

INSIDE STORY



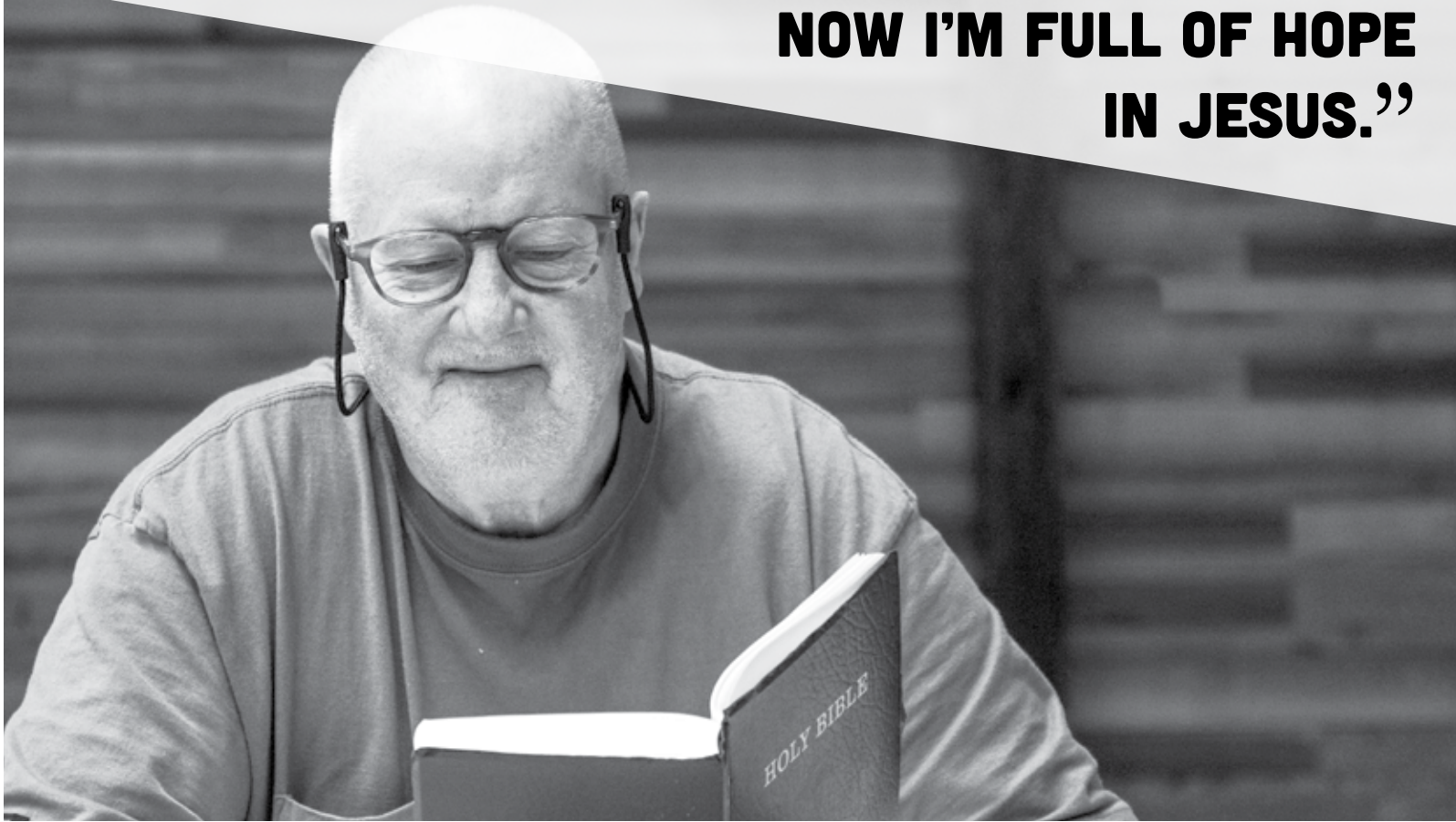
A NEWSLETTER OF WHEELER MISSION | SUMMER 2021

YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING TOM A SECOND CHANCE

and he can't thank
you enough!



