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FROM THE STREETS TO STABILITY, REMMY FINDS PEACE

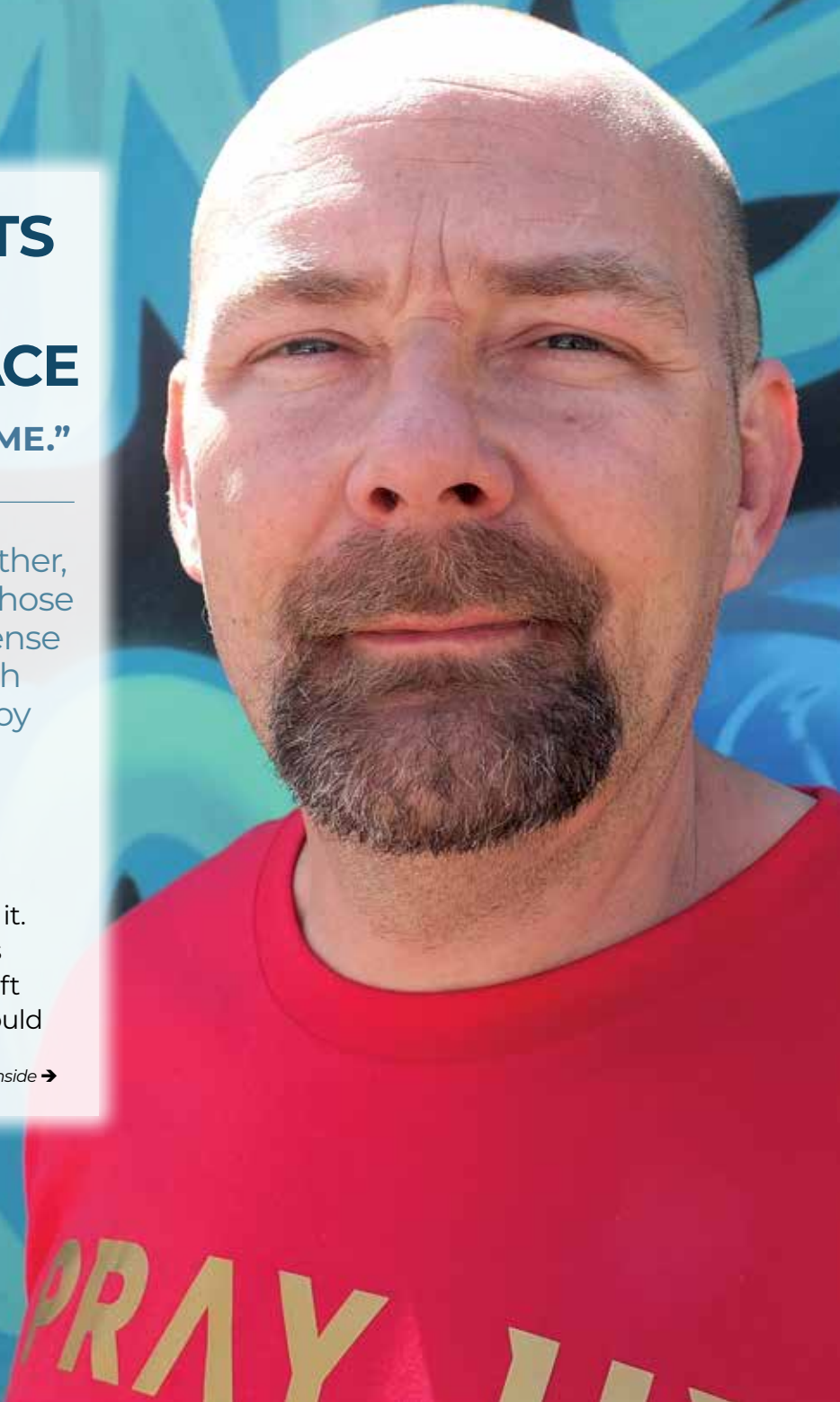
“I’M THANKFUL JESUS SAVED ME.”

Remmy was only 10 when his father, a police officer, died on duty. But those 10 years were enough to instill a sense of right and wrong that stayed with him even as drugs began to destroy his life.

As a young husband and father himself, Remmy had been taking drugs for about seven years. His addiction had grown over the years until he could no longer manage it. Eventually, he says, he felt his behavior was endangering his wife and children, so he left them. It was simply the best solution he could see at the time.

Keep reading Remmy's story inside →

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REMMY FINDS PEACE *continued from cover*

Now divorced, Remmy began a journey of life on the streets. "I was heartbroken by the whole situation," he says, "and I gave up on myself. I really didn't care what happened to me." Still doing drugs, Remmy only found relief from his rough living during brief stays in hospitals or homeless shelters.

One of the homeless shelters Remmy stayed in was Grant County Rescue Mission in 2019.

Remmy joined the Life Change Program and made it through the third phase. Then he decided he was ready to go back out on his own. Hoping a change of scene would help him stay clean, Remmy left the program and moved to Texas. Sadly, he didn't leave his problems behind.

"I was doing a lot of drugs and drinking in Texas," he recalls. "The streets were not for me. It's a totally different world on the streets."

Some of the lessons Remmy learned in the Life Change Program had stayed with him. The police officer's son finally came around to doing

the right thing. He returned to the Mission in September 2023.

"I was happy to come back," Remmy says. "After the experience I had in Dallas, I was grateful for the brotherhood, the fellowship, learning about Jesus in a clean, peaceful environment. This is a great place to be if you just work the program and stay grateful."

Now, Remmy is back at phase three and has no intention of leaving until God has transformed his life. He hopes to reconnect with his children and show them the

power of God to make broken people whole again.

