



³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ 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

We continue to see the power of God @ Work in the lives of the men who live at The Way Home, those who are ministered to outside of the residence, and those that serve the ministry.

This summer the ministry received a donation of a van to help with the work of the ministry and transportation.



The late summer and fall have been quiet at The Way Home with days filled with peace. We have been in prayer for the next residents God intends to bring to the house and currently we are full with 5 men.

For the Joy

As followers of Christ Jesus the journey can be challenging. In scripture we read of men of great faith such as Paul, Peter, Moses, Elijah, and David and the life they lived for the Lord and how many times this involved suffering.

Paul wrote clearly and often of the suffering a disciple would face, using his own life as an example. In his letter to the Philippians he wrote that he desired to know God's power in his life by sharing the sufferings of Christ (Philippians 3:10).

Jesus told us we must deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow him daily (Luke 9:23).

Jesus is clear as a disciple there will be suffering and trials, struggles and setbacks but what can be missed is that amid these very hard times we can have joy.

The wrong attitude of taking up our cross would be to do so with a spirit of sadness, sorrow, and grief. Having the wrong attitude can rob us of our joy. The joy comes from Jesus as our example. We look to him the author and perfecter of our faith and his example.

²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2).

Each day we should embrace the cross we carry with joy and walk the path as a disciple. **For the Joy** Jesus dies for you to give you life. This is the lesson of a disciple as hard as it can be, we must for the joy embrace our cross daily.

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- Ephesians 3:20-21 -

The featured testimony this edition is from one of the first men to come to The Way Home. Bryan Buchanan came to The Way Home in July of 2016 from Isaiah House. Bryan came with a zeal and spiritual hunger. His spirit encouraged us in the ministry with a willing spirit and desire to draw near to God. Have there been struggles? Yes, but that is the life of a disciple. What every disciple needs to know and live is that we have a God who will help us through these struggles. A passage used often in our ministry speaks of these struggles.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

What is needed most in our ministry are faithful men to disciple and mentor these men. To encourage them to understand that they do not walk alone and to show them how God will walk with them through all of life. Jesus didn't sacrifice himself to save us from our sins and then to leave us alone. All those that struggle need to know they are not alone.

What a great way to live and serve the One who died for us than to watch God transform lives. God is at work at The Way Home.

In the Love of Christ, Terry

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In Bryan and Shannon's Life



Hi My name is Bryan Buchanan. I am a 38-year-old child of God, father of five beautiful kids of my own and two gorgeous stepchildren. I married the most amazing, gorgeous, smart, funny, Christian woman that God ever created. My best friend and soul mate, my gift from the Lord. My wife Shannon and I will be celebrated our second anniversary on August 29, 2019. We have sure had our share of problems, but I praise the Lord for her and her love! I was born and raised in Louisville, KY. Dad was from the city and my mom and her family from central KY. The Adair county area. So I got the best of both worlds. A country boy with city swag LOL. I never really felt that I fit in during my elementary school years. I was raised and attended Marion county schools. I lived in Holy Cross during the 80's though. It was there that I learned about drugs LSD, Cocaine, and lots of pot.

My addiction and drug use started very early on. I moved to Louisville starting my 6th grade year. I didn't feel I belonged in the city either, but I realized that I had access to drugs. That finally made me feel accepted, I would go to the country on weekends and bring drugs home to the city. Life seemed great! I was cool finally and felt I fit in. That was a very short feeling.

Somewhere between 6th grade and high school my addiction was in full force. I thought I was just

“having fun.” But, oh the cost of that fun. By 23 I had a major car accident while under the influence of all kinds of drugs and alcohol. I was intubated on the scene and spent the next two weeks in a coma. I had a great job as a truck driver, married, 2 beautiful boys, and twins on the way. That scared me straight for about a year, but I wasn't done yet. By 25 I was divorced, had been in and out of jails and institutions. I was a hopeless drunken junkie. My drinking and drugging between 25 and 30 were insane. At 30 I got sent off to prison and served 39 months. When I was released, I had some major adjusting problems. So of course, alcohol takes away ALL fear, not to mention freedom, license, my soul, etc. I got out in October of 2014 and by May of 2015 had two DUIs and another list of charges. I spent my first summer out of prison, from May to August, in a county jail. Me being as brilliant as I am sometimes decided I had a drinking problem. So, I started doing Meth. Brilliant! I tried to stop many times with little to no luck. I decided to get out of the city and got myself into the Healing Place in Campbellsville. I ate good was feeling great and looking better than I had in a long time in all in about 30 days. So, I left. I got a job in Lebanon and I had my life in control. First weekend off a month or so later, I got drunk and locked up for public intoxication. I was embarrassed, confused, and LOST! So, I called my brother and asked what to do.

