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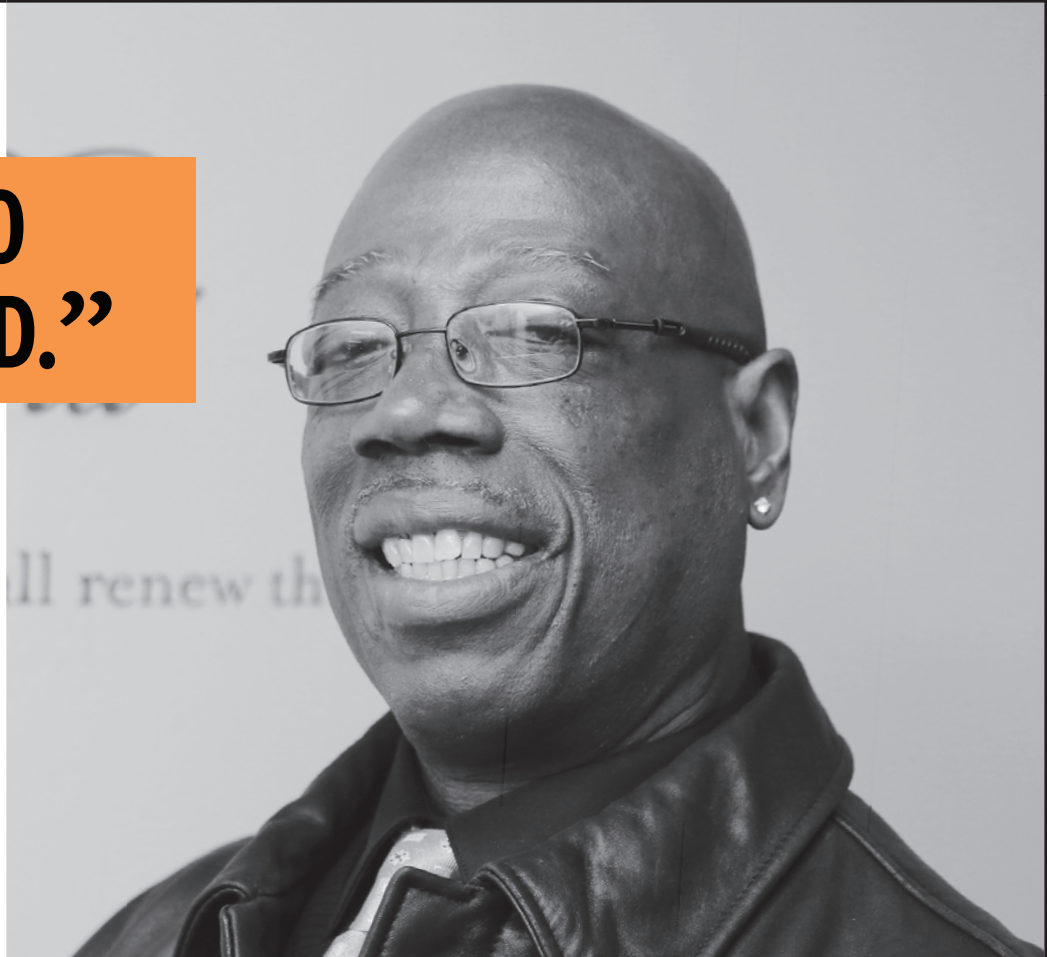
*James's heart is full of
thanksgiving because of God's
love & your generosity!*

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“I’VE PUT EVERYTHING IN THE LORD’S HANDS.”

James seemed to have everything a man could want – a happy marriage, a comfortable home and fulfilling work as a substance abuse counselor. Then his beloved mother died and he discovered that his life was built on shifting sand.

“Her death hit me like a ton of bricks, but I didn’t have God in my life, and my pride kept me from asking anyone else for help,” he says. “I didn’t know how to cope with the mourning and the pain, so I started using drugs to numb it.”

