

MISSION GATE UPDATE

Turning Lives From Crime to Christ Since 1985

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Rick Mathes– Founder, Prison Minister



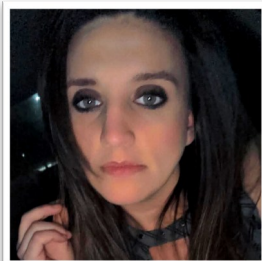
Jesus took a child into his arm and said, “Unless you become like one of these, you’ll never see the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3), and the child that the Lord prayed for was Clement who studied at the feet of Apostle John and followed Linus and Cletus as the third pope of Rome. His prayer was answered as yours are answered for the little children that are changing their lives so that they might stand up as leaders of the Kingdom as Christ has intended.

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

- 2 Peter 1:2

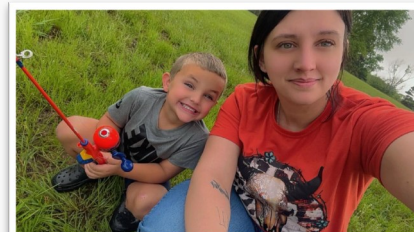
Haelie Jenkins– His Word guides me

I struggled with a 16-year long addiction, full of sexual immorality, mental health issues, a multitude of suicide attempts and no relationship with God. Due to the life I was living, my two sons were adopted and went into separate homes. I arrived at Hannah’s Ranch on March 5, 2025, when I cried out and He heard me and continues to answer me, surrendering my life to Him. Our Lord is restoring everything the enemy stole from me. I recently got to have an eight day long visit with my five-year-old son at Hannah’s Ranch. It had been four years since I had seen him and four years since he was adopted by my mother. I have recently been in contact with my older son as well. I no longer struggle with mental health issues, addiction, or sexual sin.



Before

Through reading the Word of God, I was convicted and have found a reason to live a new life for Him.



Easton and Haelie today

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105

Michael Oelze– Keep walking and bear fruit

Proverbs 11:30 “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and whoever captures souls is wise.”

“When I think of this verse, Rick and Trish come to my mind. Their obedience to our Lord and the ministry He put on their hearts over 40 years ago has caused a ripple effect for men, women, children and families including my own. No one can fathom the number of lives changed by the fruit that has come forth. You never know when your obedience will be the spark that ignites the flame in someone else.

Here you see a picture of me with my brother, Scott, who has seen how my life has changed. Now here he is with me, standing at the cross in the prayer garden at Fort Good Shepherd professing Christ as his Savior. Please pray for Scott to stay steadfast in his walk with our Lord not only while he completes the program but throughout his entire life.”

Michael is a graduate of Fort Good Shepherd and has stayed on to serve God by being a house leader at Wilderness Bunkhouse.



Michael Oelze and his brother Scott in the prayer garden

R.S.V.P. for Promises of Hope’s Dinner Friday, July 18 from 6p.m. to 8p.m. by calling Reyna at the office

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Shawyna Blankenship– Isaiah is home with his mama

Interactions with the Division of Family Services can be fearful for many people who have lived a life of crime and addiction. Mission Gate staff walk with our residents, helping them release these fears to our Lord, trusting in His process. On May 23, 2025, Tammy Hammers walked in His victory when her case was closed and she was given sole custody of her son back. Ms. Hammers' D.F.S. caseworker, Tracy Ingram, stated she could see the growth in Ms. Hammers' faith in our Lord and as a mother. Isaiah is very happy to be home with his mom living at Promises of Hope. He also loves the animals and other children to play with. Our Father shows up time and time again when we put our faith in Him, walk in His light and remain steadfast following His guidance and Word. We are blessed to see the fruit.



Tracy Ingram (Caseworker),
Isaiah and his mother, Tammy. in

Trish Mathes– Milestones that would have been missed

Many of our residents never got to experience the joy and pride that one feels when a major milestone in life has been completed. While in our program we celebrate our residents' first 3-months, 6-months and finally their 9-months graduation, each of these milestones have significant meanings. At three months our residents get to have their first over-night stays with immediate family. At six months our residents have been working their full-time jobs, saving funds and are able to purchase a vehicle and start transporting themselves. When a resident completes their program, it is a great celebration. For many, this is the first time in their life that they have seen a commitment all the way through. God has seen them through.

Some who come to Mission Gate receive blessings they never thought possible. God granted these individuals the space and time to change as they met Christ at Mission Gate. And just look at the blessings they never expected to receive. They are now getting to celebrate and see generational curses broken.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21



Help us celebrate these milestones with their family as they get to see their children's kindergarten, eighth-grade and High School graduations.