I haven't mentioned this to this point, but I never really had a relationship with God. A prayer or two here and there, but I was spiritually DEAD. My brother suggested Isaiah House. I was always so anti-Christian but at 36 years old I felt what did I have to lose. My ways until that point hadn't worked. So, I dug in deep to God. I finally found that love and belonging that I never had. I did the 30-day treatment program at Isaiah House. Their program was OK, but I felt a calling from God to leave. God then put The Way Home and my good friend Terry into my life. The Way Home was just getting started so I got the pleasure of getting to help build beds and set up a lot of the house with Terry. That house and the discipleship program saved my life. From Bible studies, to church, men's meetings, and a mentor Jerry Goss I was blessed. I don't think I ever had real friends until God blessed me with The Way Home. Terry, Jerry, and many more. I got to learn about God and experience true lifelong friendships, but the most important was the LOVE! From Terry working endlessly, to people donating meats for us, and the LOVE God surrounded me with in that house is the biggest blessing I've ever received!

Today I am clean and sober, happy and blessed by the best. I have restored relationships that I destroyed over the years with my kids, my mother, and more. I work full time for New Flyer of America. I build wiring harnesses for coach, tour, and transit buses. I am not perfect by any means, I have some bumps in the road since leaving The Way Home. The difference is that today I don't rely on myself or any human. I have a loving, merciful, awesome Savior to rely on. God took an ex-drunk, ex-con, ex-dope fiend like me and restored me. Hallelujah, tha tis the great testimony to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am giving God all the glory from her on. I gave Satan too much of my life.

The Holy Spirit is very active @ The Way Home and work through Terry and countless others daily. I owe my life to this ministry. I am still in regular contact with Terry and am even blessed enough to donate very regular to the ministry. I am forever grateful for the foundation and the personal relationship I developed while in the discipleship program @The Way Home. Terry I would like to thank you brother. Your vision and dedication to do God's will not only saved me but changed the lives of countless others. It is an honor and blessing to have met you and be able to call you my friend. I pray the Lord's blessings to you and Teresa, the ministry, the church, all the current and upcoming men @The Way Home!

God Bless,

Love Bryan and Shannon Buchanan.

There was a devotion from Our Daily Bread last year that has become a word of encouragement for many of us in the ministry. This devotion captures the ministry and work of God. We want to share it with you because there are many looking for The Way Home.

Finding the Way Home

Sometimes this journey through life can be so difficult that we're simply overwhelmed, and it seems there's no end to the darkness. During such a time in our own family's life, my wife emerged one morning from her quiet time with a new lesson learned. "I think God wants us *not to forget in the light what we're learning in this darkness.*"

Paul writes this same thought to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 1), after describing the terrible difficulties he and his team endured in Asia. Paul wants the Corinthians to understand how God can redeem even our darkest moments.

We're comforted, he says, so we may learn how to comfort others (v. 4). Paul and his team were learning things from God during their trials that they could use to comfort and advise the Corinthians when they faced similar difficulties. And God does that for us as well, if we're willing to listen. He will redeem our trials by teaching us how to use what we've learned in them to minister to others.

Are you in the darkness now? Be encouraged by Paul's words and experience. Trust that God is right now directing your steps and that He's also stamping His truths on your heart so you can share them with others who are in similar circumstances. You've been there before, and you know **the way home**.

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Join our online prayer chain via Facebook. This is a closed private group moderated for the prayer needs of the ministry. Currently we have 92 members who will pray for the needs of the ministry, individuals and families.

Are You Called?

I would like to make a direct appeal for help at The Way Home. If you or someone you know are retired and have time to drive the men to/from work, it is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with them in this **Work of God**. Please contact the ministry at for to discuss how you can serve.

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Blessings in Christ,

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