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# MISSION MESSENGER

Breaking chains of addiction through our Lord Jesus Christ



## THE VISION OF THE MISSION

If you know Mission of Hope Ministries, you know our mission statement is breaking chains of addiction through our Lord Jesus Christ. But did you know our ultimate vision for Mission of Hope is to see it become a family in Christ leading others to Christ? How do we do this? First we know what matters. Learning the Word, Loving God, Loving one another and Leading others to Christ are all values we hold dear. Next, we put these values into action through worship, Bible Intake, Service Projects, and giving back to Mission of Hope. We know we are successful in reaching our vision when we see men and women surrendering their lives to Christ. We see their bodies and minds clear and free from addiction. We see them growing in their relationship with God and uniting with their brothers and sisters in Christ in a singular goal to lead others to Christ. How can you help us? First and foremost, pray for us. Pray for God to continue to send men and women to the mission who are broken in their addiction and willing and thankful for the opportunity God is giving them.

Please pray for our staff and leadership as they minister to the needs of our clients. Also, please pray for God to continue to provide resources. He is so faithful and we are so blessed. Finally, please pray about how you can support Mission of Hope. As I stated in last month's newsletter, I pray for Mission of Hope to remain a beacon of HOPE for all individuals in need of a relationship with Christ and through Him find freedom from their addiction. God bless you for all you do for Mission of Hope. We love you and are so thankful for you!



#### **MISSION STORIES**

The Testimony of Krista Joy Madison



I was lost. I was rarely exposed to Christianity in a way that affected my life choices. I began a life of addiction at a young age, constantly searching for something or someone to fill the emptiness inside.

These worldly things seemed to stifle the need, but the counterfeit pleasure always ended leaving more darkness. Years of drug and alcohol abuse and the consequent lifestyle led to the loss of relationships, jobs, my two children, my health, and eventually all of my hope. Even after my children were removed from my care, after being arrested and spending time in jail, after suffering life threatening medical issues resulting in several hospitalizations, I turned back to the drugs that had poisoned every facet of my life. I was hopeless and alone.

On March 11th 2020, I woke up in a hospital bed, with a tube in my throat, knowing only pain. I had just had my c3 and c4 fused together due to infections in my spine caused by years of intravenous drug use. How was I still alive? Why? I had given up. After a swift and sober recovery, I found my way to the Mission of Hope Ministries. It was the first rehabilitation facility that was free of charge and still accepting intakes after a brief quarantine period due to the pandemic. It took two weeks for the scales to fall from my eyes and for me to open the door and ask Jesus into my heart. God was what was missing in my life. Jesus Christ died for me. I am alive because of who He is. I graduated my 90 day program on Aug 19, 2020, and chose to stay in Step Up program. By the grace of God, I have purpose. This mission is why I am here. He turned the mess I had made of my life into a message. Jesus pulled me out of the darkness and now I am a vessel of light for others who don't know there is a better way. God is restoring the relationships with my family and children. I am saved and set free, and now have hope for the future God has planned for my life

'But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 'Genesis 50:20



# amazonwishlist

Often those we help come to us with little more than the clothes they are wearing. Through your loving kindness God always faithfully provides. To help you know some of our current basic needs we have created an Amazon Wishlist and you can find it at http://bit.ly/MissionofHopeWishList. We are grateful for your support and so encouragement! Please be in prayer about how you can support this ministry and its pursuit to lead those bound by addiction to our Lord Jesus Christ! God bless you & We Love you!

## **MISSION INITIATIVES**

Time to get your yard ready for Spring?? We can help! If you have lawn maintenance needs and yard clean up we would love to get you fixed up! Please call 251-649-0830 to schedule a visit. To find out more about some of our initiatives, we invite you to visit https://www.missionofhopeministries.net/missionworks. All monies donated through our mission initiatives are used to support the men and women of Mission of Hope.



### **SPONSOR A LIFE**

Men and women come to Mission of Hope in search of freedom from addiction. We know God not only gives us freedom he gives us HOPE! The faces of Hope! They are beautiful and precious! They are the pictures of lives restored and made NEW through the Love and transforming power of Jesus Christ! At Mission of Hope we do not charge the men and women for the help they receive. It is an honor for us to help them, to lift them up and most importantly teach them about the redeeming, love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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!



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