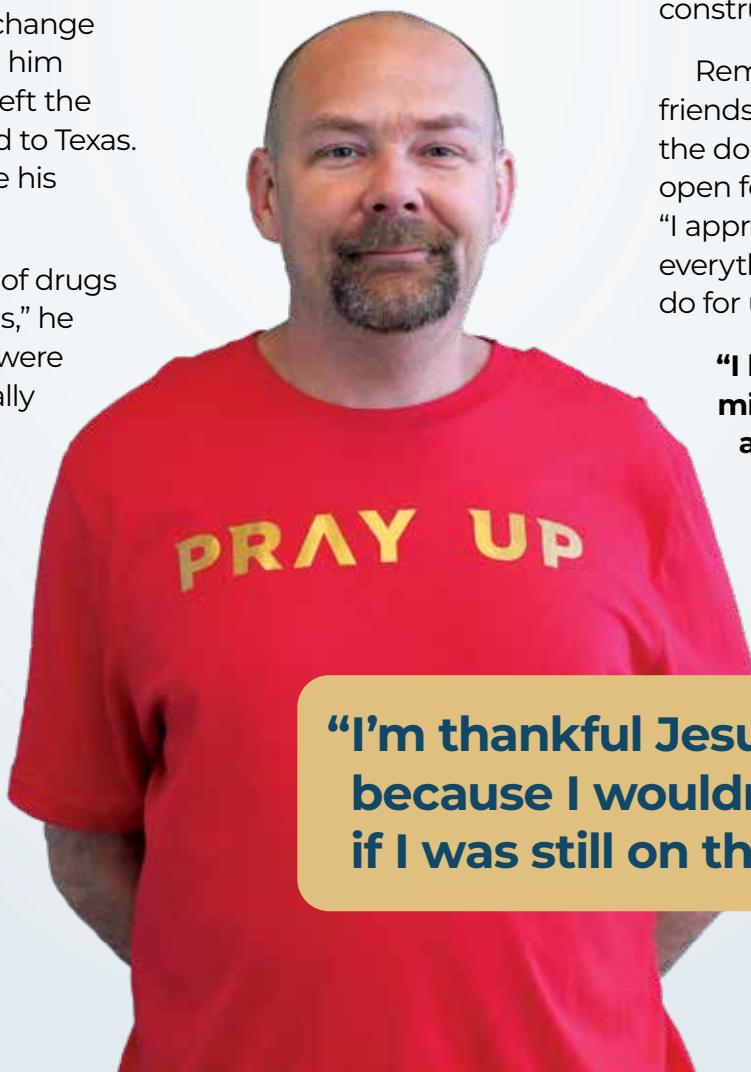
"I'm thankful Jesus saved me, because I wouldn't be alive if I was still on the streets."

Today, Remmy shares his newfound joy and peace with men entering the Mission. "I sit at the front desk and encourage them if they need help or want to join the program." In fact, Remmy would like to one day work for the Mission.

"It's not for the money," Remmy says. "It's about staying plugged into this environment, this constructive place."

Remmy is grateful to friends like you for keeping the doors of the Mission open for people in crisis. "I appreciate you all, everything you support and do for us," he says.

"I know some people might not realize you all are out there, but I want to thank you very much!"



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MISSION

33rd Annual Fly-In/Cruise-In Breakfast

Saturday, August 31
Marion Municipal Airport 7 a.m. – Noon

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage, with all proceeds benefitting the Grant County Rescue Mission.

TICKETS — Adults & kids 12+ \$10 • Children age 2–11 \$5

Purchase tickets at mygcrm.org/events or at the hangar on the day of the event. Additional information available at flyincruisein.com.



Letter Carriers' Food Drive

On Saturday, May 11, the annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive collected tens of millions of pounds of food to benefit hungry people in local neighborhoods nationwide. Here in Marion, that meant a generous donation to help fill our pantry!



Life Change Program Graduation [update]

One year in our Life Change Program at New Light or Open Heart will bless our graduates for the rest of their lives. Our most recent graduation was held on April 25; we hold these joyous events every three months. Please watch social media for upcoming dates and join us in celebration!



Rev. Brad D. Terhune
Executive Director/CEO

BRANCHES ON HIS VINE

Dear Friends in Ministry,

It's hard to let go of the things in our lives that hurt us. Often, we just can't do it on our own. But God, in His perfect time, will do it for us, painful as it may be. I see it every day in the men and women at Grant County Rescue Mission.

He cuts away what's harmful and unruly in their lives, the bad habits and attitudes that stunt their growth. With His expert care, the men and women in our programs bloom and thrive. As they grow in Him, their lives bear good fruit — like your gifts to the Mission.

When you give, you help prepare our guests for successful, satisfying lives. Like Remmy in this issue of *Mission Messenger*, many come here with no idea what God is ready to do for them.

When Remmy arrived at the Mission the first time, he got a taste of a better life. But he got impatient and left. Yet he was still a branch on the vine, and Jesus was not done pruning him. Thanks be to God, Remmy came back.

As our guests get ready to go out on their own, others will take their place. Our work is never done, and we need you. Our busiest seasons are still ahead.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer. If you can, please come by the Mission to see our master Gardener at work on the men and women in our care.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT EVENT!

Plan to join us on **Saturday, August 31** from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the 33rd Annual Fly-In Cruise-In Pancake Breakfast! It's all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage. Every dollar helps provide life change for men, women, and children in need right here in Grant County!

While you're here, enjoy the antique, classic, homebuilt, ultralight, rotorcraft and warbird aircraft, as well as vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles, fire trucks, autocycles, military vehicles and tractors.



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