



MISSION *Messenger*

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YOU PROVIDED BRITTNEY A WAY OUT OF ADDICTION

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In her early 20's, Brittney was doing better than many of her peers. A single mother, she had a good job, a home of her own, a nice car. Then she suffered a foot ailment and got a prescription for the narcotic hydrocodone. “I was addicted before I knew what addiction was,” Brittney recalls.

Brittney went from one doctor to another to get more of the drug. Eventually, she turned to methamphetamine to feed her addiction. In June 2021, after nearly 20 years of drug use, she had lost her job, her house, her car ... everything.

Keep reading Brittney's story inside →



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BRITTNEY'S WAY OUT OF ADDICTION *continued from cover*

Evicted from her apartment, Brittney stayed wherever she could: a bathroom in a church, empty storage units, even a car parked behind a restaurant. She remembers burning candles in the car to keep warm. Finally, Brittney was arrested for breaking into an abandoned house for shelter.

In addition to providing a warm place to sleep, jail reconnected Brittney with Jesus Christ and offered her a path back to the stable lifestyle she had lost. "They asked me if I would do drug court," she says. "I knew it would dismiss all my pending felonies upon completion." In October 2023, the court ordered Brittney to come to Open Heart Women's Shelter.

Brittney was released from jail in the middle of the night with just the clothes on her back. "I walked around all night until the shelter opened," she says.

Brittney's first impression of Open Heart was overwhelmingly positive. "I'd never been in a shelter. I'd always had my own place or lived on the streets. But it was great. It was very inviting," she says.

"In the beginning, it might look like a shelter, but it really becomes a home."

In the beginning, Brittney admits she was just "checking boxes. I wanted to get through the program as fast as possible. But now I see it differently. I was glad to have somewhere I could reestablish myself. I think the structure of the program is what's made me successful. And the faith-based aspect was really inviting for me."

Brittney looks forward to having a place of her own and getting back into the medical field. She has a strong relationship with her daughter, now a junior at Ball State. And best of all, she has been clean and sober for more than a year.

"I recently heard addicts have the only disease that is cured by a spiritual awakening. That's definitely what happened to me."

Brittney is actively involved with a local church and attends daily devotions at Open Heart. Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 10:13. "It says that God will not tempt you beyond what you can withstand, and He'll provide a way out for you," she says.

Thank you for providing a way out of addiction, abuse, and homelessness for many women like Brittney at Open Heart.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

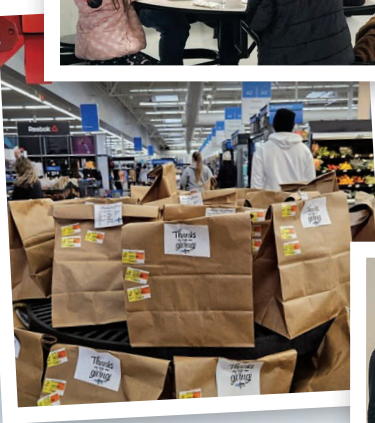
You Walk

You braved the cold so our homeless neighbors could sleep someplace warm. Thanks to everyone who participated in our **Walk-A-Mile event on February 22**. Walkers, donors, and sponsors raised money for the Mission and awareness of the plight of hurting people in our community.



You Provide

Hope often begins with a hot meal, served with compassion. **Your generosity** gives people in need a place to eat, sleep, and recover from hardships and crises. Because you care, our doors are open 365 days a year to welcome men, women, and children who need a helping hand.



You Encourage

Support from friends like you keeps the men and women in our Life Change program focused on their goal of recovery and rediscovery of their identity in Jesus Christ. **Life Change Program graduations** are joyous events that celebrate new beginnings and bright futures.





Rev. Brad D. Terhune
Executive Director/CEO

ALL THINGS MADE NEW

Dear Friends in Ministry,

Everyone loves Christmas. But Easter might be an even greater occasion to celebrate. For one thing, the weather is much warmer! And it's a season when we observe all things made new by God.

At the Grant County Rescue Mission, lives are made new not just at Easter, but every day of the year. Your support gives men and women in crisis hope — and real, practical help to overcome poverty, addiction and homelessness. In our life-changing recovery programs, they encounter Jesus Christ and discover their worth as sons and daughters of God. Like Brittney in this issue of *Mission Messenger*, many go on to share their testimony in local churches and inspire others on their journeys with Christ.

This can only happen because you care. You make a difference in the lives of every man, woman, and child here and in our community at large.

Take a look at the stats on this page. Every meal, every night of shelter, every day of participation in our program is made possible by you.

Thank you for your partnership with the Grant County Rescue Mission. I wish you and your loved ones a very joyful Easter. Please pray for our guests and know they are grateful for your compassion.

LAST YEAR, YOUR KIND SUPPORT HELPED TO:

- Prepare and serve 62,000 filling meals to neighbors needing physical nourishment and care.
- Provide 19,200 bed nights to men, women, and children in need of comfort and refuge.
- Support 45 individuals in our recovery programs which provide men and women with life-changing resources for lasting life transformation.



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