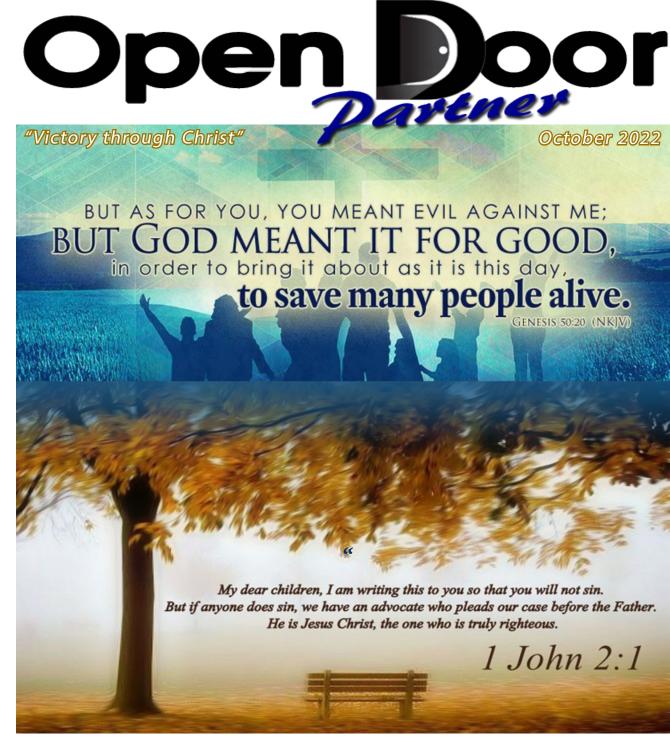
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## **Staff Thoughts**



"A Daily Purpose and Mission"

We all have a mission and purpose in this world by fully serving our Christ with all our minds, hearts, and souls. Whether it is witnessing to a troubled and lost soul or meditating in God's word to seek more understanding; we should constantly be on a "daily mission". Jesus was sent to this world for a specific purpose and mission. His ultimate purpose was to sacrifice himself to clense us of our sins. His mission, each day, was to teach his Father's Word and bring healing to all those he encountered. Jesus charged his apostles and even today's men and women, to go out into all the world to speak and teach the Good News of hope to those who are lost in sin or do not know him. This is in the hope that they may find and accept his loving salvation. According to the gospel of Mark 16:15; "And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." This scripture defines how, as a Christian, we should be on that daily mission to bring the Word of God to all people. This is not limited only to other nations, but also around your neighborhood, city, and even, yes...churches. Be assured that when that opportunity arises, and you are listening, the Spirit of God will fill your heart and mouth with the words to say to those in need to His glory. May God bless you. Roby Jones - ODM Program Director

## **Testimony**



My name is Johnny W. I grew up in Ohio in a good Christian family. We went to church often and my parents taught me right from wrong. After my dad passed away from a car accident when I was 15, we moved to North

Carolina.

At the age of 19, my mother passed away from a car accident. That's when my drug problems began. I was angry with God for taking my parents when I was so young and having no other family that cared for my brother and I. Always asking God, "Why me? Why couldn't it have been someone else?" That's when I tried to fill the void of my parents with alcohol.

Even though God blessed me with a great job plumbing, where I was successful and worked for 14 years, I kept rebelling and kept God out of the picture. I only called on Him in my times of want or needs, then turning back to my alcoholic life. When my brother also passed away from a car accident a few years ago, is when the real anger and bitterness came out towards God. I found myself not caring if I lived or died, just barley existing. I prayed many times for God to help me to quit drinking, but thought it was too big of a problem for God to handle or just simply forget and wanted nothing to do with me. That's the point the heavy drinking took control.

I tried A.A. classes, but didn't like the fact that

they referenced it as a "disease", like it was incurable. That's when God had a different plan for me. I learned quickly that you have to be careful when you tell God, "I've tried everything I could do to quit drinking and will do whatever you have for me to quit."

After my unsuccessful tries, I found myself in jail under some unfortunate circumstances. After a first couple of sobering weeks, God blessed me with being a jail trustee. This allowed me extra privileges, like extra food and not being in "lockdown" all the time. I also had the privilege of being able to move around more freely. He then allowed me with my handy maintenance skills to help fix things around the jail. During my free time, I had someone give me a recovery Bible. At first, spending only a few minutes in it, turned into countless hours of reading and worshipping God. After Covid, people from a local church were allowed in to preach and a few fellow inmates and I started our own Bible study. I realized God had put me in jail get my attention and He never forgot about me. He blessed me the whole time I was in jail. He was carrying me when I couldn't walk on my own. He never forgot about me.

After 13 months in jail praying and trying to get into a rehab, I was allowed to attend Open Door Ministries. While being here, I've been greeted with open arms and love from the staff and fellow brothers in Christ. Pastor David has been a God send. God certainly opened a new door that no one could close. I feel now, a renewed purpose in life. I no longer have any anger towards God about my family. I feel better knowing they're in Heaven with Jesus. I would like to use my testimony of no matter how big your problems are, God is bigger. Also, what someone meant for evil, only God can take it and use it for good!



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