



FROM DESPERATION TO HOPE

David grew up a loner, isolated from others, and killing his pain with alcohol. He even almost killed himself...

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT,
you share new hope with people like David

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Visit our NewLeaf Book Mercantile!

Browse our selections and drop off your unwanted books, CDs, and DVDs at the mercantile. Your purchases and donations will help provide jobs for the unemployed, meals for the hungry, and life-altering services for the homeless.

For more information, or if your church or organization would like to conduct a book drive, contact Gary at **(316) 687-4673** or **moose67016@yahoo.com**.

Drop off donations at 2800 North Hillside in Wichita. A charitable donation receipt will be provided. Pick-up service is available for large donations. Thank you!

SHARING HOPE STARTS HERE

What does it look like to share hope?

Compared to a plate of nourishing food or a warm blanket, it's often hard to visualize how hope changes lives.

But for the homeless and hurting people you're helping through your gifts, hope is transforming their lives in very tangible ways.

Take David, who's featured in this issue – at his lowest point, he turned to us. He didn't know if a new life was even possible.

Meals, shelter and care changed David's life from the inside out. Experiencing God's love showed him that a new life is possible. He began believing in a better future – and began living that life every day!

When you see David today, you see hope... made real in his life through your generosity.

Just as Christ shared hope with you and me through His glorious

resurrection on Easter, you share His hope with those in need through your prayers, your acts of service and your generous financial support of this ministry.

Thank you for sharing with our community's homeless – and for making the Union Rescue Mission a refuge of encouragement and hope for those in need.



Dennis H. Bender, APR
Executive Director

THIS IS EDWARD.



You'd never guess that he once believed all hope for his life was gone... until he came to the Mission.

There are so many like Edward – in need of new hope for a new life.

You can share new hope this Easter by sharing meals, shelter and God's love with homeless and hungry men.

A meal is just \$2.15!

Share online at **urmwichita.org**.

Share now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING NEW HOPE WITH HURTING PEOPLE IN WICHITA!

"THIS IS A PLACE OF HOPE."

David's family moved around a lot when he was young, forcing him to leave his friends again and again. **"In my mind, it became a bad thing to make friends so I became a loner and isolated myself.** I wasn't happy," he says.

In his teens, David turned to alcohol to numb his pain, an addiction which controlled his life for the next 35 years. "I'd tell myself it wasn't a problem because I could hold a job, pay my bills, had money in the bank, and a nice car," he says.

Then, one night, David was



hospitalized for alcohol-induced respiratory distress. **"They told me I should be dead because you don't drink that much, pass out, stop breathing and wake up, but I did."**

"I'd drink up to two liters of vodka every night."

Upon his release, David went into detox and a 28-day inpatient program, but he knew it wasn't enough. It was then his counselor told him about our New Beginnings life-change program and David decided to give it a try.

"When I got here I thought I had all the answers," David says. "Then

I truly humbled myself before the Lord and my entire outlook changed. I realized He was powerful and I was not; that I could depend on His grace and love where I used to depend on myself."

David graduated from the program, earned his Associate's Degree, and was certified as an addiction counselor. For the past three years, he's been working at the Mission as a case manager!

"I love what I do. I love helping the people that come in the door and working with the guys in the Program," he says. "When I got here, I was a miserable alcoholic. I didn't like myself or other people. I didn't like my life or my work. I've done a complete 180. This is a place of hope, a place of change."

EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

Will you join in and set more places at our table for hungry people this Easter? We need your help! Just look at our needs this Easter season:

13,521 meals
for men

240 food boxes
for local families

And there's no way we can serve them without you!

Don't have time to shop?

 **DONATE NOW!**

 **(316) 687-4673**

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DONATE FOOD

Please consider hosting a food drive or donating these needed items before April 7:

- Ham
- Bagged potatoes
- Canned green beans
- Dinner rolls
- Fruit
- Homemade desserts (cookies, brownies, cobbler, cake)
- Cheese and crackers
- Assorted candy

Drop off donations at the Mission, 2800 N. Hillside in Wichita, Thank you!

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13,521
meals



6,220
nights of shelter

VISIT US ONLINE to learn more about our outreach, read stories of hope & securely donate anytime!

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