



Redeemed

A Providence Rescue Mission Newsletter

Carried Through the Hardest Seasons: Nick's Story

After years of pain, instability, and rejection, Nick found restoration through God's love and the support of the Mission.

My life story has been a journey of pain, healing, faith, and restoration. My siblings and I grew up in the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) system. Life in the system was difficult. We experienced instability, constant changes, emotional struggles, and moments of mistreatment and abuse that left deep scars on our hearts. **As a child, I often felt confused, rejected, and alone. Moving from place to place created uncertainty, and many times I wondered why life had to be so painful.** It was hard to understand why my life looked so different from others around me, and there were seasons when I felt like I didn't truly belong anywhere.

Through everything, my siblings and I tried to stay close and support one another. In many ways, we leaned on each other to get through the hardest moments. **Even during the darkest times, I believe God's hand was on my life, guiding me when I couldn't understand what He was doing.** Although there were painful experiences, there were also people who showed kindness and reminded me that I was not completely forgotten. **Looking back now, I can see that even in the middle of brokenness, God was still present.**

For many years, I struggled with feelings of worthlessness and rejection. I carried anger, hurt, and confusion from my childhood into other areas of my life. **The pain I experienced affected the way I saw myself and the way I viewed the world around me. At times it felt easier to hold onto bitterness than to believe things could ever change.** But over time, I began to realize that my pain was not meant to destroy me. God was using every hardship to shape me into someone stronger, more compassionate, and more understanding of others who suffer.

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A major turning point in my life came through my father. My dad went to the mission looking for help and a new beginning in his life. The mission became a place where he experienced hope, support, and spiritual growth. Seeing the changes in him opened my eyes. **I saw that transformation was possible and that God could truly restore a person's life no matter how broken things seemed. Watching him begin to heal gave me hope that maybe my life could change too.**

Because of what I saw happen in my father's life, I decided to go to the mission myself and give it a try. **At that point in my life, I knew I needed change. I didn't want to stay trapped in pain, hopelessness, or the struggles of my past.** I wanted to become a better person, grow closer to God, and find purpose in helping others who were hurting the same way I once did.

When I came to the mission, I found more than just a program, I found people who genuinely cared. For probably the first time in my life, I felt surrounded by people who wanted to see me succeed and grow. One of the people God used greatly in my life was Pastor Luis. Pastor Luis became someone who encouraged me, prayed for me, guided me, and helped me see that my life still had purpose. Through his leadership and support, I began to understand God's love in a deeper way. He helped me realize that my past did not define me and that God could use my story to help others.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

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Dear Friend of the Mission,

As spring gives way to summer, the signs of growth become easier to see. What was planted months ago is beginning to flourish. Gardens are fuller, trees are greener, and the quiet work that happened beneath the surface is now becoming visible. **Isaiah 61:11** reminds us, "For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations." This is the kind of transformation we witness every day at the Mission.

Men and women come to us carrying the weight of addiction, broken relationships, and years of hardship. Many arrive discouraged, wondering if change is possible. Early progress can be hard to see. **It looks like small choices, honest conversations, and the slow rebuilding of trust. These are the first signs that something new is beginning.** Because of your support, those first steps are not taken alone.

Because of your support, people do not walk this journey alone. This Easter season was a powerful reminder of your generosity. Because of you, more than 5,000 meals were served to men and women in need. **Each meal was more than food. It was a reminder that they are seen, valued, and not forgotten.** It created moments where conversations could begin, where hope could take root, and where lives could start to change.

You help provide a place where truth is spoken, where consistency replaces chaos, and where people are given the time and support they need to rebuild their lives. While transformation rarely happens overnight, God continues to bring growth in His perfect timing. **Thank you for standing with us through every season. Your generosity makes this life-changing work possible, and the impact of your partnership continues to grow in the lives of the men and women we serve.**

Blessings,



Sean M. Carew
Executive Director



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Nick's Story Cont'd...

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The mission gave me the opportunity not only to work on changing my own life, but also to serve the homeless and people who were struggling. Helping others opened my heart even more. Because I know what it feels like to be broken, rejected, and forgotten, I can connect with people who are suffering without judging them. I understand pain because I've lived through it myself. Serving others helped me recognize that God can bring meaning out of suffering and use difficult experiences to encourage someone else.

My faith became the foundation of my healing. God taught me how to forgive the people who hurt me; not because what they did was acceptable, but because forgiveness allowed me to heal and move forward. He showed me that pain does not have the final word. God does. Through faith, I began learning how to let go of the anger and hopelessness I had carried for so long and trust that God still had a plan for my life.

Looking back now, I can see that God never wastes pain. Every difficult experience I faced growing up taught me something valuable. Those hardships developed resilience in me. They taught me empathy and compassion for people who feel unseen and unloved. They also gave me a passion for serving others, especially those who have experienced trauma, homelessness, foster care, adoption struggles, or abuse.

Today, my story is not just about the pain I went through—it is also about God's faithfulness through it all. What once felt like brokenness and hopelessness has become part of the testimony God is using to strengthen my faith and help others. I know there are still people who feel lost, forgotten, and overwhelmed by their circumstances, just like I once did. That is why I want my life to be an example that healing and change are possible. God can restore what feels broken and bring hope to people who believe they have none left.

CODE RED

**TEMPERATURES ARE RISING.
SO IS THE RISK FOR OUR COMMUNITY.**

Extreme heat puts vulnerable neighbors at risk of dehydration, illness, and even death. Your support provides water, shelter, meals, and critical care when it's needed most.



HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY

Extreme heat is more than uncomfortable. It can be life-threatening for vulnerable neighbors in our community. When temperatures rise to dangerous levels, Providence Rescue Mission opens its doors 24/7 to provide a safe place to rest, cool down, eat, and receive care. Increased shelter hours also mean increased costs for staffing, meals, water, utilities, and emergency support services. Your donation helps ensure that no one is turned away during Code Red conditions. Together, we can provide safety, relief, and hope when it is needed most.

The Message of Easter, Shared One Meal at a Time

This Easter season, your generosity made a tangible difference in our community. Together, we served over 5,000 meals through a combination of on-site dinners and take-home food boxes. Each meal was more than nourishment. It was an opportunity for connection, dignity, and hope here at the mission.

Guests who joined us on Resurrection Sunday were welcomed with a warm, homemade meal and the message of the Gospel, reminding them they are seen, valued, and loved. For many, this was not just a holiday gathering, but a meaningful moment of encouragement during a difficult season.

Behind every meal was a dedicated team of volunteers who gave their time with genuine joy. From preparing food to greeting guests, many shared how meaningful it was to serve and celebrate Easter in such a tangible way.

In addition, families in need received 40-pound food boxes, providing essential groceries to sustain them beyond a single meal. These boxes helped ensure that the impact of Easter extended into the days and weeks that followed.

Because of your support, thousands experienced both physical provision and spiritual hope this Easter.

We are deeply grateful for your compassion and generosity. Your support made it possible to welcome each guest with care, to share a meaningful message of hope, and to extend help beyond a single day. Thank you for standing with us and for being part of what God is doing here at the mission!



Hebrews 6:10

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

Annual Fundraising Banquet

October 8, 2026

6 p.m.

**Kirkbrae
Country Club**

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