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YOU HELPED MICHAEL FIND HIS POTENTIAL — AND A FUTURE

“I’ve been an addict for most of my life,” says Michael. As a child, he was prescribed Ritalin to help him focus. He later found he could trade it for marijuana and other substances. “I didn’t exactly hang out with the cream of the crop,” he admits, a choice that got him arrested at 16.

Far from scaring him straight, being incarcerated just taught Michael how to be a better criminal. Weeks after his release, he was locked up again. Then his stepfather showed him a better way to live.

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Thank you for caring!

In 2025, you helped...

- Provide **28,605** nights of lodging for homeless men, women, and children
- Serve **69,085** meals to residents and community guests
- Assist **731** families through Family Services
- Serve **1,780** unique individuals at Muncie HUB
- See **401** patients at the Muncie Mission Clinic



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YOU HELPED MICHAEL FIND HIS POTENTIAL

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"My stepdad was the only one who saw my potential. He helped me get my GED and encouraged me to join the military."

Michael enlisted in the Air Force, but his bad habits followed him. "I was drinking a lot. Then I met some guys who were getting high and that's when I learned to shoot up."

Despite his drug use, Michael was successfully deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. But when he returned home, he says, "Things got out of control."

A move to Virginia and fatherhood gave Michael the grounding he needed, but it didn't last. "I tried to make it work," he says, "but I was getting high and drunk. I destroyed that relationship."

Michael returned to Indiana, leaving his son behind.



"I would have just dragged him down into my mess," he admits. Over the following years, Michael was in and out of jail, working short-term jobs in between.

Everything changed one day when Michael was getting high with some friends. "I got this heavy feeling," he recalls. He left the house and went for a walk. "I ended up across the street from the Mission. For some reason, I went in and I've been here almost a year."

Michael hadn't intended to stay, but once he started the program, he realized, "There's more to life. I'm not just some junkie. I can have a future. I've learned coping skills. I've learned compassion. And my faith has grown by leaps and bounds."

Today, Michael enjoys his sobriety and is working to establish a closer relationship with his son, now 22 and attending college.

As he considers his next steps, including the Mission's Discipleship Program, Michael remains grateful to people like you who made his recovery possible. "Thank you for providing an opportunity for people like me who really didn't have any self-worth," he says. "To feel like we're worth your investment is proof of God's love."



Scan this code with your smartphone to watch a video of Michael telling his whole story.

NEED HELP WITH RECOVERY?



Our **LIBERTY STREET RECOVERY PROGRAM** for men is a free, Christ-centered, residential Twelve Step program designed for the man who is experiencing drug/alcohol or other addictions.

The year-long program is divided into three phases utilizing therapeutic treatment goals, small group meetings and individual counseling — all in an encouraging Christian environment to help heal trauma, build relationships and establish a new foundation for a healthy life.

Upon finishing the program, the man will have learned about his own personality traits, what kind of thinking and emotions trigger his relapses and the recovery tools he needs to avoid future relapses.

For additional questions, please call **765-288-9122, ext 110** and ask to speak with a counselor.

For information on Beauty for Ashes, our program for women, and all of our other services, visit: munciemission.org/get-help

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

We celebrate Easter only once a year. However, here at Muncie Mission Ministries, God shows us His renewing love every single day! Men and women arrive at our doors broken, hurting and lost. Through God's grace and your generosity, many leave whole and healed, joyfully renewed, with a clear direction to follow.

Any number of circumstances bring people to the Mission. Some struggle to escape from the effects of generational poverty. Others have found themselves homeless after a job loss or other financial crisis. Many, like Michael in this issue of *Spotlight*, grew up in good homes but made poor choices along the way ... choices that too often lead to addiction, crime and prison.

No matter what trials our guests have endured, or what mistakes they have made, God shows His infinite mercy by offering them the opportunity to renew their lives through a relationship with Jesus Christ. We're privileged to be a channel of God's mercy through the life-transforming programs and services your gifts make possible.

After you return home from your Easter service in a few days and enjoy a holiday brunch or dinner, keep the hope of Christ's resurrection in your heart. Remember that your compassion provides a place for our hurting brothers and sisters to experience the freedom that Jesus Christ bought for them with His death on the cross ... every day of the year.



Frank enjoys mentoring men like Michael who come to Muncie Mission Ministries for a new direction.



Frank Baldwin,
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