James’s wife pleaded with him to get help, but he refused. “I wound up losing her, my house, my cars...

everything,” he says. “I wandered around aimlessly for about a month, not knowing what to do. Then I woke up one morning and said, ‘I’ve had enough. I’ve got to get some help.’”

It was then when James entered our New Beginnings life-change program, where chapel services, faith-based classes and counseling led him to an encounter with the Lord. “Now I have Jesus in my life and a lot of peace and joy,” James says.

After giving his life to Christ, James began praying for the restoration of his marriage and, one day, his wife called. “Now we talk every day, and she’s decided to

take me back,” James says. “She’s been building her relationship with God, too, so He’s become the center of our marriage.”

James plans to graduate from the program, move back home with his wife and return to work as a substance abuse counselor with Christ as the foundation of his practice. “I’m going to live for God, doing for others what He did for me,” he says.

Because of your generosity, James’s heart has been filled with thanksgiving... and God’s love! “The Mission introduced me to God and taught me to depend on Him so I could become who I am now – a man with integrity.”



2019 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

MEALS NEEDED!

*Help us get
ready now!*

YOU can make a difference in the lives of homeless and hungry neighbors. By giving today, **you'll help us prepare for some of the 20,531 meals we'll serve** from now until Thanksgiving Day.

LOOK AT WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL PROVIDE!



\$2.15
for 1 hot meal



\$10.13
for 1 night of
safe shelter

*and often
leads to*



A chance to share
**GOD'S
LIFE-CHANGING
LOVE**



Please share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2019 Thanksgiving Campaign gift now**. Our hurting neighbors will find the help and hope they need for a new beginning in their lives!



Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at **urmwichita.org**.

THANK YOU

AGAIN FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY
DURING THE THANKSGIVING SEASON.

A MESSAGE FROM DOUG NOLTE

My heart of Thanksgiving for you!

Each time I think of you, my heart overflows with thanksgiving. Your generosity to our homeless neighbors reminds me of the story of the Good Samaritan. During his journey, he stopped to help a man beaten and left for dead by robbers on the road – a victim others had walked right by.

Jesus then asks a simple question:

“Which... was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”
(Luke 10:36 & 37, NIV)

Many who come to the Mission have been beaten down by life... they long for a Good Samaritan to reach out and help them. This Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to take Jesus' challenge! The nourishing meals and safe shelter that your gifts provide are simple ways to give them a hand up.

I want to thank you for showing mercy to our neighbors who others often pass by. Your compassion helps our hurting guests recover and heal, and often opens their hearts to God's love today... and a transformed life forever!



Doug

Doug Nolte
Chief Executive
Officer

Join us for CELEBRATION DAY!



Come join us November 7 at Pathway Church/Westlink for our 69th Annual Celebration Day event, **“Reaching Up & Out with Overcoming Faith!”**

Actor, director, producer and New York Times bestselling author Alex Kendrick will be our featured guest speaker, and graduates of our New Beginnings program will share their stories of how faith empowered them to overcome their trials.

This year’s event will include a luncheon, a banquet and auditorium presentations.

Gather with other Mission friends and supporters as we rejoice in the work God has done through our ministry.

Seating will be limited. For more information or to make your reservations, call

(316) 687-4673 or visit urmwichita.org/events/celebration-day-2019.

We hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Season Needs

Please bless our homeless and hungry neighbors with a special Thanksgiving by donating any of these food items.



Turkeys	Apple Cider
Hams	White onions
Canned sweet potatoes or yams	Canned cranberry sauce
Stove Top stuffing	Cream of mushroom soup
Brown sugar	Fried onions
Butter	

Drop off your donations at
2800 N. Hillside, Wichita.

BE A VOLUNTEER.

Consider joining one of our high-impact Volunteer Teams that serve in many areas at the Mission:

- Mighty Men of Valor
- Faithful Women of Valor

Learn more about how you can use your time and talents to touch the lives of the lost and hurting people we serve:

Call: Vici at **(316) 687-4673**

Email: volunteer@urmwichita.org

Or visit urmwichita.org/volunteer to find out more or sign up now!

