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MISSION *Messenger*

YOU HELPED RONNIE FIND REAL WEALTH IN GOD

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Ronnie was born with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth. Raised in a wealthy Marion family, he seemed to have all the advantages to make a successful, happy life for himself.

Then, Ronnie's grandfather committed suicide and the family began to come apart. Ronnie began using drugs in high school, eventually becoming addicted to opioids and meth. He ended up in jail several times.

“I dragged myself down a really deep, long path,” Ronnie says.

It was not the path anyone had expected him to follow ... but God had plans for Ronnie and they began to unfold during his last time behind bars.

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“When I got to jail, I started doing Bible study and Sunday devotions. I really dedicated myself to believing in a higher power,” Ronnie tells us. “Doors started opening up for me.”

Ronnie entered the Moral Recognition Program, part of the Grant County jail system. It was a turning point for Ronnie. He became a mentor to others in the program and made a commitment to get back on a positive path. Given his choice of options after leaving jail, Ronnie chose to come to the Grant County Rescue Mission.

“Instead of repeating the cycle, I figured this place would give me a good opportunity to learn from my past and try to make things better.”

Ronnie showed up at the Mission with an optimistic attitude and dedicated himself to making a lasting change in his life. On his first night, he says, “I felt welcome and at peace, compared to all the chaos in my old lifestyle. It was a whole new ballgame.”

Since he arrived in April of this year, Ronnie has made great progress in our Life Change Program. He has grown closer to Jesus, building on the relationship he began while in jail. And he enjoys sharing his newfound peace with others in the program.

“I try to create brotherhood,” Ronnie says. “I give the guys encouragement. They have to leave their past at the door. They have to let go of all that and move forward. I want to see everybody achieve, just like I did.”

Today, as graduation approaches, Ronnie looks forward to spending time and sharing his faith with his four children and two grandchildren. “I can’t really tell them what to do, but I can guide them,” he says. “The more faith I gained, the more blessings that came. And it still continues. I’m a member of Lakeview Wesleyan and I got baptized. God is good, for sure!”

Ronnie also recognizes that God works through caring people like you.

Although he lost the wealth he was born into, he has gained more than he ever dreamed of during his lost years of addiction. Your support for the Grant County Rescue Mission saved him from the dangerous, downward path he had been on. He tells you:

“I appreciate everything you do for us, and I’m thankful for the opportunities you open up for people to try and find God.”



A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A BREAKFAST BENEFIT



The weather didn't look too promising early in the morning of Saturday, August 31. But, except for two brief sprinkles, the rain held off and our **33rd Annual Fly-in/Cruise-in Pancake Breakfast** was a huge success!



This event also featured the 26th Annual Rally of PULSE vehicles. It was a good time, for a good cause.

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who came to enjoy the planes, cars, and delicious pancakes at the Marion Airport. Your support helped transform lives here at the Grant County Rescue Mission!



2,304 pancake breakfasts



MORE THAN 9,000 sausage links



200 dedicated volunteers



270 vintage tractors, cars, trucks, airplanes, and motorcycles





Rev. Brad D. Terhune
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THANKFUL FOR YOU EVERY DAY

Dear Friends in Ministry,

The holidays are right around the corner. The anticipation fills us with joy as we look forward to spending time with family and friends. But the season can also bring stress, as it can involve a lot of extra effort and expense.

At the Grant County Rescue Mission, we know what that feels like. From Thanksgiving to the New Year we expect to serve over 6,000 meals to men, women and children. Can you imagine what it takes to feed that many people? This is no small task! But we know God will always come through for us, and He uses you to fill all those plates.

Every single day, God uses your generosity to provide everything hurting people need to overcome the crises in their lives. Hot meals, a safe place to sleep, Christian counseling, and access to practical resources help them get back on their feet.

This holiday season, we will no doubt meet many of our neighbors in need for the first time. It is an especially tough time to be burdened by hunger, addiction, or homelessness. With your help, they can enter into the joy of the season and believe in God's promise that life can be better in the year ahead.

You make that possible, not just at the holidays, but every day. And everyone at the Grant County Rescue Mission is deeply thankful for you.

YEAR-END GIVING

There are many ways you can make an eligible year-end contribution to the Grant County Rescue Mission:

- Cash
- Check
- Property
- Credit card
- Liquidated stock
- NAP credit donations
- Contributions from IRAs
- In-kind building materials
- Donor Advised Funds donations
- Local church and local missions contributions
- Community foundation endowment donations



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