

HOPE FOR TODAY

HOPE RESCUE MISSION – READING, PA

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Finding Hope When Suffering

Josh was raised in a loving family. After graduating high school, he had dreams of attending college and starting his own family.

Those plans were put on hold when Josh faced a serious medical condition. During his recovery, Josh became addicted to prescription medications which lead to a ten-year battle with opiate abuse.

After many failed relationships and spending time in jail, Josh has been in recovery for over ten years. Josh was able to get his life “back on track” in his late twenties, and he got married and had a daughter. He was happy with the life he built and was proud to be in recovery and living a restored life.

In 2019, Josh was incarcerated for distracted driving after being involved in a serious accident. After rebuilding his life one time, the weight of his actions and his past were heavy. Josh doubted restoration could happen again, and he was burdened with deep guilt and depression.

When Josh was released, he came directly to Hope. Walking up our front steps in August of 2020, these

are his words about his first few weeks at the Mission:

“I was completely void of hope when I arrived here. I had to search for reasons to keep going. The support from other guys, Bible classes, and the staff helped me reconnect with God and gave me a reason to keep going.”

Josh shows a spirit of humility and kindness as he works to rebuild his life again. Josh and his daughter were reunited after not seeing each other for nearly two years! They were recently able to spend two weeks together catching up on lost time.

Josh is enrolled in college courses for psychology, as he works on rebuilding past relationships. When Josh thought all was lost, God reminded him that there is always hope when we turn to Him.

Our prayer for you and your family during this Easter season is to embrace the hope available to us all through the resurrection of Jesus!

Do not give up Hope!



Josh and his Daughter



County-owned trailers at Hope for quarantine shelter.

No Pause for a Pandemic

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, many of us are limiting guests in our homes. The Mission is the only place many men can call their temporary home during the most challenging times of their lives.

Since homelessness does not pause for a pandemic, we have allowed 300 additional guests to find safe shelter through our **Code Blue Program**. Had we limited the acceptance of new guests, where would these 300 men have gone?

Our **Code Blue Program** rescues men physically from the cold weather, hunger, and many other hardships, but it also provides them the opportunity to realize spiritual rescue by sharing the Gospel message.

Thankfully, we have avoided any outbreaks of the virus at Hope. In partnership with the County, we are the host site for three camping trailers which provide quarantine shelter for any men who test positive.

By quarantining on-site, men have access to the food and other resources they need without coming in contact with shelter guests. One of our guests explains:

“When you do not have the basic things you need for survival, they don’t seem basic to you. They are the most important things to you.”

Without the donors who support Hope, I wouldn’t have been able to start over again.”



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