

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

Grateful to Be Alive

“I suffered from depression so much, I didn’t care about anything. I went down this rabbit hole and let my job go, stopped paying bills, and lost everything, including my home.”

Homeless and destitute, Anthony went to live with a dear friend for a short while before his friend found Haven of Rest online. Anthony was drawn to the Mission because of the Discipleship program where he felt he could get the help he needed.

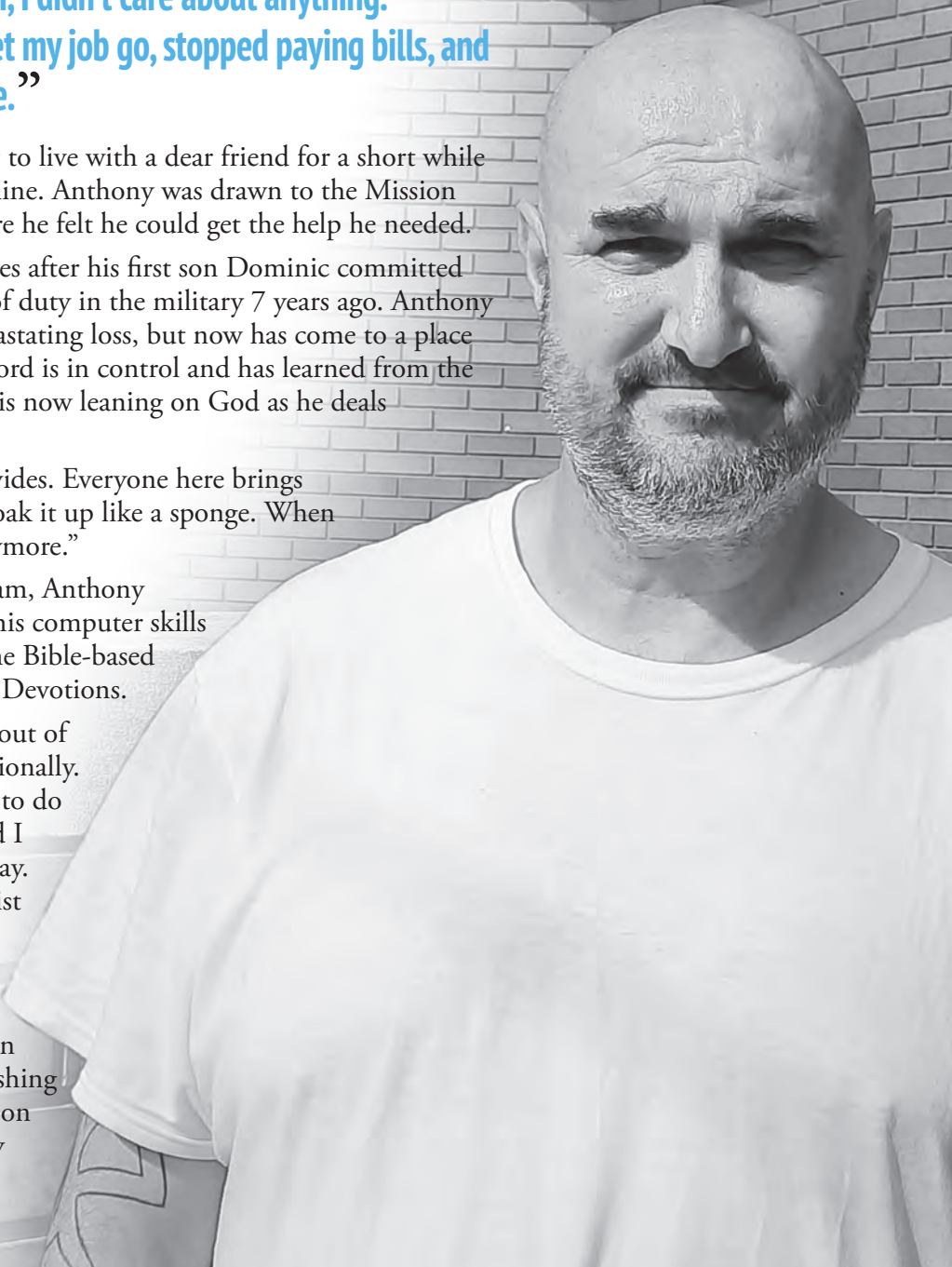
He said he went through very dark times after his first son Dominic committed suicide shortly after completing his tour of duty in the military 7 years ago. Anthony had a tough time dealing with such a devastating loss, but now has come to a place of peace and acceptance. He knows the Lord is in control and has learned from the messages he hears at Chapel Services. He is now leaning on God as he deals with his problems.

“I like the structure here that Staff provides. Everyone here brings different things to the table and I try to soak it up like a sponge. When I have a bad day, I don’t get depressed anymore.”

Three months since entering the program, Anthony is in Work Therapy, and he is improving his computer skills in The Learning Center. He also enjoys the Bible-based classes, Discipleship programs, and Daily Devotions.

“My goal is to get everything I can get out of my time here, both spiritually and educationally. I look forward to whatever God leads me to do next. My thoughts of suicide are gone and I wake up and know what I want to do today. I tell Satan ‘no’, he can’t win. I know Christ has me as long as I put my hope, trust, thoughts, and beliefs in Him. I can make it day-to-day.”

