

# The MISSION

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To: Our Friends and Supporters

From: The Mission Staff

This year has seen a lot of growth at The Mission. We have experienced God's rich blessings on us in many ways, both spiritual and financial. We have seen phenomenal growth in our Celebrate Recovery Program. Our East Building renovations are moving swiftly and we are beginning to see our plans for the facility come to fruition. Our vision for a Men's Transitional/Aftercare Program is becoming a reality faster than we imagined. All thanks be to God!



As with any ministry growth, that often means change. And change is good as the Holy Spirit leads us. To that end, Mike Cianci our Ministry Director has announced he will be leaving us on September 14th, 2018. Mike started with us in June 2017 and helped introduce The Mission and its vision to the West Point community. He helped develop relationships with churches and organizations to bridge the socio-economic and racial gaps in our community to The Mission. Mike initiated our Celebrate Recovery Program with the help of Jean Bryan Moore and that ministry is now an integral part of The Mission's ministry programs. However, after 12 years in the mission field, he has decided to take a well deserved sabbatical to take care of personal matters and return home to Florida to be near his family. Mike will remain with us for the next three weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

"I am blessed and honored to have served with Brother Dickie, Mary and Jean and to have been at the upstart of this great ministry. I believe The Mission is in a position for explosive growth with God's help. I will continue to support The Mission in any way I can and hope to be back periodically to volunteer as opportunities arise", Mike said.

As one door closes, another opens. To that end, we have brought Don Cotton on board as our Program Director of Men's Transitional Living Center at The Mission. He has been an answer to prayer as our men's transitional/aftercare program begins. Don brings with him a wealth of information in this area having worked in the rehabilitation field for over 20 years in Tampa and Miami, FL. As a native of West Point, MS, has returned home to continue his ministry as a volunteer at The Mission.

On behalf of the volunteer Board of Directors and staff, we would like to offer our prayers and blessing to Mike and Don as they enter this new season in their life. Thank you both for serving with us and for believing in God's vision for The Mission.