**“I was homeless and scared, but
NOW I’M FULL OF HOPE
IN JESUS.”**



Tom sat alone in his motel room, his mind reeling, his heart pounding. “It was the first time I’d ever been homeless,” he says. “I was scared to death.”

He’d always been a hardworking, self-sufficient man. Then, when he was 67, he tore his rotator cuff on the job and needed a shoulder replacement. After many months of fighting for his workers compensation benefits, he had the surgery and was finally at home, recovering. Then his landlord told him he needed to move. “I had no place to go,” Tom says.

He put his belongings in storage and checked into a motel. “I was confused and terrified. Then, all of a sudden, I got an email from Wheeler Mission requesting a donation to provide a homeless person with a shower, food, and

clothing. I said, ‘That sounds good,’ so I donated.”

It wasn’t the first time he’d given to Wheeler Mission, but now he sensed God wanted him to receive help through the work he’d

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been supporting. It was then he entered our Foundations Program, where he had a life-changing encounter with Christ. **“When I walked into Wheeler Mission, I felt the power of the Holy Ghost so strongly and was**

immediately filled with a level of faith I’d never felt before.”

He also found shelter, meals, and the priceless gift of peace. **“My mind quickly cleared because I was safe. I had a place to sleep, food, everything I needed.”**

Through Bible studies, chapel services, and Christian counseling, Tom’s faith has continued to grow. He’s been called to the ministry and is now earning his Associate’s Degree in biblical ministries. “God has a purpose for my life.”

Tom is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for a neighbor like him. “Before I came to Wheeler Mission, I was homeless and scared. Now I’m full of hope in Jesus.”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal and care for \$2.18!

We're serving hundreds and hundreds of people each day!

A Message from RICK ALVIS

Love Your Neighbor And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment, or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. We've been helping record numbers of people this year, and the summer months can be especially difficult at Wheeler Mission. The meals we serve during June, July, and August require \$174,731.36 alone! Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our struggling neighbors experiencing homelessness. They need your encouragement, prayers, and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of Wheeler Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



Rick Alvis
President/CEO

3 MONTHS OF *Summer* Help meet our community's needs! Your gift today provides:



80,152 meals



56,551 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling and education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER.
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! WheelerMission.org Support our Summer Campaign now!

Do you know our **SUMMER 6?**



Our "Summer 6" are essential items in high demand for our Wheeler Mission guests all summer long.

We'd LOVE if you helped by donating any – or all – of these items!

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to our Men's Residential Center, 245 N. Delaware St. in Indianapolis, or our Center for Men at 215 S. Westplex Ave. in Bloomington. It's a great way to care for our guests at Wheeler Mission this summer!

1. Bottled water
2. Sanitizing wipes
3. Bath towels
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. Twin-size bed sheets



*Celebrate
with us!*



We're just days away from the dedication of our Center for Women & Children expansion! Join us June 29 as we celebrate all the opportunities for ministry this expansion brings.

- 164 additional permanent beds
- Improved children's ministry space, education center, bathroom, and laundry facilities
- New space for medical clinics

The expansion will provide much more room to accommodate and care for women and children. And we're adding staff to improve our staff-to-guest ratio, security, and programs.

We can't wait to see all that God is going to do through this new space made possible through your faithful support and prayers! Thanks to your compassion, more women and children will find help, hope, and healing. Their lives will be forever changed at Wheeler Mission's Center for Women & Children.

Please plan to join us virtually as we stream the event live on Wheeler Mission's Facebook page (**Facebook.com/WheelerMission**) June 29 at 10:00 a.m. EST.

Why your monthly gift is **LIFE-CHANGING!**

Your monthly gift as a Circle of Hope partner ensures that whenever local people are in need, Wheeler Mission will be ready to help them rebuild their lives. That's because your partnership provides the reliable, steady source of support that ensures Wheeler Mission can care for our homeless and hungry neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Tom, that ongoing support made a real difference!

*“I was homeless,
but Wheeler
Mission gave me
everything I needed
to live independently
again, to start a new
life.”*

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Circle of Hope partner today! To join this important group, visit **WheelerMission.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.