

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Surrendering All to Christ



Dads who come to the Mission have many challenges. While they are healing from addictions or crisis and seeking assistance to become stable in the workforce again, they also face the daunting duty of reuniting with family and healing relationships. Harold shares his story here.

“Drugs cause you to be so selfish and dishonest. People get tired of you walking in and out of their lives.”

After being married twice, Harold has two sons and a daughter with a total of ten grandkids. Harold is at the Mission working on himself so he can finally be on good terms with his family. “My mom raised me right in the church, but by the time I was a Senior in high school, I wanted

freedom and gave in to the bad peer pressure.”

At age 18, he started experimenting with marijuana and after that, he tried everything that came his way. At age 23, he discovered freebase cocaine in 1978 and that was his immediate love and drug of choice, all the way up to 2021. It replaced his relationships, cost him several jobs, and caused him to lose his desire to pursue his goals and interests. His battle of quitting and then returning to drugs lasted for 43 years. He said he tried everything to get healing – God, AA, church, treatments, and so on. He stayed with his first church until his Pastor passed away.

“I remember one time after relapsing, I was so frustrated. I felt I was being sincere, but it still wasn't working. I said to my mom I still can't seem to break free and she said it was because I had not fully surrendered to the Lord. For twenty years I did not understand what she meant until now.”

“On August 18, 2021, I finally surrendered to the Lord. I said to Him I want to do whatever it takes.”

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Harold lived out of his car wearing the same clothes for over a month when on August 14, 2021, he drove into a telephone pole, destroyed his car, and lost his only home. Looking for shelter, he walked to a friend's home, but he wasn't there and then to another public shelter that was closed. Harold finally went to his church, Word of Faith Ministries, where he asked for a ride to Haven of Rest Ministries on August 16, 2021.

Harold quit smoking the next day. He shared how the Cleveland Browns and TV were his escape and idol and he never would miss a season, even skipping church to watch the game. He was so serious about giving up all of his addictions that he skipped the 2021 football season and committed his time to self-healing and growing his relationship with Christ.

Today, Harold is successfully interning at the Mission after completing the Men's Residential program and classes. He is leading a weekly Bible study group. With a friend, he also started a prayer meeting on the first Friday of each month, which has now turned into weekly prayer meetings.

If you know someone who can use help today, please do not hesitate to call the Mission at 330-535-1563. We are open 24/7 and are here for anyone who needs our services.

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HOPE SPORTS CAMP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This is the overarching theme for Haven of Rest's Hope Sports Camp. The free sports camp is offered to boys and girls entering grades 3 – 8 where they will not only enjoy a fun, safe place to learn athleticism and sportsmanship, but also about Christ's love from the Biblical teachings and stories for kids. Many will have a chance to rededicate their

lives to Christ as well as accept Him for the first time. The boys' basketball camp will be held from July 18 – 22, and the girls' basketball and volleyball camp will be held July 25 – 29. For more information and to register, go online at www.havenofrest.org/get-involved/events/

Serve With Excellence Campaign

As Haven of Rest Ministries invests in the lives of others, we require a much-needed upgrade in our technology to bring us up to current standards. The phones are over 10 years old and the computers are over 20 years old and we need an updated server, software, and other technological devices. The Mission has kicked off its Mid-Level Campaign to raise funds to replace the old communication equipment for all personnel, volunteers, and guests. This new technology will help us serve our clientele better and also allow them to have the technological tools they need to change, grow, and advance. Please join us in this campaign by going onto our website www.havenofrest.org or calling 330-535-1563.

Thank you for your support!



Chick-fil-A Canned Food Drive Drop-off

Bring 2 cans of fruit or vegetables and get a coupon for a breakfast sandwich! (One coupon per person for two cans of food is given.) This event takes place on August 11th from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. at specific Chick-fil-A restaurants. Watch our website www.havenofrest.org for future details of participating locations.



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