

INSIDE STORY



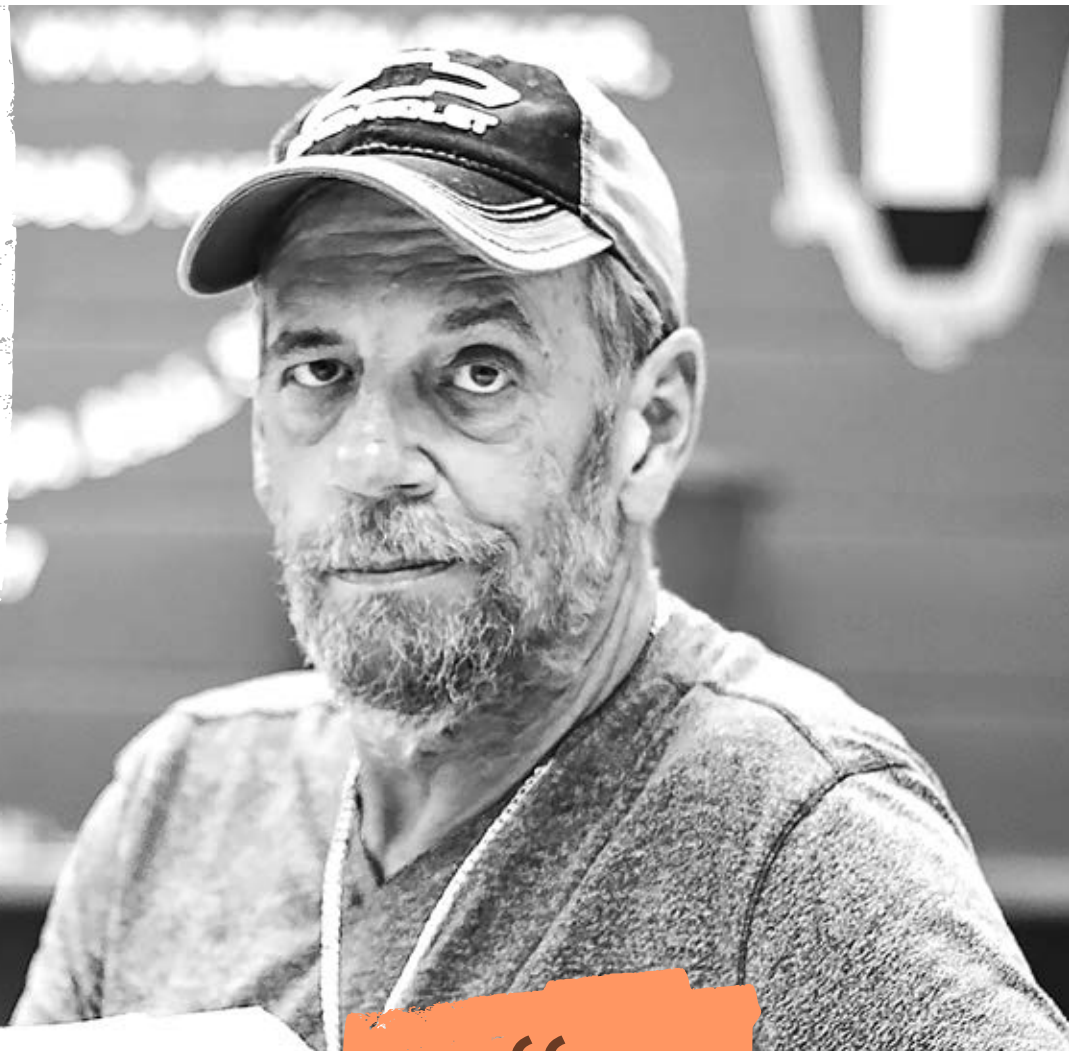
A NEWSLETTER OF WHEELER MISSION | SUMMER 2022

JOHN IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given him new life!



“I see the world in a new way, filled with HOPE.”



John has been living with excruciating pain for most of his life.

When he was just 10 years old, his knees began to hurt, and as the years went on, the pain grew worse. By his mid-40s, it was too much to bear. “The doctor told me my knees needed to be replaced, but I was too young for surgery, so he put me on painkillers.”

The opioids helped with the pain, but before John realized it, he was addicted. “After a while, the prescriptions weren’t enough, and I was spending all my money trying to find more pills.”

Finally, he’d had enough and detoxed on his own, enduring the horrors of withdrawal because he believed he’d soon feel better. But as the months of sobriety wore on, he became severely depressed. “It got so bad that I

was contemplating suicide.”

Thankfully, he sought help instead, and was admitted to a behavioral health hospital, where they helped him stabilize emotionally. But he wanted more. He wanted deeper healing, so when he was discharged, he entered our Foundations program.

Bible studies, chapel services, and faith-based life skills classes led John to surrender his life to the Lord. Before long, he felt God calling him to full-time ministry, so after completing Foundations, he became a ministry intern in our Equip: Indy program. “I’ve seen helplessness and hopelessness in others, and I

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want to serve them,” he says.

He plans to have knee replacement surgery eventually, but in the meantime, he refuses to let his pain deter him from living

the new life he’s found in Christ. “Now, when my emotions get raw, I pray, and I feel better.”

John is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you—and how you have given him peace and hope for the future. “Before I came to Wheeler Mission, I was a mess, but they changed my life. Now I see the world in a new way, filled with hope.”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal and care for \$2.18!



A Message from RICK ALVIS

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At Wheeler Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost, and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in Central and South Central Indiana. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities—

and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious men, women, and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares, and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting—we need it!

Rick Alvis
President/CEO

THESE

"Summer 6"

CAN CHANGE LIVES!

What is the "Summer 6"? These essentials are in high demand for our Wheeler Mission guests this summer, and **YOU can help by donating any—or all—of these items!**

1. Bottled water
2. Disposable forks, spoons, and knives
3. Bath towels
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. Twin-sized bed sheets

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to our Men's Residential Center at 245 N. Delaware St. in Indianapolis, or our Center for Men at 215 S. Westplex Ave. in Bloomington. Thank you for caring for Wheeler Mission guests during the summer season!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:



80,152 meals



56,551 beds



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of biblical counseling and education



life-transforming opportunities to meet Christ



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER... PLEASE HELP TODAY!

Give now! WheelerMission.org
Support our Summer Campaign now!

Make This the Summer YOU Make a Difference!

The ministry of Wheeler Mission simply wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our faithful volunteers. This summer, we are looking for caring, compassionate friends to lend a hand in the following areas:

- Serve a meal
- Care for garden and landscaping
- Preach or sing at a chapel service
- Help tutor men, women, and children
- Plus other opportunities to serve!

For more information about how you, your family, church group, coworkers, or organization can help, please call **(317) 635-3575** or check out upcoming volunteer opportunities online at **WheelerVolunteer.org**.

Thank you for choosing
to love your neighbor by
volunteering!



Your monthly gift makes a HUGE impact!

When you set up ongoing support as a monthly Circle of Hope partner, Wheeler Mission can be ready to help anyone who comes through our doors. That's because your partnership provides reliable, steady income to care for our hurting neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Tom, that generosity transformed his life!

"I was homeless, confused, and terrified. But when I walked into Wheeler Mission, I was filled with a level of faith I'd never felt before. And my mind quickly cleared because I was safe, I had a place to sleep, food, everything I needed. Now I'm full of hope in Jesus, and I know God has a purpose for my life!"



If the Lord is leading you to become a Circle of Hope partner, simply visit **WheelerMission.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form. Thank you!