: he was going to be a drug dealer.

By the time he was 21, Logan had gone through his first drug rehab program and stolen \$50,000 from his dad, with whom he had a mowing service. “He was getting ready to find out [about the money], so **I left a suicide note and bought a gun and was going to kill myself.**”

Thankfully, a friend talked Logan out of it, and he eventually went to rehab.

Rehab and relapse would set a pattern in Logan’s life for the next five years. But he really didn’t want to change. He held good jobs, and even had a relationship with a “godly woman.” But there came a point where decisions had to be made. He had to choose between drugs and his girlfriend. “To me, getting high was way more important.”

It wasn’t until two years ago that Logan finally “hit bottom.” But **those who loved him hadn’t given up!** His mom, dad and former girlfriend intervened and suggested Wheeler Mission.

It took another year before Logan actually entered our Hebron Addiction Recovery Program. “When I came in on June 27, I hadn’t done drugs in six months,” Logan says. “But I knew I wasn’t all right; I was helpless even

without drugs. There was a big void in my heart. That’s what God has filled for me!”

Logan cried out to God. “I asked Him to take over my life. I was tired of feeling empty and hopeless.”

From that point on, **Logan began to grow in wisdom and in his walk with the Lord.**

First, he spent three months at Wheeler Mission helping the homeless. “It’s very humbling,” Logan admits, “...a real eye-opener.” Instead of being caught up “in the world,” Logan began to see that it’s who you are rather than what you have that determines the kind of man you are.

Once he arrived at Camp Hunt, he thought he would “breeze through the program.” But the program was much harder than Logan ever imagined.

“I need to be saved just like the next guy,” he says, “probably more.” So when it came time to graduate, God put a calling on Logan’s heart to stay for one more year and enter our Servant Leadership Training Program. **“It’s been hard. But God has changed my life!”**

Thanks for Donating Socks

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Sock Drive! We had many businesses, organizations and churches collect thousands of pairs of socks! These men’s,



women’s and children’s socks help so much during these winter

months as we see record numbers come through our doors.

To learn more about how you can help the homeless this winter, visit our website at www.WheelerMission.org.

Skip One, Feed Two

Skip one large latte and put that \$4.50



toward providing two hungry, homeless, hurting people with a complete Thanksgiving meal.

A special, one-time gift of \$4.50 ensures that two people will not go hungry this holiday season.

Please help us feed, care for and share God’s love with all the hungry people in our community this Thanksgiving season. Visit our website at WheelerMission.org/QR or use your smart phone to scan the QR code to make your secure online donation.



Merry Christmas from Uncle Sam

I have some great news for you – Uncle Sam has a gift for you! That’s right, making a donation today can result in a nice “gift” when tax time rolls around.



The federal government encourages charitable giving by providing some significant tax benefits when you make a gift to a qualified charity like Wheeler Mission.

Year-end gifts can include gifts of cash (which are the easiest and most popular), appreciated securities, real estate, insurance or personal property.

Please call Steve Kerr at (317) 635-3575 for more information about giving a year-end gift.

Visit Us Online!

Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events and donate securely at www.WheelerMission.org.

Join us



Help Us Get People In from the Cold

Did you know that from the beginning of November through the end of March, Wheeler Mission is responsible for ensuring every man, woman and child is safely housed and out of the elements? That means when all of the beds at the Mission are full, we put mats on the floor to accommodate the overflow.

As our numbers increase, so does the need for extra supplies. Some of the items we need most are listed below.

Drop off donations at the Men’s Residential Center at 245 N. Delaware St., 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., 7 days a week. Please call Milton at (317) 635-3575 or visit www.WheelerMission.org for more information.

Shelter for Men and Men’s Residential Center

Hats
Gloves
Shampoo
Individual-sized soap
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Lotion
Disposable razors
Pajamas (M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
Underwear (thermal, boxers, briefs, t-shirts, tank tops - M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
Bath towels

Center for Women & Children

Hats
Gloves
Scarves
Vaseline
Lotion
Foot powder
Individual Kleenex packs
Large safety pins
Cough drops
Shampoo
Cream rinse
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Bath towels

Food Items

Coffee
Individual-sized juices
Lunch meat
Hamburger patties
Chicken
Pop Tarts
Individual-sized bags of potato chips
Sliced cheese
Creamer
Sugar packets
Sweet ‘n Low
12 oz. cups
Sandwich baggies
Paper lunch sacks
Mayo packets
Mustard packets
Ketchup packets
Napkins
Plastic spoons