Today, Anthony speaks to his ex-wife on occasion and with God’s help is re-establishing his relationship with his mom & second son Vincent. He asks for prayer to continually keep his eyes on the Lord and receive ongoing guidance.





Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

As you read about Anthony in this issue, you can see how Haven of Rest is having an impact in saving lives, thanks to supporters like you.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Mission staff is not only performing 'good works', but also exhibiting the 'fruit of the Spirit' as it says in Galatians 5:22-23. Compassion and care is given through our Christ-centered programs and services.

Together, we make a difference in many guests' lives as they overcome spiritual battles and obstacles that wage war against their souls.

Women's Auxiliary
First Tuesday of each month.
10 AM bargain shopping.
12 PM - light luncheon.
1 PM - special program



A higher standard.
A higher purpose.



MISSION RADIO BROADCASTS SUNDAY MORNINGS

7:30 AM

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

8:00 AM

WHBC 1480 AM

Thanks for listening!

THE PATH TO TRANSFORMATION

...An Incredible Learning Experience

"Incredible" is to state it mildly. Dr. Yvonne Brake, Director of Development, has completed a milestone in her life that very few people accomplish. With the support of the Lord, family, co-workers, and friends she graduated in May 2022 with a PhD in Organizational Leadership.

"I have always enjoyed learning, but I would not have completed my doctorate without the Lord. He ministered to me on a very personal level. He guided me and provided wisdom and insight every step of the way."

For over 30 years, Dr. Brake witnessed the transformation of hundreds of lives through the love of Christ and the compassion of mission staff. Of particular interest to her was the transformation of women and their ability to move from a place of hopelessness to purpose. Her multiple-case study explored how spiritual transformation through faith in Jesus Christ and personal transformation demonstrated by a self-sustaining life occurred under the leadership of directors of women's programs in three Gospel Rescue Ministries.

The transformational process often included periods of deep reflection and an awareness of a need the women could not meet themselves. The program director's understanding of the women's journey enabled her to implement services that met their needs spiritually and personally. In

BECOME A FAITHFUL FRIEND SUPPORTER

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!) Together, we change the world with each person whose life we help transform for Christ!

addition, her relationship with the women helped them believe they could change their lives. These directors not only influenced accomplishing organizational mission but also helped to prevent mission drift.

“In mission work, we learn from each other. We work together to accomplish the ministry of Christ and effect change in the lives of thousands of men, women and children every day across this country. Yet, I could find little scholarly research on the leadership of Gospel Rescue Ministries or the leadership of women who played a significant role in establishing these ministries. It is important that we as ministry leaders in all roles look at the totality of our work and the decisions we make in light of how we interpret our ministry’s mission, how this interpretation drives service provision and our work environment, and how the effectiveness of the organization is measured. All are a vital part of transparency and accountability to our stakeholders.”

Now that Dr. Brake has accomplished her Ph.D., she plans to publish and teach. She is also one of the recipients of the Love Akron 2022 Change Makers’ Award (Yvonne’s husband, Darryl, is also being recognized). From all of us at the Mission and beyond we say, “Congratulations Dr. Yvonne Brake!”



BACK TO SCHOOL MATCH - Kids at risk need your help with tools that enable them to thrive at school. Many parents cannot afford school supplies or even clothing for their children. Together, we can address this need by matching a \$5,000 challenge gift for our Back to School Project. Please help us raise an additional \$5,000 to equip kids in need. Go to donate.havenofrest.org to make your gift. Thank you so much!

LEAVE A LEGACY!

Looking to create or update your will for FREE? GiftWise offers a private, secure link at christianwill.org/haven. Protect and provide for your loved ones and pass on your values today!

Weathering The Storms Together



YOU ARE INVITED!

Walnut Creek Regional Dinner

Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Come hear how the Mission is serving your community!

Carlisle Inn
4949 State Rt. 515
Walnut Creek, OH 44687

Space is limited, so please reserve your seat here:
[havenofrest.org/get-involved/events/fall-regional-dinners](https://www.havenofrest.org/get-involved/events/fall-regional-dinners)



Hope Totes for the Holidays

Thank you for your ongoing contribution to the Hope Tote Campaign! We are continuing the collection for the upcoming holidays. Personal care items are needed such as brushes and combs, shampoos and conditioners, liquid and bar soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, facial tissues, hand and body lotions, disposable razors, shoelaces, socks, batteries, and more. For more information on what is currently needed, contact Special Events Coordinator David John at djohn@havenofrest.org or 330-535-1563. (See website for more information at www.havenofrest.org)



2022 Christmas Project

There are four different ways to help! Children who are poor and homeless need to feel loved and cared for this Holiday season. Families who are struggling to make ends meet are reaching out to the Mission for help.

1. PARTICIPATE IN THE “KIDS HELPING KIDS”

Provide new toys to be given out to children in need during the “Happy Birthday Jesus” party, and also distributed to families who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their young children.

2. ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Purchase and wrap gifts for families who will ask Haven of Rest for help during the Christmas season. Information on each family will be supplied by the Mission from the family’s wish list.

3. HELP FILL CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Gift bags are given to people coming in for the Christmas dinner and to others in need throughout the season.

4. PROVIDING CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR HAVEN OF REST AND HARVEST HOME RESIDENTS

The men and women who are living at the Ministry are away from their families over Christmas. They have little, if any, source of income to provide a gift for family members. Information from the residents’ wish lists will be supplied.