



2nd Quarter 2023

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Simply put, Freedom is about people. I wanted to take a moment and introduce to some of our people. These are people that society often discards. But, these are people that Jesus has come to seek and to save.

Meet Mandy. Mandy has battled addiction to Meth, alcohol, and tobacco her entire adult life. Three months ago she recommitted her life to Christ, was water baptized and turned her life away from the things that held her back. She is now an active part of our Church serving wherever and helping regularly. Mandy is participating regularly in our recovery program.



Moon on the left and Jesse on the right showed up to church with their hair dyed the same color. Moon is from Sacramento where she served and ministered to people on the streets. She sensed the Lord leading her to Portland where she has found a home with us. She provides meals for our Thursday Outreach Event and serves in our Emergency Clothing Ministry. Her compassion and love in action is contagious and refreshing. We are thrilled to have her in our Freedom Family. Jesse has spent his adult life living on streets addicted to Meth. When he was water baptized a few months back and committed to becoming a Christ follower he meant it. Ever since the day he was baptized he has been taking active steps in pursuing a new life. Please keep him in your prayers as he has recently been admitted into a treatment program.



Meet Crystal. She has been years living on the streets, addicted to meth, fentanyl, and Marijuana. But here she is celebrating three months of walking away from the old life. She is now living in a sober house and meeting with her doctor to help her get her mental health under control rather than self-medicating.



Robert has been attending our church off and on for years. Meth has kept him stuck and from experiencing the freedom that Jesus desires to bring. At the conclusion of our baptism service he came forward, pulled his pipe out of his pocket and tossed it into the baptismal. There was something freeing about that act. I have been watching Robert closely as the shackles of shame and addiction continue to break off of him.

Recovery from hard street drugs is tough but through the power of God and the relentless love and dedication from a church family our friends are walking a new path. It's through the generous donations of partners like you that help make what we do possible. Thank you for your faithful and generous commitment.

God Bless you!

In Him, Pastor David



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