



Summer 2025

# MISSION *Messenger*

## YOU HELPED RITA COME FULL CIRCLE IN HER LIFE

**“YOU CAN NEVER GO TOO  
FAR AWAY FROM THE LORD.”**

Some men and women come to Grant County Rescue Mission more than once. Rita is one of them. But a long time passed before her first visit and her most recent.

Born and raised in Grant County, Rita recalls coming to the food pantry as a child with her grandmother, never dreaming that she would be back for help as an adult.

Since her first visit to the Mission with her grandmother, Rita supported herself, raised a family and enjoyed international travel. She led a Christian life and walked with the Lord. Then her mother passed away.

*Keep reading Brittney's story inside →*



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## YOU HELPED RITA COME FULL CIRCLE *continued from cover*

"I pretty much had a nervous breakdown," Rita says. "I started using drugs. I got arrested three times in one year for drugs and a couple of battery charges." Even through all her troubles, Rita knew she had to get back to the life she was meant to live. Given the choice between probation and drug court, Rita chose drug court and came to our Open Heart Women's Shelter.

**"I wanted to get clean and get in right standing," Rita says.**

It didn't take long for Rita to reach that goal. Just three weeks after she arrived at Open Heart, she was promoted to House Manager. "God opened the door for me to serve," she tells us.

But that wasn't the only door God opened. Since coming to Open Heart in January 2024, Rita got her old job back and bought a car. She gives her testimony whenever and wherever she can. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and looks forward to traveling again.

Rita believes restoration is available for anyone who is ready to change. "At Open Heart, you're safe, loved and cared for. They help you rebuild. They speak life into you. There's hope and life change here if you want it."

And she knows friends like you helped her experience that life transformation.

**"I just thank God for the people who donate to this ministry."**

Rita tells you, "We pray for the people connected to Grant County Rescue Mission, for every person that's ever donated even a dollar. God blesses that and the money goes into good hands that disperse it to meet the needs of the people here."

Much has happened in Rita's life since coming to the Mission as a small child, and she believes the Lord was with her through it all. "You can never go too far away from God," she says. "You may walk away from Him, but He never walks away from you. Amen."



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me to serve."  
- Rita*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MISSION

## 34th Annual Fly-In/Cruise-In Breakfast

Saturday, August 30

Marion Municipal Airport 7 a.m. – Noon

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

TICKETS — Adults & kids 12+ **\$12** • Children age 2–11 **\$6**

Purchase tickets at [mygcrm.org/events](http://mygcrm.org/events) or at the hangar on the day of the event. Additional information available at [flyincruisein.com](http://flyincruisein.com).



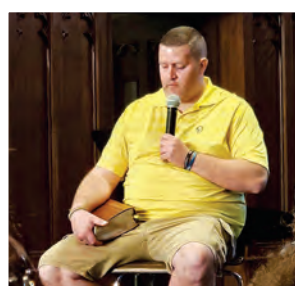
## Letter Carriers' Food Drive

On Saturday, May 10, 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. Our food pantry benefitted from a very generous donation, and we are grateful!



## Life Change Program Graduation

Grace changes everything for our New Light and Open Heart graduates. Every three months we celebrate with a graduation ceremony honoring the achievements of these men and women. The most recent was held on April 24. Please watch social media for upcoming dates and show your support!







Rev. Brad D. Terhune  
Executive Director/CEO

# THIS SUMMER VACATION NEVER ENDS

Dear Friends in Ministry,

Many people in our community have already taken or look forward to summer vacations. For the men and women at Grant County Rescue Mission, this summer is a vacation from the pain and trauma that led them to addiction, prison or homelessness. However, this vacation never has to end.

True, our residents will graduate from our programs, leave the Mission and return to work. But as they go forward in God's grace, they are strong and resilient. With help from the Lord and renewed family relationships, they need never go back to the darkness that brought them to the Mission. The light of Jesus Christ will be with them forever. All they need to do is walk in His light.

**Your support for Grant County Rescue Mission makes these lasting transformations possible.** As Rita says in this issue of Mission Messenger, even the smallest donation, given out of love, is blessed by God and makes a difference in the life of someone in our New Light or Open Heart program.

Rita has taken vacations to Israel and Italy. For now, she's happy to be here in Indiana with her friends and family, but I have a feeling she will be going places before too long. Thank you for helping Rita and so many more hurting people through a tough time. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, wherever it takes you.

## DON'T MISS THIS GREAT EVENT!

Plan to join us on **Saturday, August 30** from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the 34th 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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