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# GOOD NEWS

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## A fresh start, because of YOU

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# A Season for Renewal

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## A Note From Brian

Dear Friend,

One day I asked a group of men here where they would be if not for Hiway 80 Rescue Mission. One man said, “Dead or in prison.” Others sitting there agreed.

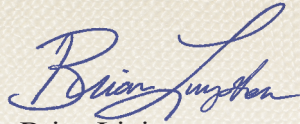
Life is miserable, dangerous and often short for our neighbors living on the street or trapped in addiction. But God breaks habits that bind people when they believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ, presented here at the Mission.

Those who receive God’s gift of forgiveness change for the better. Their family knows it — their neighborhood knows it — and sometimes their whole city knows it. That’s why all of our staff rejoices every time someone turns to Jesus. We know more and more good things are coming.

I am reminded of God’s goodness often during the springtime, when He renews the world around us and restores everything to life. Through your generosity, He also renews lives here at Hiway 80, every day of the year.

I hope you enjoy knowing you are part of changing lives forever. God uses you and the Mission to save people, and it is a joy to see.

### The Road to a New Life Starts Here



Brian Livingston  
Managing Executive Director  
Hiway 80 Rescue Mission

### Our Mission

Hiway 80 Rescue Mission exists to glorify God by providing a safe and supportive environment where homeless and hurting men, women and children can experience life transformation through Christ.

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**Praise be to the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great  
mercy He has given us new birth into a  
living hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

– 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

# Congratulations to our Graduates!

**Congratulations to the recent graduates of our New Creation Discipleship Recovery Program!**

This Christ-centered recovery program takes participants through intensive training for 10 months. Those who have been derailed by alcohol abuse, drug abuse or other destructive behaviors receive rigorous training to live a blessed life.

Daily Bible study classes show a person how to follow Christ by faith. Knowing Him and His promises provides the strength and direction to live a new and fulfilled life as a productive member of our community.



## Easter 2021 A Time to Celebrate!

**Thank you to everyone who made our 2021 Easter Celebration possible.**

We had egg hunts, “Bunny Hop” sack races and egg relay races, an egg toss and hotdogs, popcorn and sno-cones. But the biggest blessing was simply the ability to gather with our community and praise our risen Lord.

Our celebration may be over, but the hope of Easter and the promise of new life will remain in our hearts all year!



# You Helped Andrew Build a New Life

“We grew up poor, so we just went from place to place,” Andrew says of his childhood. He had never known his father, and his mother abused drugs. The only stability he found was with his grandmother, but as he grew older and began getting into trouble, she couldn’t handle him anymore.

Then, at 13, Andrew began using drugs himself. “I just grew up fast,” he says. His mother took him out of high school at 16 and enrolled him in a trade school. When he was 18, she sent him to Arizona to live with the father he had never met. “He was a meth dealer. I got hooked on meth my first day there.” Eventually, father and son argued and Andrew was on the street, stranded in Arizona. He briefly got clean in a sober living house, but when he came to Texas, he relapsed.

In the following years, Andrew fathered three children, now ten, five and four. But he wasn’t able to give them any more of a stable childhood than he had had himself. When he split up with the mother of his youngest child, his life hit a new low. He got deeper into his addiction to meth and attempted suicide. After seven days in detox, Andrew came to Hiway 80 on New Year’s Day 2020 and joined the New Creation Discipleship Recovery Program.

“This is a really good place,” Andrew says. “There are positive people here. They give me hope. They helped me get to know myself and see what I’m capable of. I got my confidence back. Recovery is a whole process of building something from the ground up.”

Recently graduated from the program, Andrew is still building his new life. He is looking for a job, and hopes to save enough for a car and a place of his own. He is working on restoring relationships with his children. Most importantly, Andrew got baptized and gave his life to Jesus.

**When you give to Hiway 80, Andrew says, “You’re doing a good thing, and you really help people. Even if they don’t graduate from the program, you feed them and give them shelter. Everything counts!”**

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