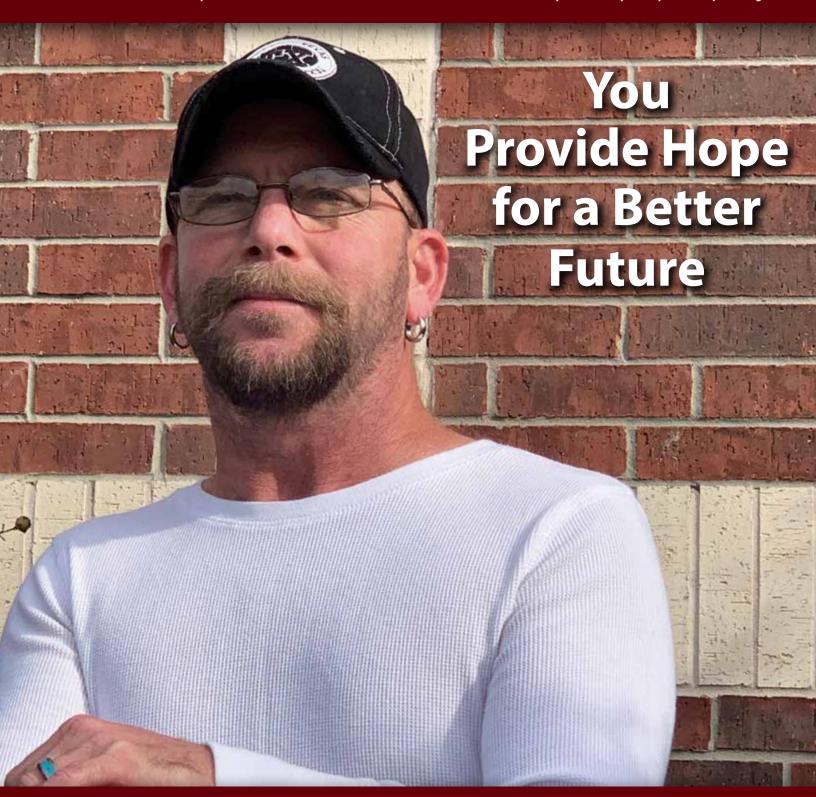
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A Note From Brian and Dawn

Dear Friend,

When our guests first come to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, few have great expectations. Life has already taken a toll on their search for happiness.

But after staying here for a month or two, you begin to see a light in their eyes, a bounce in their step and a hunger to learn. They start to believe good things are coming.

There is a realistic hope they will not have to go back to hunger and homelessness. They begin to plan and save for a home and stable family because they see those joys are no longer just for others. They can happen for them, too.

As we look back on the past year, I am reminded of the many times you came alongside Hiway 80 and provided for those in desperate need. I think about where we started. I see how God has blessed us. And most importantly, I see God's faithfulness to this ministry. The founders of Hiway 80 prayed for God's blessing, and through the years, we see God's hand in it all.

Who knows what this year will bring? But we are certain God is good and He loves His people — that will never change. When our guests let that beautiful idea sink in, joy is close behind.

We have great expectations God will continue to keep and bless us this year. May He also bless you with His grace and peace.

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Our Mission At Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, we preach and teach the Word of God while winning souls to Jesus Christ. We accomplish this by providing food, shelter, clothing and the opportunity to hear and receive the Gospel.

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A Shelter in the Storm ... and Then Some

A safe place in the storms of life is a wonderful gift, but it is not the answer to the problems that cause a person to become homeless

When life falls apart, and a person feels they are sinking, Hiway 80 is a Godsend. We are here to save those who are "drowning" and teach them to swim.

We all need to know how to survive in this world. Without wisdom a person will perish. That is why, with your help, we first provide emergency shelter, food and clothing in a safe, healthy Christian environment. Then we teach the Gospel of Christ, hoping our guests will reach out and hold onto the hand Jesus extends to them.

That person can then start to rebuild their life on a stable foundation with Christ leading them.

Our case managers personally guide each guest in making the most of the great resources you help provide.

These resources include:

- Medical and healthcare referrals
- Assistance in obtaining housing and disability insurance payments
- Help in gathering birth certificates, a driver's license and other forms of identification
- Referrals for employment, work clothes and transportation to work
- Referrals for medical care and transportation to appointments
- Financial management classes
- Daily devotions and chapel services

Our goal for each guest is for them to identify and overcome the problems that brought them here and to build a fruitful life.

You have been generous. Hiway 80 provides 200 beds (sometimes more) for homeless men, women and children every night. Each one has every opportunity to establish a complete and joyful life. Thank you.

