

**Restoring Families by Ending Addiction through the power of Jesus Christ**

This month Metro Hope was invited to fill in for Pastor Bob at Pilot Knob Lutheran Church in Forest City, Iowa. Graduates Edwin and Candy joined me, Cammy, and my husband Dan for an early morning trip to the rural Iowa church. This was an exciting first time visit for all of us because this church has been supporting Metro Hope for many decades! A fun surprise was that half of the church knew who Metro Hope is!



Candy shared her powerful story of how she had lost her 5 children due to her addiction, no longer legally allowed to have children in her care. She found out she was pregnant and wanted a different story for this baby so she came to Metro Hope. When baby Malachi was born, fear set in because Child Protection was on their way. The staff prayed with Candy, reassuring her that everything would be ok. Child Protection talked with Candy's case coordinator and saw her room all set up for baby. They commended her on how hard she was working, telling her that they saw no reason to remove the baby, they would just watch. Last November, by the grace of God, the case was closed. God restores families at Metro Hope! Today Candy works full-time, providing a home for herself and Malachi. She is an excellent mother which is evident in this sweet, little boy. "Metro Hope gave me a second chance when I had no hope. I am so grateful for what the Lord has done!"



Edwin shared, "I have been clean and sober for 4 years, and grateful for a big testimony! I don't have a jail story or a recovery story, I have a God story! Edwin grew up in a good home with both parents but starting selling drugs at a young age. He found himself surrounded by monsters who did unthinkable things to him. "It broke me. I became obsessed with destroying them. It wasn't until I had nothing and no one left, that I decided it was time, and I got out of that world alive. I bounced around treatments for about a year until I got to Metro Hope. When I got to Metro Hope, it felt right and I felt safe for once. They didn't exploit me like other centers, they just wanted the best for me. Once I accepted God into my life, and the Salvation bought by the blood of Jesus Christ, I became strong in understanding. "Today, I experience the joy of the Lord in every part of my life. The most important thing I can say about my life right now is 'I like me today', and I've spent a lot of years not being able to say that."

Hear  
Edwin and Candy's  
full God stories, scan  
with your phone below.



**To Pilot Knob Lutheran Church,** thank you  
for your warm welcome, your prayers and  
financial support for God's Mission Field at  
Metro Hope!

We were blessed to be with you!  
Thank you for the quilts and cookies too :)



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT EVENTS**





**Join Metro Hope Ministries for our Christmas Concert with Fernando Ortega celebrating the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!**

**Friday, December 15, 2023, 7pm**

North Heights Lutheran Church, Arden Hills

**Tickets available at  
[www.metrohope.org/events](http://www.metrohope.org/events)**

**Bring your friends and family for a special night of music along with a time to sing Christmas songs together as we *Praise God for sending us His Son!***



**Graduation Celebrations**

**1st Thursday of every month, 6pm.**

**All are welcome!**

Metro Hope Ministries  
2739 Cedar Ave South  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

**Bring your friends and family to experience the Spirit of God at Metro Hope!**  
Dessert is included :)



**Pancake Breakfast**

**Saturday, Dec 16, 9am**

**Invite your friends and family for pancakes and God Stories from our graduates!**

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Minneapolis, MN 55407

no registration necessary



The God Stories of Edwin and Candy would not be what they are without you! You have provided the prayer and financial support that allows Metro Hope to provide Christ-centered recovery in every area of our resident's lives and in their families. You have not only changed their lives today, but more importantly, for eternity. Thank you for ***“storing up your treasures in heaven”!***  
Matt 6:19-21

**May God bless you abundantly with His love, peace, and joy!**

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