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MISSION *Messenger*



YOU GAVE WES A WAY OFF THE STREETS

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“I never really could get myself away from the street life. I got an adrenaline rush from it.”

By age 16, Wes had already been on the streets for three years, selling drugs, being shot, stabbed and arrested. He thought becoming a father would settle him down, but the lifestyle wouldn't let go. “I loved it,” he admits.

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WES FOUND A WAY OFF THE STREETS *continued from cover*

Later, as a father of three, Wes saw that his children were about to be homeless. He robbed a convenience store and ended up on house arrest. Unable to work or make his house payments, he was sent to prison. It marked a turning point in his life.

Wes tells us, “My house arrest officer said, ‘We have an ultimatum for you. You can do a 12-month program at Grant County Rescue Mission or stay in prison for 10 years.’ Anybody in their right mind is going to take 12 months over 10 years!”

It sounded like a simple solution, but it was harder than Wes anticipated. “I didn’t want anything to do with the program. I didn’t want anything to do with Jesus,” he says. “I just wanted to get in there and get it done so I could go.”

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But staff at the Mission didn’t give up on Wes. Neither did Jesus.

Wes continues, “Then one day, it was like Jesus smacked me and told me it was time to grow up!” Before that wake-up call, Wes says, he had serious anger issues. Now, he says, “I started looking at people differently. I wanted to start helping them. I could never get rid of that anger, but Jesus took it from me.”

Today, Wes walks alongside all the new residents who come to the Mission, offering encouragement. “I’ll tell them, ‘I’m not going to expect you to open up to me. But if I see you’re having a bad day, I’m going to talk to you. If you want to hear my story, I’ll tell you.’ I try to coach them through it and guide them in the right direction.”

For Wes, the right direction looks like this: “I hope to get back on my feet, have my own house and car, get my kids brought home and continue to help people. I’ll still come to the Mission and volunteer.”

Wes is grateful to everyone who supports Grant County Rescue Mission, including you. **“If it weren’t for donors, I don’t know where we would be. I just want to thank them for helping me through my journey at the Mission.”**



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MISSION

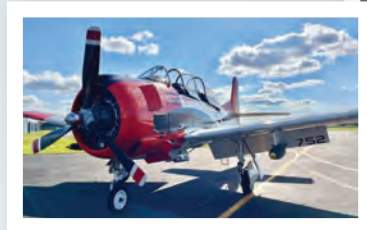
35th Annual Fly-In/Cruise-In Breakfast

Saturday, September 5
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 or at the hangar on the day of the event. Additional information available at flyincruisein.com.



Letter Carriers' Food Drive

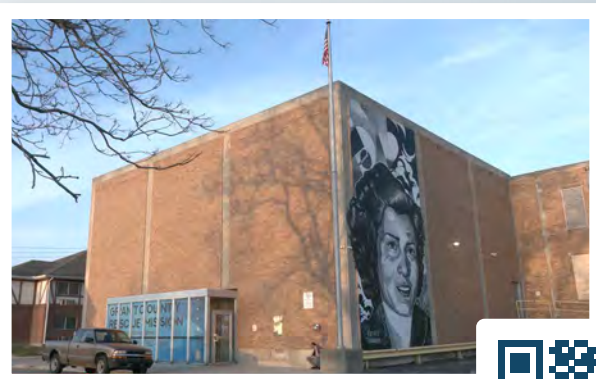
On Saturday, May 9, the annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive collected tens of millions of pounds of food to benefit hungry people in local neighborhoods nationwide. Our food pantry benefitted from a very generous donation, and we are grateful!



Renewing Grant County

This insightful documentary by students Andrew Scalf, Grant Flora, and Emily Lamb debuted at Indiana Wesleyan University's Globe Theatre on April 21. Created for the Documentary Video Production Class, it presents the history and vision of Grant County Rescue Mission as seen through the eyes of the people who serve here.

The film is a powerful reminder that we are all just one bad event from homelessness, but that hope, help and "small miracles" are always available at the Mission.



To view this inspiring video, go to tinyurl.com/rgcvideo or scan this QR code with your smartphone.





Rev. Brad D. Terhune
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STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

Dear Friends in Ministry,

There are many things I love about Grant County Rescue Mission. But what motivates me the most, what keeps me coming back day after day, is being part of God's transforming work in the lives of the men and women He leads to our doors.

This never gets old because everyone who comes to the Mission has a unique and inspiring story to tell, like Wes in this issue of *Mission Messenger*. I love sharing them with you because it's the best way to show you what a difference you're making here.

All these stories have two things in common. First, God meets these hurting neighbors where they are and gives them hope for a better, brighter future. Second, friends like you provide a place for these miracles to happen.

Often, those blessed by your compassion make the Mission part of their story for years to come. One of those men is Jayson Maples. "I was really down. I had next to nothing. And Grant County Rescue Mission was there for me. They helped me when I needed it most, not asking for anything in return," he says. "I'm not just a wrestling promoter. I'm a changed life storyteller."

Thank you for being part of Jason's story and so many more. If you'd like to know more about Jayson, scan the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/JaysonMaples.



Life Change Program "Phase-Ups"

Life Change Program graduations are always a cause for celebration at Grant County Rescue Mission. However, "Phase-Ups" are also important events for our New Light and Open Heart residents. These mark their advancements from one phase of the program to the next.

Residents progress through four Phases before graduation. Each Phase lasts three months, during which residents set and achieve specific goals that set the foundation for the next Phase. Along the way, they receive ongoing evaluation and support to help them build a positive future.



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