“At my lowest point, I felt God intervene in my life.”

Today, Travis is on a path to a new beginning – and his heart is filled with gratitude for friends like you who are making his journey possible.

You’ll be moved by his story, on Page 3.
T ravis hadn’t prayed in years. But sitting in a jail cell in Athens, Tennessee, he prayed fervently to God for help.

He was about to face a judge who would determine the length of his prison sentence. Travis knew that without divine intervention, he wouldn’t get the help he needed to get sober.

Years before, a divorce and losing custody of his two sons had hurt him deeply, and Travis had struggled with depression. “A friend of mine wanted to help me feel better and introduced me to meth,” he says. “It didn’t take long for me to lose my job or my home.”

Numbing the pain of being away from his boys kept Travis using. “I didn’t care about anything at that time,” he says. He’d even turned his back on the Lord after being saved as a teenager.

That day in his cell, with no one else to turn to, Travis turned to God and prayed that he’d be allowed to enter our Iron-on-Iron program. And to his surprise, God answered his prayer.

“I told the judge that I needed help getting off drugs,” Travis says. “And he allowed me to go to the Mission instead of prison.”

For the first few weeks, Travis felt like the Mission was anything but an answer to prayer. He resented the structure and rules. But through our program’s classes, counseling and work-skills training, and renewing his relationship with the Lord, he started healing the pain that had fueled his addiction.

Today, Travis is a graduate of our program and staying at our Wright Transitional House while he saves money to live independently again.

Above all, he plans to continue walking with the Lord. “My relationship with my children is back. I’ve been sober for over two years. I couldn’t feel better about my life, and I owe the Mission for that.”

He’s a man with a heart of gratitude for friends like you who have made his journey possible. Thank you for your continued generosity.

“I’VE NEVER BEEN THIS CLOSE TO GOD.”
Open Your Heart... Lend a Hand

It takes careful planning and organizing – and scores of caring volunteers – to bring a meaningful holiday to hundreds of homeless and hurting people. That’s why we’re starting NOW, and we hope you’ll join us. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Randy Daniels, for opportunities and details.

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A MESSAGE FROM D. SCOTT BJORK

Your kindness fills hearts with thanksgiving

Those we care for at the Mission face a litany of challenges. Like Travis, who you’ll read about on Page 3, each story of heartbreak and tragedy is personal and unique.

Yet all of our guests share one thing in common: deep gratitude for friends like you who are providing a pathway to hope and healing.

From the essentials of food and shelter to our men’s Iron-on-Iron and women’s Moriah House programs of recovery and practical training, your generosity lays the financial foundation for our faith-based outreach. Sharing the love of God is at the center of all we do, and we know true and permanent life change is only possible when men and women have invited Him into their hearts.

With you alongside us, we have the amazing opportunity to accompany homeless and hurting individuals – whom God loves deeply – on their journeys to restoration.

The Thanksgiving season offers a special opportunity for everyone on our staff – and each man, woman and child in our care – to reflect on the many blessings of your kind compassion. With a heart of gratitude, I pray you’ll continue to share your time, talent, gifts and prayers to uplift our neighbors in need. Thank you, and God bless you!

Yours in gratitude,

D. Scott Bjork
President & CEO

2018 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

With Grateful Hearts...

As you give thanks for your blessings this Thanksgiving, those in our care will be giving thanks too – for you and for the gifts of comfort, compassion and life-changing opportunity you so generously provide for them.

This Thanksgiving Season

Alone...

Thousands of hours of Training, Counseling & Prayer

79,971 Hot Meals

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Please consider extending your heartfelt support with a gift to our 2018 Thanksgiving Campaign. Because you care, your neighbors in need can overcome their challenges and embrace a new beginning.

God bless you for being generous

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
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Help Us Minister to Our Guests

One of the ways we share the love of Christ with those who come to the Mission is by making them feel comfortable and cared for. Will you, your family, your church or your coworkers donate the following urgently needed items to help us minister to the physical needs of our guests as we minister to their hearts?

**Men’s Ministries**
- Coats and caps
- Socks
- Shirts
- Shoes and belts
- Sweaters
- Gloves
- Underwear
- Pants
- Towels
- Twin-size sheet sets
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Over-the-counter medical items: pain relievers, cold medicine (non-alcoholic), bandages, rubbing alcohol and anti-bacterial ointment

**Women’s Ministries**
- Coats and caps
- Sweaters
- Gloves
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Toilet paper

Please drop off your donations at our Men’s Emergency Shelter, 383 Poplar Avenue. Thank you!

Did You Know? It costs only $1.67 to provide one meal for a hungry person.

Scott, please accept my heartfelt gift toward your 2018 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign:

- $20.04 to feed and care for 12 people
- $50.10 to feed and care for 30 people
- $76.82 to feed and care for 46 people
- $88.51 to feed and care for 53 people
- $_____ to help as much as possible

**PRAYER & PRAISE**

**PRAISE** God for giving us a great summer of ministry and for all of the volunteers who came to help us minister to our guests.

**PRAY** for God’s physical and spiritual protection over the people we serve. Also **PRAY** for His protection over all of our staff and facilities.

**PRAY** for us as we get ready for the upcoming Thanksgiving season. **PRAY** that the many activities during this time of year will bring men and women to Christ and that they will be fed spiritually, as well as physically.

**PRAY** that the men in our Iron-on-Iron recovery program will experience the love of Christ and be completely transformed.

**PRAY** the same for the women and children at Moriah House.

**PRAY** that the Lord will restore the families enrolled in our Intact Family Ministry.

**PRAY** for God’s continued blessing over Grace Church of Memphis, our church plant that worships every Sunday morning at our emergency shelter in downtown Memphis.

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