



### In Memory

At The Way Home we were grieved and saddened last November to learn that a former resident Ethan Michael Francis past from this life. We want to remember Ethan and his family and ask that you pray for his family.

*<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **Philippians 1:3-5***

I can think of no better words to greet you with than the words of scripture and a faithful servant the Apostle Paul. The men of The Way Home and those that serve them thank you and remember you always in our prayers.

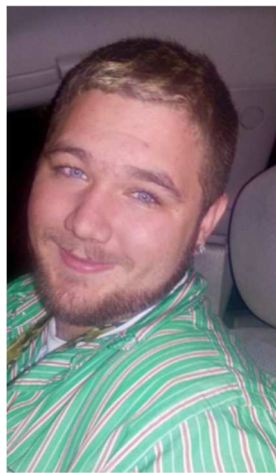
### God@Work Updates

God has been at work in many ways to bring us through some challenges and to see lives continue to be transformed by the Spirit of God.

One of the most exciting ways God has been at work is a new work through Thompsonville Baptist Church. The church approved an agreement with The Way Home ministries to allow the church parsonage to be used as a graduated living home. The idea is to provide the next step for men to begin their life.

Currently the parsonage is being used to minister to a young couple and their newborn baby. Both the father and the mother have had their struggles, but they submitted their lives to the will of God and to honor him. The father was a resident at The Way Home.

We stand amazed in the presence of the Lord and how he works his power and love into the lives of the faithful. **See their testimony in this newsletter.**



Ethan was a jokester, he was always laughing and smiling. He was a blessing to people around him because of his joyful spirit. A certainty even amid his struggles was that Ethan held fast to his belief in Jesus Christ as his Redeemer.

While this life was hard at times for Ethan his life now is filled with unending joy and rest. Why? Because, he believed in Christ Jesus, and it was counted to him as righteousness and no matter the sin of the past Jesus died for those sins.

Ethan knew Jesus as his Savior and Friend. We remember our friend and are blessed to have had him in our life. Ethan's words to us all I think would be from an old church hymn, "What a friend I have in Jesus



**Yes, Ethan You Won!**

## God@Work

- Ephesians 3:20-21 -

The featured story of God @Work is the story of a young family who are seeing an amazing restorative work of God in their life. Please see the enclosed testimony from Brian and Erica Wolfenbarger and Brian's parents.

In their story you will see not only God at work in their lives but in their families lives as they see prayers answered and years of struggles yield fruit in their son's life. You will be blessed by their testimony included as a separate page.

The men were blessed this past month by letters from the Thompsonville Youth who wrote an individual letter to each resident. They were learning about God's love and they wrote letters expressing God's love for each man.

The women's Bible study group Filiae Dei continues to be a blessing for The Way Home. With their monthly prayer vigil outside the house, the welcome baskets they prepare for each new resident, and the monthly support for the ministry.

We are so blessed by God's people no matter where they live or worship. We want to thank Faith Assembly of God in Cressona PA. This congregation has continued to bless us each month with their support.

At the end of January Mike Y. transitioned from the ministry to his own place and is doing great. Mike knows this to be God's love and work in his life. We pray for Mike and his daughter and their future together. What a testimony Mike.

## *In Brian, Erica, Paige and Lennon's life*



### *Brian's Story*

My name is Brian Wolfinbarger, I am 39 years old from eastern Kentucky originally. I have recently been married and have a newborn son. I started experimenting with drugs at the age of 15 and by my mid 20's I needed drugs daily. I have been to jail, treatments, and death. I am a miracle of God's grace. I have been in an out of recovery for 10 years, but it wasn't until June of 2018 when I came to a place where I felt the hand of God at work thru other people. The Way Home has helped the transformation process in many ways for me today. Whether the Bible studies, church services, one on one counseling, or the support of the churches they all played a role of who and where I am today. I am coming up on 365 days clean and sober by God's grace and mercy.

I have restored relationships today with parents and family. I have a fulltime job, a support group and a program I work, a car, and a checking account. But the greatest blessings I have been given are my wife Erica, son Lennon and step-daughter Paige. God has done for

me what I could not do myself. I am and will always be forever grateful.

I hope to continue with The Way Home ministry whether in or out of the program. I hope and pray God sees this ministry expand in ways that can only be understood and explained as God's hand at work. I will close with a couple of verses and quotes that are apart of who I am today. The program I work using the Bible along with the 12 steps helps me to maintain sobriety every day.

In the AA Big Book it talks of the disease concept and how the mind is the center of the problem and only by recreating or a psychiatric change can there be any recovery. The mind tells us to do what we do not want to do.

Paul in scriptures says "For that which I am doing I do not understand, for if I am not practicing what I would like to do but I am doing the very thing I hate... I find then that the principle of evil is present in me... but I see a different law in the members of my body waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members."

