

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

“WILD CHILD”

After so many wasted years,
Brian finally found a new life at
the Mission — thanks to YOU!

From his earliest days, Brian's life revolved around drugs, violence and crime.

With little guidance from a single mom who claimed he “ruined” her life, this self-described wild child was running with a biker gang in his teens and hooked on hard drugs — cocaine, meth and LSD. By 18, he was already doing his first stint in jail. More time behind bars followed, including a sentence for a shooting. “I was super hateful and had no care for anyone,” he says.

After multiple failed marriages, years lost in drug use and countless run-ins with the law, Brian finally recognized all he had lost. “Sitting in my house, strung out on drugs, surrounded by meth and cash, I just stood up and told everyone to get out,” he says.

Brian took off walking, eventually finding himself in front of the Mission. Somehow, the word “Rest” in our name grabbed his attention. That resonated with him. Brian found himself crying. “The next thing I know,” he says, “I’m in the Mission’s residential program for men.”

TRANSFORMING GRACE

It was hard for Brian to leave the only life

[READ MORE OF BRIAN'S STORY INSIDE >](#)





LAST CHANCE to share Easter hope with

A “wild child” no more . . .

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he'd ever known. He had trouble trusting God and really struggled. And he was grief-stricken over the death of his daughter killed in a drive-by shooting.

But through God's grace — and your generosity — Brian has been able to rebuild his life on a foundation of faith. He has eagerly taken advantage of all that the Mission offers, including help with overcoming his addiction, spiritual guidance, career development and much more.

Brian says he especially appreciates the Mission's focus on authentic manhood. “I'm soaking it up like a sponge. I'm leaning on the Lord and seeing how He is moving in my life,” he says.

And while it hasn't been easy, Brian acknowledges, he is taking it seriously. “God opened my eyes. Coming here is one of the best things that has happened to me. I came to know Christ.”

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staff here . . . I would
probably be dead.*

— Brian

“A LOT OF JOY”

What does the future hold for Brian? Right now, he's working as an intern at the Mission, helping other residents with their restoration. Because he has been where they are, Brian has a good rapport with the other men. He says, “I want to get involved with this ministry. I get a lot of joy out of the program. I get to see people become children of God.”

Brian can't say enough about how you, through your prayers and financial partnership, have helped him grow. “My heart has truly changed. I can forgive and love. If it wasn't for the staff here, I don't think I would have figured it out. I would probably be dead.”

The message of Easter is that it's never too late to experience redemption in Jesus. Thanks to you, many people like Brian are at the Mission right now, learning that lesson. Won't you give now so that even more men, women and children can discover hope?



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Celebrating
79
YEARS
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CEO'S MESSAGE



Thanks to you . . .

FULL STOMACHS AND BLESSED HEARTS AT EASTER

Easter will be a wonderful opportunity to reach out to men, women, children, seniors and veterans in our community who are struggling to escape poverty, hunger and homelessness or overcome addiction.

Many will come to Haven of Rest for a meal, clothing, a shower, laundry or other needs.

We've found that offering a helping hand and a listening ear to someone in great need can open the door to new stability AND new life through the Mission's other life-transforming services.

Your gift of meals and care in this special season will be a great blessing to someone experiencing difficult days. Thank you!



Calling all volunteers

It's National Volunteer Month, a great time to recognize our volunteers. They're heroes — always needed, always appreciated! With the worst of the pandemic behind us (hopefully!), we're eager to invite them back.

If you're interested in serving, volunteers are needed in a number of areas. For more information, visit online at havenofrest.org/get-involved/volunteer. Or call Jan Pluck or Kellie Green in our volunteer department at 330-535-1563.



Face to face with Jesus



REV. JEFF KAISER
CEO

It's a blessing to see how God uses the events of life to move us to the place where we acknowledge our need for Him.

As the Mission celebrates 79

years of ministry, it's a blessing to see so many people like Brian finally find the peace and transformation they've dreamed of.

But more than that, Brian has come face to face with Jesus Christ, who lived, died and rose again so we all can have eternal life.

Though we live in a broken world, Easter reminds us of how His unconditional love will make all things new (Revelation 21:5).

