



"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS"

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PRAISING THE NAME OF JESUS

We had so much fun at the Metro Hope Gala! Despite the snow, many guests came to hear the Good News about Metro Hope Ministries. That Good News is Jesus Christ! Everything we do at Metro Hope is about the power of Jesus, the Word of God and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Several of our graduates shared their stories, God's stories of His faithfulness and His amazing love in their lives.



This is Johnathon, and his girlfriend, Ashley. Johnathon shared that he heard about Metro Hope from a friend who was in Metro Hope. He saw God moving in his friend's life, and he wanted that. Johnathon had been in his addiction for 15 years, half his life. He did not know Jesus. One thing God said was, "Get comfortable with being uncomfortable. That is where growth is." November 17, the day of the gala, Johnathon had been walking with Jesus for 1,001 days and free from addiction. Through tears he shared, "With that came the realization that I truly love myself. I can look in the mirror and love the man on the other side because I found my identity in Jesus Christ. It wasn't behavioral modification, it was spiritual transformation. Now I know who I am and whose I am." Praise The Lord!!



This is Jacques, Robin and their son, Aries, a family that God put back together at Metro Hope. Robin and Aries lived together at Healing House, our mothers and children's program, while Jacques was at New Hope, our men's center. Robin and Jacques have been free from addiction for 4+ years, knowing Jesus as their Savior. Aries, now 13 shared, "I am very grateful that God used Metro Hope to heal my parents so that we could live a better life together." Robin said, "When people say the Holy Spirit flows through the Healing House, they mean it. The Lord flows through every woman, every man, and every child that goes to Metro Hope and it follows them after they leave, everywhere they go."



This is Erin and her dad. Erin is a Case Coordinator at Healing House. She shared, "I know that I am an answered prayer of my parents. Healing House was a place where I had freedom to go to the store, have a trigger, then come home to a safe place and talk with my counselor. I didn't need to be locked up for a year in a place where I didn't learn how to live life". Today Erin holds the title of "Ruthless Advocate" by Child Protection. "Jesus turned my passion into purpose. I help moms get their kids back. Today I am that person I wished I'd had when I lost my daughter". God uses Erin "for such a time as this!"



Joshua and Jeremiah are brothers. After 3 years, they found each other at Metro Hope, and they found Jesus Christ! At the gala Jeremiah shared, " If it wasn't for Metro Hope and the coaching (Biblical coaching of the staff) that was running through my veins, I would have been lost due to alcoholism. I would have been another number." Today they do missions at Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota to tell their people, "There is another way, The Lord Jesus Christ. He is the way and the light." Chief Joshua Whirlwind Soldier ended with, "Metro Hope not only helped me and my brother, but it helped us to help other people to walk in the light of The Lord." Their desire is to bring the Good News to all the nations, in Jesus name. (they chose their graduation picture)



For the 5th year, our men and women packed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes full of toys, toothbrushes, crayons and socks for boys and girls around the world. This is such an exciting event where the joy of giving is experienced! Each resident is asked to provide at least 1 item to pack in a shoebox, but many buy more than that. Letters are written by our residents to the children that will receive the gift. One man wrote, "I hope you really enjoy the contents of this Christmas box that God has blessed me with the opportunity to put together for just you!" Their prayers over the children are so precious! Prayers of knowing Jesus, of peace and joy, and to know that they are loved. Our men and women packed 55 boxes! What precious and grateful men and women The Lord creates at Metro Hope!

GRACE

NO NEED TO TRY, JUST OPEN YOUR HEART;
 "PLEASE LORD, BE WITH ME", THAT'S WHERE YOU START.
 DON'T YOU WORRY OR BE AFRAID;
 GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK CAUSE NOW YOU'RE SAVED.
 GRACE IS YOUR GIFT THAT COMES AT NO COST;
 DON'T THINK TWICE, WITHOUT IT YOU'RE LOST.
 YOU'VE MADE MISTAKES AND COMMITTED SIN;
 IF YOU THINK YOU'RE ALONE, YOU BETTER THINK AGAIN.
 SOMETIMES IMPATIENT, YOU MAY THINK YOU'RE LOST;
 JUST REMEMBER, IN YOUR CORNER YOU GOT THE NUMBER ONE BOSS.
 WHEN ALL IS BAD AND YOU'RE ON THE GROUND;
 KNOW YOU'RE NOT LOST BUT KNOW YOU ARE FOUND.
 WRITTEN BY COLBY, A RESIDENT ❤️



Since the gala and in this Christmas season, my mind is focused on the "Good News". Isaiah 7:14 tells us that our promise keeping God would send His promise through a baby, who would be named Immanuel, God with us. In Luke 2, an angel of the Lord proclaims, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." One graduate said, "God has a plan for each of us and that is to simply spread the Good News." He, along with all of our residents hear the Good News the moment they arrive at Metro Hope. I was told after the gala that I kept saying, "one special thing about Metro Hope is...", but the reality is that this is God's ministry and everything He does is special, good news of great joy, for all people! Metro Hope is a place where God saves and delivers His people and His promises continue to be fulfilled as our graduates go into the world, sharing the Good News of Jesus and His mighty work in their lives. At the gala, Reed, a graduate, Metro Hope staff, and teacher prayed, "Lord, I pray that you open the eyes of the donors that are considering to donate. Let them see what you are doing Lord. You are helping us, men and women who have been in addiction, make you, Jesus, our first love. Prick their heart Lord. There is no other treatment like this that is focused on the King! I pray this in Jesus name, Amen" We are grateful for you and all you do for Metro Hope!

Hallelujah, You're here! Merry Christmas and God bless you! *Cammy Oren, Board President*



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