

### VOL. 22 OCTOBER 2020

# MISSION MESSENGER

Breaking chains of addiction through our Lord Jesus Christ



#### **LOVED**

Because of His great love for us, God gave His only son to die on the cross for us. Jesus paid a sin debt that we could not pay. He covered our sins and made a way for us to the Father. He did it because He loves us and believes we are worthy. At Mission of Hope we do not charge the men and women for the services provided. It is an honor for us to help them, to lift them up and most importantly teach them about the redeeming, transforming power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Just like you or I, they are LOVED.

Mission of Hope's "Sponsor a Life" Program is a wonderful way you can show someone they are loved and created in the image of God. Your recurring monthly donation can help us bring those drowning in addiction to Christ Jesus. Signing up is simple! On your cellphone text the word "Give 25" or any other denomination to 251-589-6706 and follow the prompts. You can also call 251-649-0830 and request a Sponsor a Life packet to be mailed to you. God bless you and thank you for your faithful support of Mission of Hope Ministries!

'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' lohn 3:16



#### **MISSION STORIES**

The Testimony of Gary Bridgham



At around the age of 13, I knelt by my bed and earnestly prayed to God for forgiveness. Now I had prayed the sinner's prayer before and had been declared "saved" by my pastors and Sunday school teachers, but something was missing or was not yet complete; at least not until this moment. I cried out to God knowing I needed a Savior and then in the quiet of the moment a voice spoke to me in my soul saying "rise up and be whole", joy and peace and love like I had never known flooded into me. Unfortunately, years later through a series of bad choices, I experimented with drugs and alcohol, other religions even sinking into occultism. I was selfish and self-seeking. Looking back now I know it was the grace of God that kept me alive and kept me from falling for these spiritual deceptions. For many years I struggled with whether or not I could return to the fold of God. My heart had been hardened from resisting His grace for so long. I had erected walls of guilt and shame. Life had become so empty for me, but I also feared death and Hell. I believe the fear of God and His judgement is a grace He gives us because it leads us to repentance and repentance leads us to restoration. Through circumstances and people, the Lord brought me to the Mission of Hope. When I look back, I can see His hand on my life, bringing me through so many things even when I was His enemy. I have no words that even come close to describing the love and grace I have come to know, that Jesus Christ has poured out in my life. In His mercy, He brought me to the Mission of Hope and has given me a place and a position in this ministry. I work the front desk in the office at the men's campus and am also in charge of Sturgeon dorm which currently houses about 15 men. I am presented with many challenges every day, but His grace and love never cease to amaze me. When I look at what He has done for me I am struck with wonder and humbled. It is so good to finally come home. "And those who know your name will put their trust in you; for you O Lord have not forsaken those who seek you." Psalm

#### **WHAT'S NEW**

Mission of Hope Ministries has begun a new season with Bro. Branden Rogers as its Executive Director. Bro. Branden has a deep passion for this ministry and is dedicated to following God's call and instruction for the ministry. We can't wait to see what amazing things God has in store! Please pray for Bro. Branden, the leadership and staff. Pray for wisdom and discernment, pray for guidance, and provision. Pray for God to bring men and women struggling with addiction from all directions to Mission of Hope. God bless you and your faithfulness to this ministry. If you're not involved with Mission of Hope Ministries and would like to be, please call our office at 251-649-0830 or visit our website at

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#### **THANK YOU!**

We have been so blessed and humbled by the gracious gifts and donations we have received. From your faithfulness you have afforded us the ability to continue our mission of bringing the HOPE of Jesus Christ to those bound by addiction. The wishlist can be found at: https://bit.ly/MissionofHopeWishList.

Again thank you for your support. God bless!!



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The First Annual Walk For Hope was a wonderful success and we are so very grateful for your faithful giving and support. God bless you!!

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