

INSIDE STORY



A NEWSLETTER OF WHEELER MISSION | SUMMER 2020



**Mike's life
is changed
forever**
*AND HE WANTS
TO THANK YOU!*

Your support touches
lives with new hope.

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When Mike’s mother passed away, the loss was especially devastating since he lost his dad just a few years before.

“My dad was my best friend, so it really hurt,” he says. “And then my mom passed, after I was the only one who could care for her.”

Still recovering from the loss, Mike was stunned to learn that someone had wiped out his bank account right before Christmas. Mike snapped and hit rock bottom. Drinking seemed like the only way to make his grief go away, so he spent a week drowning his pain in alcohol, and even contemplated taking his own life.

By God’s grace, Mike’s sister came to see him and begged Mike to get help.

The day he came to Wheeler Mission, everything changed for Mike.

“I felt like nothing when I came here. But then I built a foundation with God and learned not to talk about my faith, but to actually live it,” he says, smiling.

Mike entered our Foundations long-term residential program and committed his life to the Lord. After years of searching, Mike finally found a real relationship with his Savior.

“I always knew God died on the cross for our sins and our salvation. But I’m still amazed that God chose *me* to be His child.”

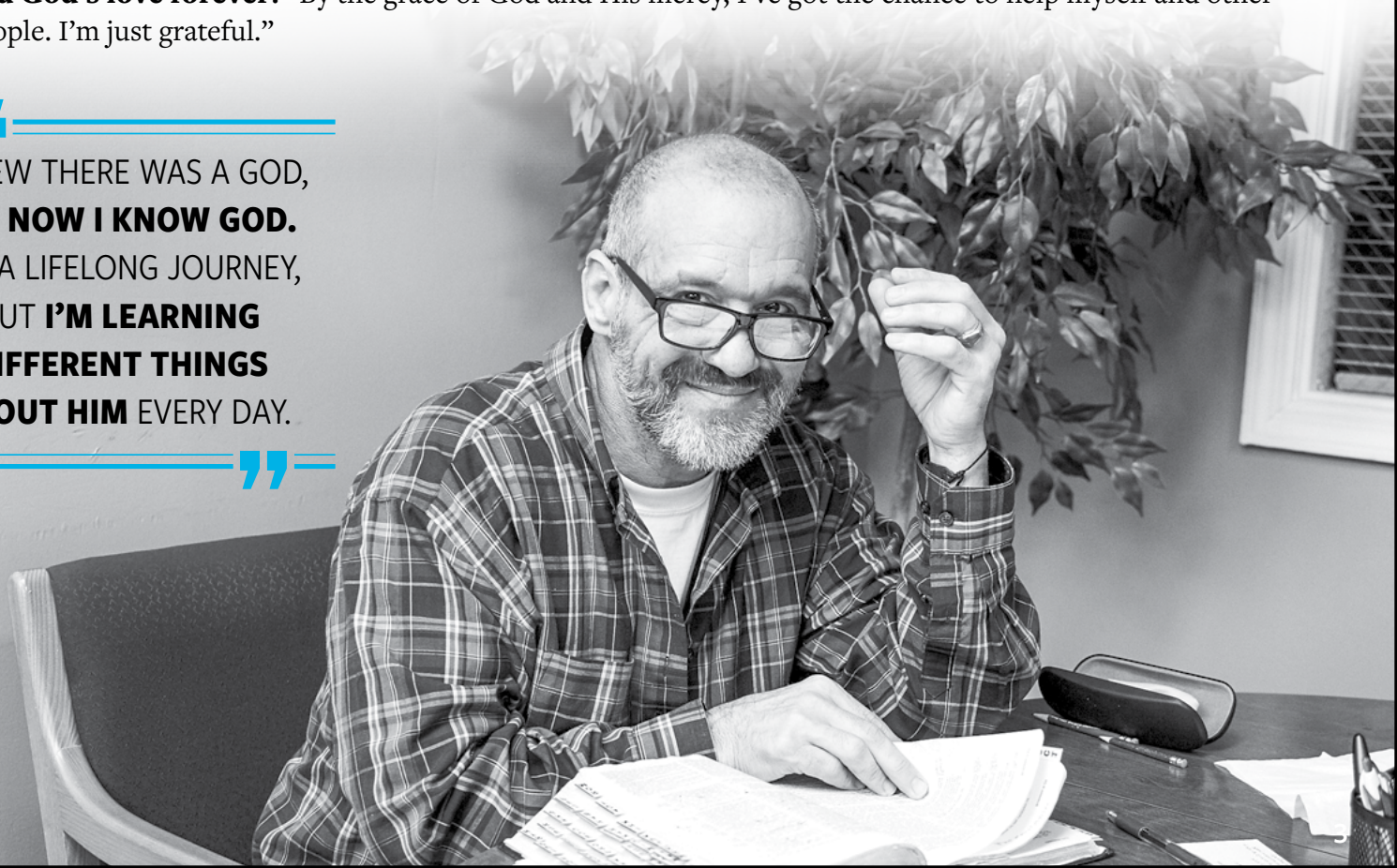
The in-depth Bible studies and counseling are helping Mike work through the grief of losing his parents in healthy, Christ-centered ways. And that’s just one of the many things he’s learning in our care.

