



HAVEN OF REST MINISTRIES THE VOICE

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Hope and a Future

Celebrating

OUR GRADUATES PHILLIP AND JAMES!

Phillip came to the Mission after losing his job. He ran into dead ends without a High School diploma and then lost his home. All the while, he kept using drugs and alcohol.

Tired of the life he led, Phillip kept asking himself, 'What am I going to do today to make my son's life better?' His son is 5 years old and resides with his son's mom. Phillip realized he needed to become sober and change his future.

With the hope God gave him through the Mission, he was able to do just that. He took the Life Application Bible Study with Jason Hubbard, *Chaplain, Residential Services*, and TOPUCU class (a faith-based program) with Jesse Schlabach, former *Men's Residential Service Manager*. He received his GED with assistance from Jack Hugg, *Education Coordinator* and became part of a local church. Phillip said Jack is vibrant and motivates you by reminding you of what you're missing out on.

Phillip is now celebrating 10 months of sobriety and serves as a 3rd shift intern in the Men's Day Room at the Client Services Center building. When asked about the faith-based services and programs he participated in, he says, "They have made me be a better man in Christ and taught me obedience and self-control. I am more humble and content with everything I have." When asked about the staff helping him, he shares with a



smile, "They are positive people giving me the encouragement I need. Everyone has been well grounded in the Lord and has so much faith."

Phillip wants a college degree and to buy a home. He asks for prayer in being led in the right direction by the Holy Spirit and for the Lord to prepare him for his future family. He would like to be the dad he needs to be.

For more information about our Men's Residential Program, please contact the Mission at 330-535-1563 or go to our website at www.havenofrest.org.

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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends:

With spring just around the corner, many of us might view the new season as a fresh start or new beginning. As we anticipate and look forward to seeing new life in God's creation, there will be blooming all around us as the trees awaken from the long winter and the grounds burst forth with beautiful flowers and greenery. The impact of this beauty and new life through God's creation brings great joy.

In the midst of so much that has happened in 2020, God is still in the business of changing lives and changing hearts. Recently three men on our long term discipleship program gave their lives to Christ and were baptized. Two more men will be experiencing baptism in the coming weeks. God has impacted their lives and has brought great change in them through Christ. As friends of Haven of Rest, your faithfulness and support to keep Mission doors open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, gives us all a great opportunity to impact lives just like these men.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the eternal impact you have had on the men, women and children who come to Haven of Rest. God is still doing amazing things and what a beautiful thing it is to see men, women and children come to Jesus Christ. May our eyes and ears continue to see and hear God's beauty. Isaiah 55:11 says, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Thank you for being a blessing! †

Blessings In Christ,

Jeff Kaiser

Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO



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SHOUT OUT TO THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY!



Thank you to all the lovely ladies in the Women's Auxiliary and to everyone who contributed to last year's project! The LED Lighting Project was completed and bright new LED lights were installed outside all three Mission buildings.

This year's project will be to purchase new "Bottle Filling Stations with Fountains" to replace the old fountains throughout the buildings. These stations will have a long spout where water bottles can be filled and have paper cups for anyone who is thirsty. If you would like to contribute to 2021's new project goal of \$13,500, please send a gift to Haven of Rest, P.O. Box 547, Akron, OH 44309. Be sure to write a note or memo on your check for "Auxiliary Project".



Celebrating Our Graduates!

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James came to the Mission after going through rehab twice. His parents were deceased and he was unable to live with his twin brother anymore because of his addiction. James hit rock bottom and he did not have enough money to live on his own. After almost losing his job, he decided to quit the job and seek help at the Mission.

He came onto the Residential program, and after 2 and ½ months, he completed his GED in the Learning Center, took part in the Life Application Bible Study, Authentic Manhood Bible Study, Residential Group, work therapy, and one-on-one counseling with Jesse Schlabach, *former Men's Residential Service Manager*.

James is fifty years old and his three children are in their twenties. Sadly, he has not been in their lives because of his addiction. With Haven of Rest's help, he plans to be a better father when completely healed and free. He is motivated to be accountable by putting what he's learned from the Bible into action.

He would like to thank Jack Hugg, *Education Coordinator*, for helping him get his diploma. He shares he is growing from the fellowship with staff and residential men, the Mission Chapel Services, becoming an active member at the Akron Campus of The Chapel, reading his Bible, and praying. He will be joining the Career Development program next to prepare for full-time employment.

The prayer request from James is for the Lord to bless staff, residents, friends, and his family. He would also like prayer to stay focused and on the straight path in following the Lord. He hopes someday to reconcile with his kids and twin brother.

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THANK YOU TO PASTOR CURTIS MINTER, SR.!

Last month, Haven of Rest had the honor and privilege of holding its 29th Annual African American History Celebration led by Pastor Curtis Minter, Sr. This year's theme was "Rooted in Faith, Anchored by Hope". Psalm 147:11 states, "The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy."

Thank you to everyone who came and may you continue to reside safely and happily in Christ Jesus. The program was scaled back to adjust to COVID-19 protocols in consideration of the safety of our guests, staff, and residents.



REMINDER:

OPERATION HOPE TOTE CAMPAIGN

Just as a reminder, we are still in need of FULL-SIZED personal care products to fill hundreds of Hope Totes. Please join Haven of Rest as we collect thousands of these much needed items. Together with your neighbors, families, friends, churches, co-workers, schools, and civic organizations, you can help supply individuals and families with basic personal care items they might otherwise go without. These bags are a blessing to families who may have to make the tough decision of paying rent and other bills or buying items to keep their family's needs met. If you wish to be a part of this vital ministry, please contact David John, Special Events Coordinator at 330-535-1563.

You're invited to Haven of Rest Ministries' "MEET & GREET"

Which will be held at

Hartville Kitchen Banquet Room

1015 Edison St., NW, Hartville OH. 44632

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Staying Safe and Staying Connected

Order a meal to go \$18.00

Any donation above that amount benefits Haven of Rest Ministries

RSVP for carry-out or drive-thru

Meal to Go:

Pressure Fried Chicken, Baked Potato, Roll, Green Beans, Salad, & Slice of Pie

Our CEO, Reverend Jeff Kaiser, Board Members, and Staff look forward to seeing you there!

For your safety, please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

For reservations or information please contact Lynne Taylor at 330-535-1563 or email her at ltaylor@havenofrest.org

More details on our website at www.havenofrest.org under "Events"



Clothes available to those in Need!

Come to the Distribution Center where clothing is given to those in need. There you can sign up to receive clothing once per month. The entrance is on the east side of the Client Services Center located at 207 East Market St. in Akron. Walk-in hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and men come through the Men's Day Room from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Instructions are given on site.

BONUS! Every Wednesday one bag of food is handed out to families who come in to shop for clothing. Please sign up when coming inside.