



INSIDE Story

WHEELER MISSION MINISTRIES *Help. Hope. Healing.*
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A Personal Word from the President/CEO

Often, the challenges that our guests face are simply overwhelming. Some like Alan, whose story is in this issue, are trying to break the hold of alcohol or drugs. Others are in constant pain from physical or emotional traumas ... or suffering from a mental illness.

How can we help these men and women overcome such big challenges in their lives?

I'm always comforted by this wise counsel from God's Word: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous hand." (Isaiah 41:10, ESV)

God is at the center of everything at Wheeler Mission, and He's bigger than the challenges our guests face. He's placed wonderful case managers and counselors here to point our guests to the One who walks beside them during the hardest moments of their lives.

God has also blessed this ministry through you. When you volunteer, donate or pray for us, God uses you in powerful ways.

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Alan was ready to admit

"I want help"

Alan remembers when his drinking and drug use went from recreational to something he "couldn't do without."

"The last few years were pretty rough," he says. "Heroin. Prison. I even attempted to take my own life. I was just completely lost."

Alan tried outpatient programs, but he found that nothing changed. **"They kept me away from drugs, but they didn't change my way of thinking."**

After losing his family, his job, and even a place to live, Alan ended up at a local hospital and told the attending doctor, "I want help." That's when the doctor gave him a list of 30 organizations and circled just one – Wheeler Mission.

It wasn't easy for Alan to step through our doors. "It was terrifying," he explains. "I was sick, had no money, no relationship with God and no plans to stick to the program here."

But no one here – our counselors, or the other men in our Addiction Recovery Program – was going to let Alan quit. "All these guys came by to introduce themselves,

hugging me, asking me how I was doing, telling me they were glad I was here."

And what really struck him was how happy and at peace the men in our program seemed. **"I would do whatever I had to do in the program to get what they had."**

Alan came in without spiritual direction – or interest in finding any. But as he's learned to trust God, step by step, his life has transformed.

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Since Alan has graduated, he's rebuilt his relationship with his family, found a great church, job and now has a place of his own.

As he looks forward, he's passionate about serving others who are in the same position he was once in. "I'd like to help guys who feel like they have no other options, who don't realize steps they can take to change their lives."

"Wheeler Mission saves lives," Alan says with a smile. **"It definitely saved my life."**

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And thanks to you, we have the opportunity to enlarge our kitchen and dorm areas at the Mission - renovations that expand our facilities and the number of people we can help.

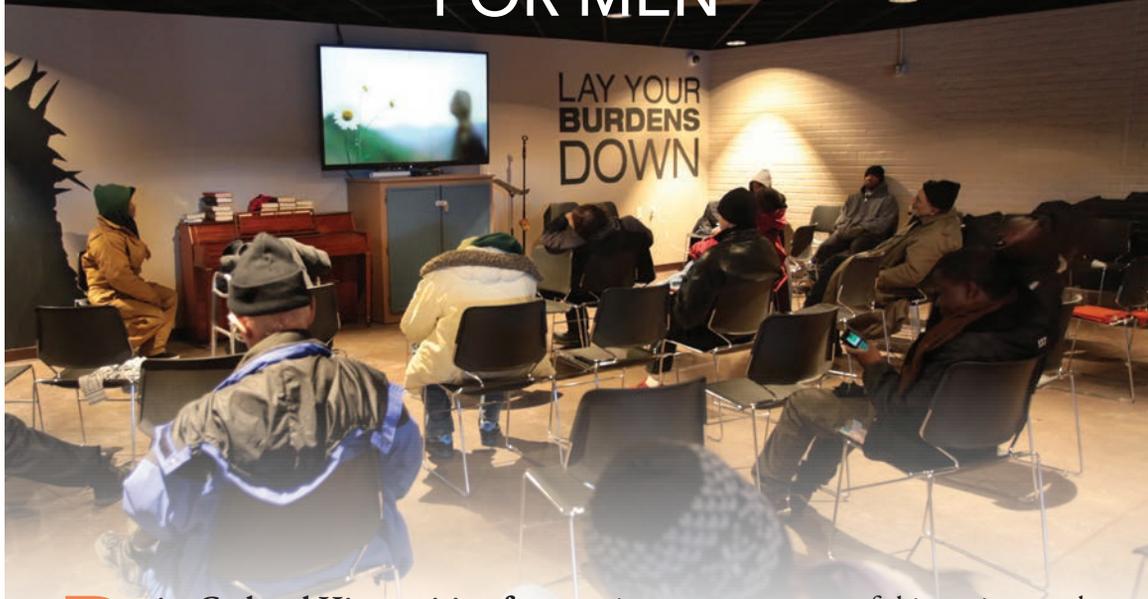
The challenges may be overwhelming. But today, there are people who have turned their lives around because of you. They were at the lowest point, of addiction or illness, and you reached out your hand to help. Thank you, and God bless you.



Rick Alvis
President/CEO

SHELTER

FOR MEN



Praise God and His provision for Wheeler Mission!

In November 2014, we opened the doors to our new Shelter for Men, an expanded space to feed, shelter and care for more men in our community.

As temperatures dipped to below freezing and the snow piled up this past

winter, your support of this project made sure many men had a safe, warm place to stay and begin to take steps to change their lives.

For your prayers, your partnership and all that you do for Wheeler Mission, thank you!

To learn more, please visit www.WheelerMission.org.

Our 12,000-square-foot Shelter for Men expansion includes a new laundry room, showers and restrooms, an expanded day room, a multipurpose room and an elevator with ADA access to dorms...and 76 more beds for 200 beds total!



SUMMER SNAPSHOT

Here's a quick look at what we're doing – and what's needed – this summer!

MEALS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST



70,000
SERVED IN 2014



75,000*
SERVED IN 2015

NIGHTS OF SHELTER IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST



25,000
PROVIDED IN 2014



30,000*
PROVIDED IN 2015

5,000 more
in 2015

*anticipated



When homeless men and women have the chance to receive hot, nourishing meals and safe shelter, lives are transformed – because with your help, the Mission offers them help, healing and hope.

Every gift you give has the power to change a life. Please, give today and transform lives by the power of meals, shelter and hope.

Please share your blessings by making a special gift today to feed and begin to change the lives of as many people as possible. Use the enclosed envelope or make a secure donation at WheelerMission.org.