Since being in recovery I use two quotes as my motto for my daily purpose of new living.

**Bill W. AA founder**, "The Lord has been so wonderful to me curing me of this terrible disease that I just want to keep telling people about it.

**Colossians 4:17** Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord that you may fulfill it.

Thanks to God and The Way Home

Truly Blessed and Grateful

One day at a time

Brian Wolf

### *Erica's Story*

There was a point before sobriety where I doubted myself, doubted where my life would take me, and doubted my faith. It was a bleak part of my life and a chapter that I wouldn't have had the courage to turn the page if it weren't for the blessings that God gave me and my family. He helped me see things in clarity and guided me every step of the way. If it weren't for Him, I wouldn't be where I am today.

## Erica cont'd

I've since been sober just under 365 days—a miracle, and still a work-in-progress for me. I'm still working on myself and in retrospect, I think it's going to continue working for me, my Husband Brian, and our two children: Paige & Lennon, as long as we remember to support each other, turn over our problems to God, and allow room for growth by working on ourselves and working hard for our family.

Some days are trying, but because of my two children, Paige and Lennon, and my husband, Brian, it gives me more motivation to stay sober, it provides purpose, and more encouragement for me to keep a steadfast faith in God. Brian and I work really hard to make heads or tails of every situation and sometimes it's a struggle, but we're already fortunate and very grateful for the life that we're living now. Some days I look around, and I'm amazed at the opportunity that has been presented to me and my husband. This time last year I was sure that my chances at a content life were slim to none. We had exhausted every effort to get better. Our families, friends and even my daughter were exhausted. I'm forever grateful that Terry, and his partners saw something in us that we had forgotten a long time ago. Most importantly for God, and the presence of God in these people that granted us an opportunity of a lifetime, an opportunity to get our lives back.

**1 Peter 5: 10** And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

Saved by God's grace,

Erica Wolfinbarger.

## *Brian's Parents*

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Having to wait and see how that God was going to intervene in the life of our troubled son was gut wrenching. But looking back, we can see God all along the way intervening. Even in some of the worst of times, we saw the hand of God in mercy, working in the situations. Addiction had taken practically everything from our son, with only, by God's grace his life to cling to. As parents, exhausting every possible thing that we thought we could do, which most times only worsened it, we could only look to the Lord for deliverance.

Someone has said, "God never gets in a hurry, but God is never late." For us, we see God in His time working all things after the council of His own will, coming right on time in using the ministry of Transformed at The Way Home. Since June of 2018, the Lord has used this ministry to open some doors for my son and the circumstances surrounding his life, that seemed impossible to change. God has worked through this Godly ministry to be a blessing and encouragement to Brian, his wife, and son. We can't say enough about the Godly influence the caring folks at this ministry have been. We're so thankful that God, in His time, brought this work and our son's situation together. I recall when my wife returned from dropping Brian off at Transformed at The Way Home, she said "Things are going to be different. I just felt it the moment I met Bro. Terry. I felt the love, the concern. He told me this is not a Rehab or Treatment Center. This is a ministry, God has called me to this. They need a place to heal."

Sobriety, we know, is one day at a time, but by trusting in the Lord, and having a ministry like this, for God to work through, we know that more great things can be accomplished.

Proverbs 3: 5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path."

Thankful for God's Blessings, Max and Rebecca Wolfinbarger

## God Does Not Sleep

We continue to see our God do many mighty works and help those that truly want to be committed as disciples to grow in their relationship with God through Christ our Lord.

To date the ministry has served 34 men. Through follow ups we have made with some of them we are seeing over half of them continue to grow in faith and live free from drugs and alcohol. Many have restored relationships with families and children.

About a third of the men are still clean with some setbacks in their recovery but they have not let the setbacks defeat them. The remaining 20% we are praying and hoping they will find the freedom to live in Christ.

Our goal is that the men commit to staying 6 months and currently the average of all residents is 23 weeks just short of the 26-week commitment yet a definite testimony of God's work.

## A State of War

During World War II men, women, and children all participated in the war effort. The war was won on the battlefield and by the workers at home. Collecting and recycling, building and repairing, volunteering for any number of needs.

This war, and it is a war with many casualties, against addiction needs many who will fight on the battlefield but many more who will engage in the efforts and volunteer to meet many needs such as prayer, helping with errands, making a meal, writing a letter.

A youth ministry recently wrote letters to the men expressing God's love to them. This is an example of how it takes many parts to be the body of Christ as scripture teaches.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12)

## Gideon's 300

One way is to join our prayer chain. You will be contacted for immediate needs by text message or email or once a week for ongoing general prayer needs for the ministry.

## Are You Called?

There are so many ways that you can be involved in helping to change the world one life at a time. We would love to share with you how you can be involved in this **Work of God**.

**Then Please contact the ministry at**

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