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection . . ."

— ROMANS 6:5

Please keep praying for the lost and lonely who come to the Mission in need of God's healing and restoration . . . that they may experience the power of Resurrection Hope.

Your support — in response to God's grace — makes this work possible. Thank you!

May He bless you during this special season!

Jeff

Last chance to help at Easter!

SHARE HELP AND HOPE WITH EACH \$2.05 YOU GIVE

Easter will be here before you know it.

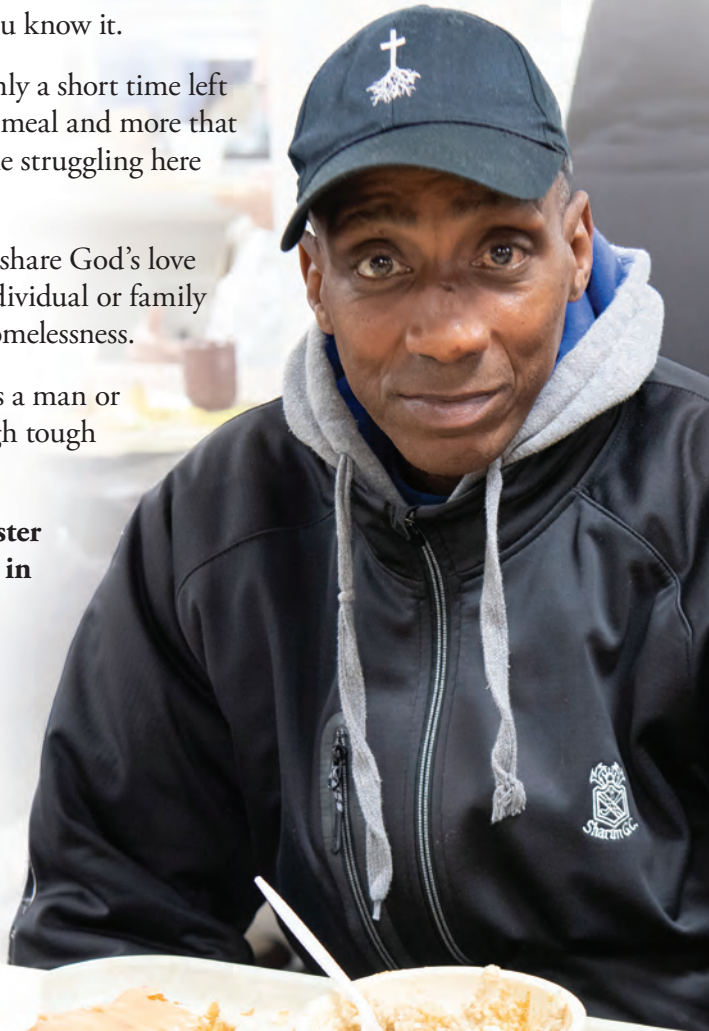
And that means you have only a short time left to provide an Easter Season meal and more that can lead to hope for someone struggling here in our community.

Easter is the perfect time to share God's love — and yours — with an individual or family facing poverty, hunger or homelessness.

Take a moment now to bless a man or woman who is going through tough times.

Thank you for making Easter hope possible for someone in great need!

>> One of the best ways you can partner with Haven of Rest is to give monthly as one of our *Faithful Friends*. (If you're already giving monthly, **THANK YOU!**)



When you give, please be sure to include your reply form.



Restore more lives when you give monthly!

Faithful Friends is a special group of Mission supporters who give monthly to share not just a hand up but real hope.

With each and every monthly gift, you'll provide people in great need across our community with:



Food and safe shelter that bring stability in the midst of crisis



Critical services, such as recovery, education and job-skills training — leading to work that pays a living wage and self-sufficiency



An introduction to the loving God who transforms lives

To become a *Faithful Friend*, complete both sides of the accompanying reply form and mail it back with your first monthly gift. Thank you!

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7:30 am EST

WNIR 100.1 FM WAKR 1590 AM
WKVX 960 AM WKJA 91.9 FM

8 am EST

WHBC 1480 AM