“We have classes on finances, communication, how to save money, how to look for a job. They’re laying that foundation for me to have a sustainable life.”

Through parenting classes here, Mike’s also learning to be a better father to his 10-year-old son. His long-term goal is to get his real estate license so he can find a stable job and a home.

Because you gave from your heart to help Mike, his life has been changed by your goodness and God’s love forever! “By the grace of God and His mercy, I’ve got the chance to help myself and other people. I’m just grateful.”

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A Message from
RICK ALVIS

**Give Where You Live
to Meet Our Summer
Challenge**

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone – and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger, homelessness, poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for thousands of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we serve during June, July, and August cost \$168,319.20 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisis-related assistance. And there's no decline in the need for recovery programming, adult education, and practical guidance that empower our guests to change their lives.

We need your help to meet our summer challenge!

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our neighbors experiencing homelessness. They need your encouragement, prayers, and compassion now more than ever.

Please *give where you live* to ensure we can care for every individual who turns to Wheeler Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially in times like these.



Rick Alvis
President/CEO

**Through the 3 SUMMER MONTHS,
your gifts will provide**

80,152 meals

countless hours of counseling & case management

56,551 nights of shelter

heartfelt & life-transforming decisions for Christ

**Give Where You Live!
Our 92-Day Summer
Campaign is underway now.**

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- 💻 Give online anytime at **WheelerMission.org**.

This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!



**Let Your LEGACY
Live On**

If you're like many Americans, you have no current will or estate plan. Being unprepared could mean losing control of what happens to your assets.

Make sure your resources are passed on to the people and causes you believe in. We'd love to help you! Contact us today for helpful, current advice and guidance in planning your legacy, and gaining peace of mind.

Contact **Steve Kerr** ☎ (317) 635-3575 ✉ SteveKerr@WheelerMission.org.

How can **YOU** help this **SUMMER?**

You can give hope and a helping hand to guests of Wheeler Mission and help change lives during the busy summer season by donating items today!

- **Bottled water** can refresh men, women, and children who are struggling out on the hot summer streets.
- **A new pillow** can provide rest and comfort for someone who needs a safe place to sleep.
- **Brand new underwear** can help someone feel clean, confident, and able to believe that change is possible.

Throughout the summer, please think of your neighbors who have so little. By donating water, hygiene supplies, pillows, pajamas, new underwear, and other necessities, you can give them the strength and support they need to rebuild their lives. *Thank you for caring!*



We need your donations of:

Bottled water	New pillows
Towels and washcloths	Men's pajamas
New men's and women's underwear	Textured/ethnic hair supplies

Pledge to Give Monthly at This Critical Time

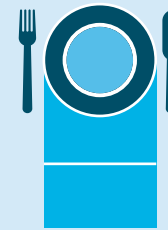
Our **Circle of Hope** monthly giving partners provide the funds we rely on to feed, shelter, and care for our most vulnerable neighbors. Their giving is consistent every month... and that's especially crucial, given the recent COVID-19 crisis.

Giving monthly is the best way to ensure we can meet emergencies head-on today, as well as confront the challenges that will endanger those in need tomorrow.

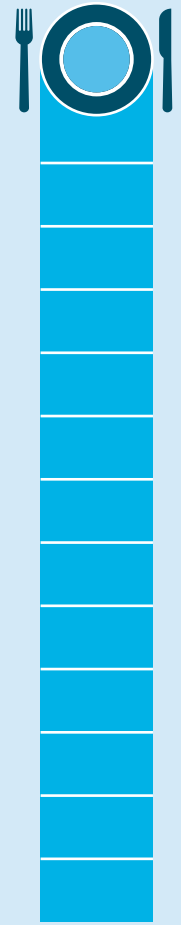
Please prayerfully consider joining this vital group! Your monthly commitment will secure an ongoing foundation of support for struggling individuals and families who need assistance with daily essentials, as well as tools to rebuild their lives.

SIGN UP NOW!

Visit **WheelerMission.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.



Your monthly gift of \$30 provides **14** meals and care



Over a year, your \$30 monthly gift brings **168** meals and care