# impact report **e**veryOne Natters linistries SPRING 2022

## **A Fresh Start Towards** Independence

Travis and Kazsa met in 2010 at a mutual friend's party. In 2013, they were married and decided to start a family. Kids Gwen (8), Genevieve (7), Cornelius (5), Tessa (3) completed their Formerly a stocker at a big box store, family of 6!



In early 2021, the homeowner of the home they were renting decided to sell the program and continues to work the home. Finances were tight, and rental prices and requirements had gone up significantly since last moving and they found themselves on the verge of homelessness.

A former client of EMM told the Hawkins about the transitional housing program. Travis & Kasza reached out to the EMM team to apply.

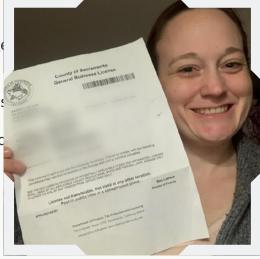
Upon entering the program, things were hectic. 6 people in a 300 square foot RV is a huge adjustment.

#### "You really have to be patient with the process and humble yourself," said Travis.

Travis's case manager challenged him to explore a career that would increase his salary, but also something he truly would love doing every day.

Travis discovered a passion for welding, and started working on his certification hours. He completed his hours and is currently working towards getting his contractors license.

Kasza began plans for starting a business in administration. She received her business license while in towards launching later in 2022.



Travis remarked how their time with EMM has allowed them to take back their life and independence:

"Since the beginning of our marriage we have had to depend on family and friends for housing and financial support. I feel like we will finally be able to help others the way we have been helped ."

"Learning to budget with our money through meetings with our Case Manager was a huge shift for us. We learned that we don't have to live paycheck to paycheck."

Travis and Kazsa's family moved into a new apartment complex in Folsom in January 2022. They continue to build their credit and financial stability with a goal to buy a home in the next few years.

We can't wait to see the Hawkin's continue to reach their goals!





### What's New with Bru?

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We are so grateful to have celebrated our 1 year anniversary in August of 2021!

Bru continues to grow as a spot for the community to gather and connect. Every Tuesday and Friday, a men's group gathers postworkout- many use Bru as a workspace- not to mention, a great spot to sip on and after school smoothie with friends.

The support from the community is overwhelming, and Bru has received 4.9 star rating on Google! We proudly partner with local vendors such as Vaneli's, Summerthyme Cookies, Country Harvest bakery.

Our live music nights and Sip & Shop events have allowed us to connect & support other local businessowners.

Join us for our next Sip & Shop on April 6th from 9am-12pm!

Bring in your copy of this report and receive a FREE DRINK!

### A Note from our Director

Clients come into the program with circumstance driven thinking. "If I could just make more money" or "if [insert incident] hadn't happened to me." Seeing beyond their past or current situation is often their first and biggest challenge. Living with a mindset filled with crisis thoughts & feelings often leads to hopelessness and poor decision making.

The EMM program provides housing, life skills (budgeting, credit counseling, employability), and accountability. Our larger purpose is our desire to share HOPE, love and the importance of community.

Every client needs HOPE that only God can provide. To know that He loves them and walks through the trenches alongside them. Even those who know Him often need the reminder of his constant presence and love for them.

Through a consistent relationship and facetime with their mentor, we strive to show each client the love and HOPE of Jesus. Our desire is that everyONE has the opportunity not just to live- but to live a life filled with joy & purpose.

Cassie Leon, Executive Director

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Save the Date: May 5th Big Day of Giving www.bigdayofgiving.org

> May 7th Sip & Shop @ Bru 9am-12pm

September 12th Every Swing Matters Golf Tournament

