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# MISSION *Messenger*



**God restores lives through  
the ministry of compassion**

**MAKAYLA HAS FAITH FOR HER FUTURE, THANKS TO YOU!**

# RENEWING FAITH IN MARION



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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Every spring, we witness God's ability to restore life. Ground once covered by snow and frost gives way to vibrant grasses, flowers, and even the crops our farmers cultivate.

**Like the natural signs of new life around us, God also restores the spiritual lives of neighbors after seasons of hardship, brokenness, and despair.**

I see this truth every day through the ministry of compassion at Grant County Rescue Mission. The Lord revives hearts. He renews faith. And like the farmer, God allows us to have a role.

Your involvement in serving, supporting, and praying for Grant County Rescue Mission leads to lasting life transformation for our guests. When they are nurtured, cared for, and loved, they experience God's grace in action. It changes their lives.

As you'll see in both Makayla's and Tom's stories in this newsletter, God uses the love shown at Grant County Rescue Mission to breathe new life into men, women, families. After years battling addiction, the Lord helped both Makayla and Tom overcome to the point of helping others!

Thank you again for all you do to support neighbors seeking a fresh start. May God renew the faith of the Marion community as we care for people in need.

Brad

I live in a  
high and  
holy place,  
  
but also  
with the one  
who is contrite  
and lowly  
in spirit,  
  
to revive  
the spirit  
of the lowly  
and to revive  
the heart of  
the contrite.

—Isaiah 57:15b

# FREE FROM CHILDHOOD ADDICTION

## MAKAYLA'S TRANSFORMATION STORY

Makayla was only thirteen years old when her addiction to opiates started ... a battle she saw her mom face her whole life.

Since her father struggled with addiction, too, Makayla's grandfather stepped in to help as best he could.

As a child, Makayla lacked the resources to overcome her addiction. She was too young to even realize she was traveling down a dangerous, destructive path.

Eventually, Makayla dropped out of school and began to have problems with the law, spending time in and out of prison starting at age 18. She hit rock bottom spiritually when her mother died by suicide.

"I was mad and didn't want anything to do with God," she remembers.

All the while, the Lord still pursued Makayla, introducing her to a life of faith through time with grandpa and guiding her to a Christian-based home for teens.

When Makayla came to our Open Heart women's shelter last spring, fittingly, her heart was open to welcoming God's love.

"It's a family there," Makayla shares. "Going through the program and having such strong spiritual women in my life, my walk with God is in a good place."

Thanks to the healing and guidance Makayla received, she now serves on our staff, welcoming women to our Open Heart shelter and helping them get back on their feet.

Today, Makayla has her own apartment and is also earning her GED! Her goal is to continue training and learning how to serve women and children who have endured life with addiction.

"My dream job is to help women get to a place where they love themselves and are in a place where they don't need to turn to drugs," Makayla expresses.

She's well on her way — thanks to the kindness of donors like you!

"It's great knowing there are people in this world that are willing to help people in need," Makayla says. "I know this wouldn't be possible without them. I'm super grateful."



### Thank you for loving our neighbors!

Last month, you helped to provide:

- 5,351 nourishing meals
- 1,526 nights of shelter
- Countless opportunities for guests to see God's love

# A STROKE BROUGHT TOM CLOSER TO CHRIST

YOUR GENEROSITY IS HELPING HIM HEAL

It's hard for Tom to remember a time before he started drinking. "I was probably an alcoholic from the first day," he admits.

Despite getting married and having jobs, Tom couldn't let go of the bottle. It cost him his family, his income, and his home.

**"I slept on porches, couches, you name it," Tom says.**

Seeking help, Tom came to Grant County Rescue Mission at the advice of friends. He progressed through the first phases of our Life Program — until a severe stroke threatened his life.

God spared Tom, and His grace didn't go unnoticed. Tom realized the second chance he received and wanted to finish our program. "This was the first time I'd taken the opportunity to allow God into my heart," Tom shares. "I don't want to say the stroke made me a better person, but it brought me closer to Christ."

Tom has worked hard to recover. He is grateful for every person who made it possible, including supporters like you!

Today, Tom serves at the front desk, welcoming men who are seeking a fresh start just like he was. "We have wonderful people who volunteer and give to make everything possible," Tom expresses.

**"They have open arms here."**

Tom is continuing therapy, but His faith is as strong as ever. Even though he never thought he could stop drinking, he is living proof that "nothing is impossible with God."



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