



## Thanking God!

Greetings! I am excited to share a letter I received from our residents written to you!

To Whom it May Concern,

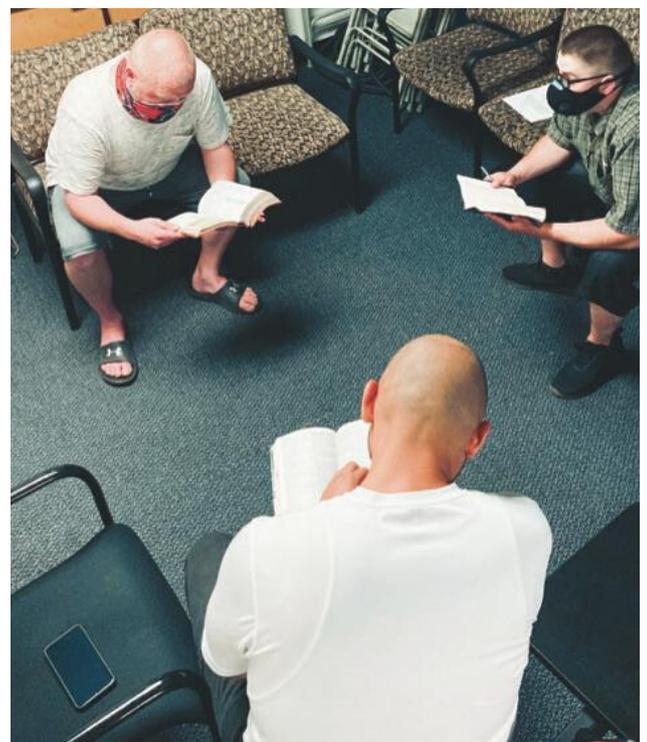
During this extremely uncertain time, you have delivered hope in the form of resources. The men here at Metro Hope have a lot of experience receiving what we don't deserve in the form of Grace, - the resources you delivered - but mostly, through Salvation and Relationship with Father God through His Son. Sometimes we are unable to see the type of soil - resources - that is required in order for us to receive that Salvation and Relationship. However, today we are aware that without donations like the ones you - and/or your organization - have provided that many of us would not have that Salvation/Relationship today. It is our express hope that we articulate accurately our appreciation for the ease that men experience here at Metro Hope - the "Good Soil" - thanks to support offered by benefactors such as yourself. The following are testimonies of guys having had the blessing Metro Hope has offered. Please enjoy remembering your part in making these testimonies happen.

"This place has been good to me, I've never had to worry about the lights, food or anything. I just get to focus on Him".

"The Lord has blessed me being here, why would I leave here to just come back and ask for it again later?"

"Going to class here has answered a lot of my sticking point questions about God; Why do we suffer?, Why would God make us just to make us feel guilty about the way we are and have us bow to Him? These questions are no longer haunting my intellectual integrity. Allowing me to bless Him and believe, for real."

As you can see, the appreciation is high for the residents here at Metro Hope. Through it all, Covid 19, family-lessness, hopelessness, the belief that residents aren't good enough, Metro Hope is here, telling the residents they are good enough! Metro Hope is here inspiring residents to not only do good for themselves, but to do well for and spread the Gospel of Christ. Residents here organize Bible studies with each other, support groups with community members and intend on making a Spiritual (and physical) impact on the homeless people in the immediate area, and more than that, for the sake of the Gospel. Being a resident at Metro Hope means; receive, in order to bless, at least for me and those who've testified in this letter of gratitude. Signed, Anonymous Residents 5/14/20



## Meet Board Member Ted Nielsen,



"As a person in long-term recovery I've spent the last 12 years living a life I hadn't previously imagined possible. There's nothing flashy or extraordinary about it, but I live free of substances that once ruled me and the destruction that comes from that way of life. My involvement in the recovery community, mentorship and relationships have been important since day one. Upon learning about Metro Hope I was anxious to tour the community and meet some of the staff and residents. The community reminds me of my own days in treatment and how that was a crucial experience to jumpstart my recovery. It's a difficult road but one of re-birth and metamorphosis through Christ. Men and women are changed, and come alive in amazing ways.

I know that God is working through people and circumstances in Metro Hope. There are setbacks, struggles and continual spiritual warfare in the battle to be free of the chains of addiction. Whatever contribution I can offer to strengthen the side for good - I consider it a privilege. Metro Hope is a light for those living in darkness and an invaluable resource in and for the community". Ted Nielsen

Metro Hope has been experiencing God in amazing ways! We know it is His protective hand that has kept Covid away from our residents and our staff. He kept our buildings safe from damage as the fires burned only 3 blocks away. We are seeing His Spirit move in the hearts of our residents as they ponder how they can make a difference now that they have Jesus in them! God's hand has been on our finances which allowed us to pay down our bank loan by \$110,000 to a balance of zero! We have felt the prayers from each of you, encouraging us to keep teaching God's ways, the path of righteousness, to His precious children that He has brought to us. Our staff is diligent in showing our residents that the answer to fear is Jesus. We are so blessed! Psalm 37:3 is Metro Hope today, "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture."

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) I see this time of uncertainty as a time of pruning. I've been thinking about how I want to be known in the world and my answer is to be seen as different, set apart, radiant because of the love of Jesus. The hurting world needs the love of Jesus so I believe God is calling me to live differently and love radically! Let's do this together and change the world, through the love of Jesus! Thank you for loving Metro Hope! God bless you!

*Cammy Oren, Board Member*



This little love is 5 year old Lauren. She just moved to a bigger bike so she is donating her old bike to the kiddos at Healing House! You have a beautiful heart, Lauren! Thank you! ❤️

 **XOXO, God**<sup>®</sup>

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