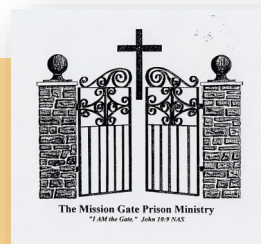


# MISSION GATE UPDATE

Turning Lives From Crime to Christ Since 1985

JUNE 2024



Rick Mathes, Founder with Trish and great grandbabies

## Rick Mathes, Founder

It's for freedom that Christ has set us free, nothing else. It is not the what, it's the Who that is working out His will through us. Because with freedom all His blessings will flow, that is freedom in Him. Essentially, we become cuffed to Christ and walk in His ways that His grace draws us to. We are unshackled from the chains of Hell and welcomed into a world of free-flowing choices that please Him and bless you and yours.

Rejoice with us for those of you who have poured your love, prayers, and finances into this ministry to help change our world....one soul at a time. Continue partnering with us for an experience you won't soon forget.

**"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; Therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."  
Galatians 5:1**



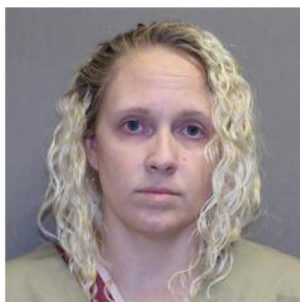
Cheyenne, Keyara, and Jayrell

## Cheyenne Cunningham– Darkness fades

I am finally free from the darkness thanks to the light I have received from Christ Jesus. I am at peace and filled with hope, serenity, grace, and love. Mission Gate's Promises of Hope Ranch has taught me how to be an adult and most importantly a Godly mother to my children, who I now get visits with on a regular basis. I am a graduate of the program, currently seeking to purchase a vehicle and have maintained the same employment for 10 months. I could not be more grateful for Jesus and Mission Gate for changing my life.

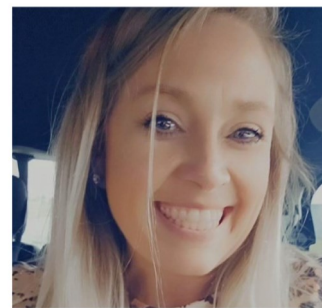
**"I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone that believes in Me will not remain in darkness. " John 12:46**

## Tiffany Koch– Now I am found



Before

Joy, peace and happiness were all the things in life I was missing while living apart from Christ. He pulled me out of my addiction and has restored my relationships with my children and family. I will be graduating my program at the Promises of Hope Ranch dinner in front of my mom, dad, children and hopefully all of you. I hope you all will attend so I can thank Mission Gate and everyone for the role you have played behind the scenes through prayers, donations, and time.



After

Join us June 21 from 6pm– 8pm Promises of Hope Ranch Dinner at Calvary Chapel, 28 Snyder Road, Troy MO  
\$35/person \$240/table R.S.V.P. with Reyna (636)391-8560

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## 2024 Helen B. Madden Award Recipient Trish Mathes

The Helen B. Madden Award is given annually by PreventEd to a person who exemplifies a commitment to counseling people with substance use issues in the St. Louis region. PreventEd uses education, intervention, and advocacy to help prevent and reduce the harms of alcohol and other drugs. She was blessed to have two of her daughters, Karlita and Reyna, by her side along with Greg Smith, staff, and Bob Arb, Board member.



**"I will instruct and teach you in the way you should go: should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" Psalm 32:8**

## An Angel was called home– by Trish Mathes



**Carol J. Yager  
1937 - 2024**

Carol loved that Rick was going into prisons and jails. She was one of the first women who accompanied me to the old Gumbo Jail and Hall Street in the formative years of Mission Gate, Carol and I learned together. Mission Gate purchased an aftercare home for about \$13,000 and we were so proud of it. Carol poured her heart and soul into the people we served.

One of the residents in the home returned to drugs and at that time we did not know much about addiction. We just fell in love with those we served and tried to do anything to help them. Marie and her three boys lived in our residential aftercare home but one day they all disappeared. I started searching the streets and buildings of downtown St. Louis where I found Carol with Marie in an abandoned home sitting on the floor praying together. Carol fed her and her family healthy food and loved them. She finally realized there was nothing more she could do to help, but she never stopped praying. Years later, Marie visited us with her three boys all healthy and walking with the Lord. We rejoiced!

## Moments- Shawnya Blankenship Promises of Hope Program Director

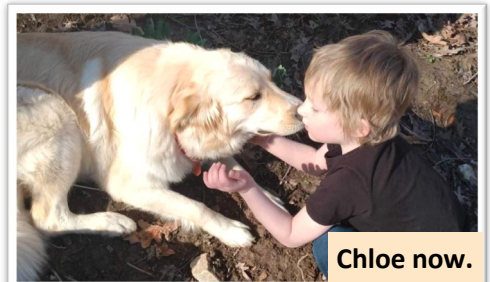


Kids playing at the pool, painting, mom's watching movies with their children seem like a normal summer activity, but for many of our women these are the moments they only have prayed for. Reunification happens at Promises of Hope step by step.



## Pet Therapy at Promises of Hope Ranch

**Chloe Before...**



**Chloe now.**

*"In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." Job 12:10*