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Hope and a Future

“HAVEN OF REST TOOK ME IN as a broken liar, cheater, drug addict, and criminal. They came alongside me, helped me to see how I was harming myself and others, and guided me to Christ to confront that sin. I observed people here who were examples of what it meant to follow Christ by the lives they lived.”

“Thanks to your support, David has been able to receive the help he needed to overcome his challenges.”

HERE'S DAVID'S STORY...

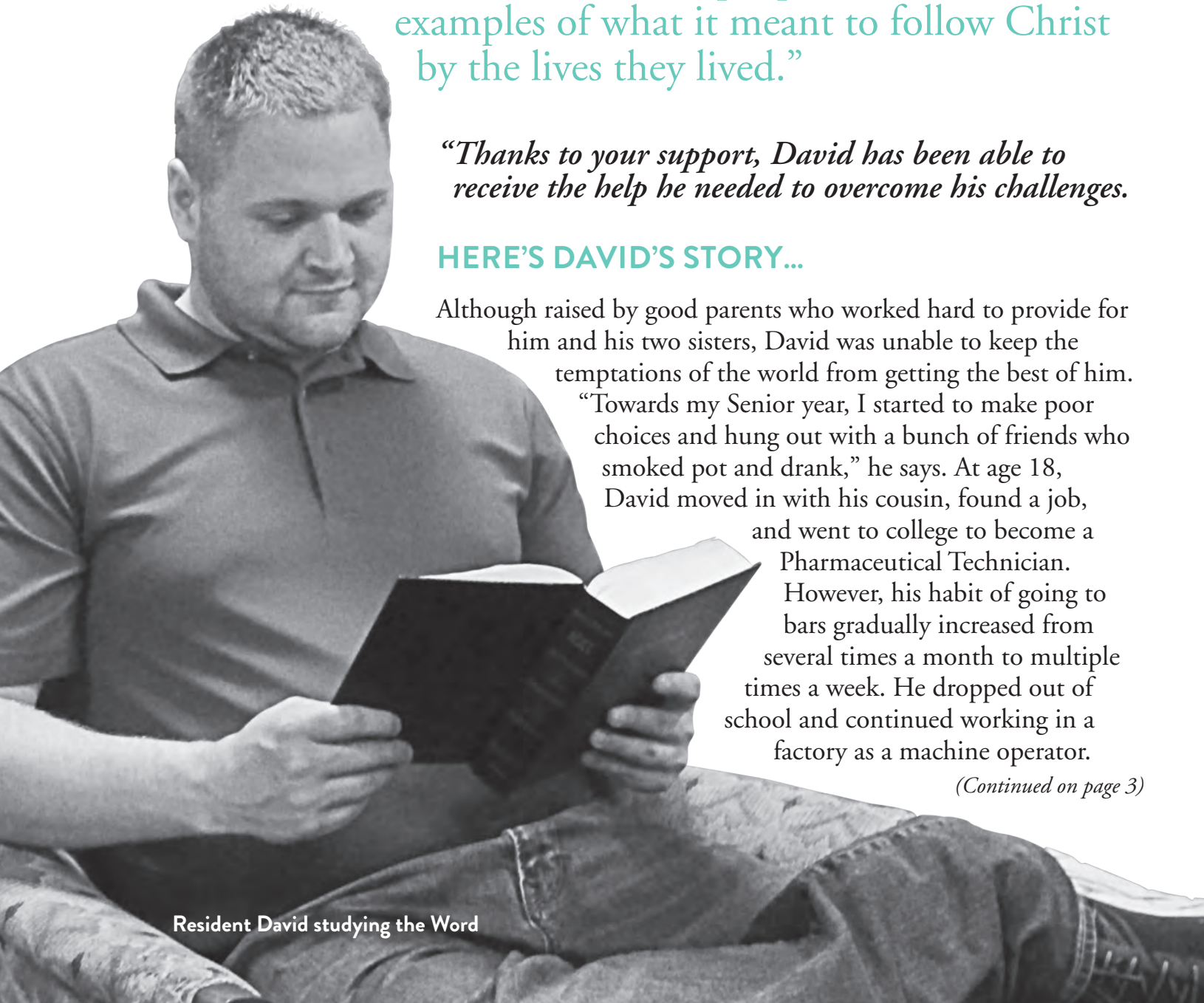
Although raised by good parents who worked hard to provide for him and his two sisters, David was unable to keep the temptations of the world from getting the best of him.

“Towards my Senior year, I started to make poor choices and hung out with a bunch of friends who smoked pot and drank,” he says. At age 18,

David moved in with his cousin, found a job, and went to college to become a Pharmaceutical Technician.

However, his habit of going to bars gradually increased from several times a month to multiple times a week. He dropped out of school and continued working in a factory as a machine operator.

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Resident David studying the Word

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Dear Friends:

While arriving at work early one morning, I parked my car in the lot and grabbed my folders to take into the office for the start of a new day. As I stepped out of my car, a gentleman approached me and started to share many of the struggles and problems he was facing. I could sense anxiety within him as he continued to talk to me. He also mentioned the spiritual battles that were going on with him as well. While talking, I asked him if I could pray for him. As we prayed together, I could sense much of his anxiety leaving him and more of a calmness and peace came over him.

Prayer is a powerful tool that God has given us and there are many Scriptures in the Bible that talk about the importance of prayer. Prayer has many purposes and it strengthens our relationship with God.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, it says, *“Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”* What a blessing it was for me to pray for this man who really needed it. Many of us have witnessed the power of prayer in our own lives. We have access to this precious gift 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. His ears are attentive to our prayer as it says in Psalm 17:6, KJV.