Looking for Answers

Danny had never been a religious guy, but after his father died, he started looking for answers. His anger was getting out of control, and he and his wife were concerned. They both agreed he should find help before things escalated.

Being from the area, he had heard about Hiway 80. He knew it wasn't a church where you visit a pastor for help. Instead, people came to stay for a while to work through their problems. Being a hands-on guy, he was interested in learning on the job, so he came to look around. Then he decided to stay for four days to see what it was like from the inside.

He wasn't like most others here who had lost family, friends and possessions. He still had all those things. Plus he wasn't addicted. And yet, as he talked with the guests staying here, he could see they had something he wanted.

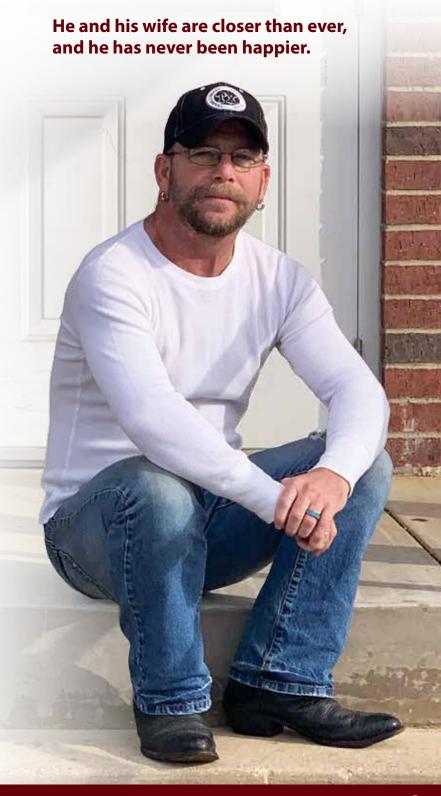
However, it was a big sacrifice to give up his job. He wasn't sure.

Soon after leaving his job, he went to a church service with a friend — the first time he had been in a church in 30 years. It was just after Christmas in 2018. There was singing, and while the pastor spoke, Danny was overcome by his need for God. His awareness of his sin broke him down to tears. This veteran Marine, used to hard and rugged construction work, was weeping. He went to the front of the church and asked the pastor to pray for him.

The Holy Spirit saved Danny from his sins that day. He was a new man, made one with Jesus Christ. He was in love with God.

Danny immediately knew Hiway 80 was the place for him to go. Staying here through 2019, he loved the honest conversations with men on the same path looking for answers to life. Even though each journey is different, their paths all lead to Jesus Christ.

Danny is currently staying at Hiway 80 for another year and learning to be a mentor and leader. He is comfortable talking to men of all backgrounds, and they are comfortable talking to him.



Two Generations of Compassion

K.J. spent his childhood "dangerously poor," but grew up to be a successful interior designer. Because of his humble beginnings, he is compassionate toward poor and homeless people — a trait he wanted his daughter to have as well.

"When Kaylee was seven, my wife and I started taking her to Hiway 80 and letting her be involved," K.J. says. They began helping to serve meals and became involved in the Mission's Family Christmas Party. Kaylee is now a sophomore in college, but her parents are still very much involved here, especially during the holidays!

K.J. tells us that those holidays at Hiway 80 made a profound impact on his daughter. "When she would help put together gift bags for the children, she would think, 'Who would want this?' But when she'd see how much joy the children got from what they received. That was a game changer."

Kaylee went on to take a mission trip to Africa. There, K.J., says, she learned the power of a smile. "She didn't know their language, but when she smiled, everyone smiled. She didn't have to say or do anything, just smile."

As a team leader at Hiway 80, K.J. shares what he's learned with his fellow volunteers. "Smile at people," he tells them. "Make eye contact. Give them a moment. Let them talk to you and share something. That's a small thing to give."

Even small things can make a big difference, as K.J. has seen during the two decades he and his family have served at Hiway 80. "If you want to change your situation, you can get the help you need here."











Thank YOU for a joyful holiday season!

Christmas is a joyful time at Hiway 80! Thank YOU for making it possible.

Our guests have each experienced loneliness, hunger, and fear. They have felt like outsiders to the Christmas celebrations others embrace around them.

But because of you, this place became a home for the holidays. We gathered together to celebrate the birth of Christ with food, singing and worship. It was truly wonderful.

Each child received a gift picked for them, and we all enjoyed seeing the children laugh and play. Colorful decorations and cards you sent were on the tables and walls. God blessed us. Christ came to bring peace on earth and good will to all, and we feel it!

When you know God loves you, you can't help but smile. Thank you for making this season one to remember!







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