Thank you friends for being a blessing to this ministry. Pray without ceasing! †

In Christ,

Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO



A higher standard.
A higher purpose.



Dear Friends: Every Sunday morning, Haven of Rest's Radio Broadcast is played on several radio stations. Four stations, including **WNIR** 100.1 FM, **WAKR** 1590 AM, **WKVX** 960 AM, and **WKJA** 91.9 FM, air at 7:30 AM. **WHBC** 1480 AM airs at 8:00 AM. Thank you for your support!

KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT START DATE

People who face hunger and homelessness in the Akron/Canton area and surrounding communities greatly benefit from Haven of Rest's Kitchen and Dining services. This is why the Mission has decided to upgrade our kitchen after 20 years. The kitchen is the Heart of the Home, as it is the service most

Over the years, his incessant focus on drugs and alcohol led him to lose his job in 2012. By 2015, he burned all the bridges with family and friends as he spiraled into the black abyss of his addictions. He found himself on the streets, bouncing from house to house before suddenly finding himself in jail. He called his mom, hoping she would come to get him. She said she couldn't help him this time and would only pick him up if he agreed to go to Haven of Rest. He did.

He stayed at the Mission from late 2015 to 2017, receiving help, working, and saved money before finding a place to live. However, he did not continue to grow or seek ongoing support from the community, church, family, and friends. After a while, he found himself slowly relapsing.

Several years later, David recognized what was happening to him and knew he had to go back to Haven of Rest. "I knew it was a safe place where people had my best interests in mind and did not hesitate to call out my problem areas," he says. He talked to his boss and landlord, explaining to them what he needed to do. So early in 2020, he quit his job and moved out of his house to come to the Mission. He said he did not know of another place to go to where they had all the help at his fingertips to heal. He was determined to apply himself much more this time.

Today, David shares, "I have completed all the classes and learned a lot from them. The program I most benefitted from was my internship in the Facilities Department. The fellowship and guidance of the men in that department helped me focus on my strengths and pursue a more Biblical way of looking at life and work."

David shared that the Men's Evening Supervisor Luis McLat, Chaplain Jason Hubbard, and Facilities Manager Jeff Hyatt, along with other men on staff, have been a huge influence in his life and his walk with Christ.

Jim Cole, Director of Operations says, "The transformation in Dave's life has been amazing. It has been a true joy to walk with Dave as he allowed the Lord to change him from the inside out. He is a very different man than the one who first came to Haven of Rest. We are very excited about the man he is becoming and everything God has in store for him."

"Every day has its challenges, but I trust that God has a plan for me. I have to let Him be a part of my daily living to have that plan come to fruition," shares David.

David has joined Grace Bible Church in Akron where he is forming healthy relationships with people. He says he would like to go back to school for Mechanical Engineering. His prayer request is for God's plans for his pathways to be made clear, his new job to be stable, and the ability to find good housing.

For referrals or 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. †



sought after by people who are in need. Staff and volunteers can work more efficiently and quickly in a better designed, larger area with modernized cost-saving equipment.

Over 10 major appliances will be replaced with brand new ones coming this fall of 2021 in the Mission's Kitchen. Remodeling will consist of new upper cabinets, enlargement of the counter space area, and reconfiguring of space. Included

in the project will be the cost of labor, delivery, on-site fabrication, electric and gas fixture upgrades, and other items. As the renovation takes place, the Mission is also ready to tackle any unforeseen repairs or adaptations that will be needed. If you would like to help with this project, please call the Mission at 330-535-1563 or email hmr@havenofrest.org.

MISSION DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

For the month of June, the Clothing Department took in



1,509 pounds of clothing and miscellaneous donations

151 food donations



and provided 710 people with clothing



Chick-fil-A Canned Food Drive! Save the Date!

On Thursday, August 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bring 2 cans of fruit or vegetables to a participating Chick-fil-A restaurant and receive a coupon for a chicken sandwich! (Limit of 1 coupon per person please.)



Three Participating Locations:

DRESSLER ROAD

5411 Dressler Rd. NW
N. Canton, OH 44720

MONTROSE

47 Flight Memorial Dr.
(off of Route 18)
Fairlawn, OH 44333

CHAPEL HILL

420 Howe Ave.
Cuyahoga Falls, OH
44221

TO USE THE COUPON THAT DAY, donors are kindly asked by the restaurant manager to **GO THROUGH THE DRIVE THRU**. (See website for more info at www.havenofrest.org)

Save the Date!

Hudson Regional Luncheon

Thursday, October 7, 2021

at 11:30 a.m.

Location: Lake Forest Country Club

100 Lake Forest Dr.

Hudson, OH 44236

Walnut Creek Regional Dinner

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Carlisle Inn

4949 State Route 515

Walnut Creek, OH 44687

To register and for more details, visit www.havenofrest.org under "Events", call the Mission at 330-535-1563, or email Lynne Taylor, Development Administrative Assistant, at ltaylor@havenofrest.org.

If you cannot make it to the dinner and would like to make a donation, you can text to donate. **Send to 50155**; type in **akronhope** & the dollar amount. **Example: akronhope 100** Click on the blue highlighted **QGIV.US** to go to the secure site to make your donation.

Thanks again and we are looking forward to seeing you at one of these gatherings!