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Consider a gift to this ministry in memory of a departed friend or loved one.

An honorarium is a wonderful way to celebrate a variety of occasions. You may honor a client or family member by making a donation in his/her name. These will be acknowledged in our newsletter.

Consider including the Mission of Hope in your will. You may also give a gift of property, stocks, bonds, boats or vehicles.

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven…”
Matthew 6:20

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“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.” II Cor. 4:5

Dear Friends,

As you may have heard, The Lord has blessed Mission of Hope Ministries with a vision of building a brand new thrift store.

Forty-eight years ago, Mission of Hope opened its doors to help those afflicted with addiction, taking them in for 90 days and sharing with them the gospel and love of Jesus Christ. Over the last several years, the ministry has expanded, allowing us to minister to more men and women than ever before. From the beginning and still to this day, Mission of Hope Ministries has never charged for its services. The Lord has always made provision for our programs.

One of our main resources is our thrift store on Moffett Road. As manager of this store, I’ve had the blessing of witnessing the Lord show up and show out. Just in the last year our donations of clothes, thrift items, furniture and appliances have increased dramatically. Praise God! This huge blessing also comes with the issue of needing more space to store and showcase these items. A new and larger store will help keep a clean and clutter free area, creating a better shopping experience for our customers. The new store will not only hold more inventory, but it will also relieve us from the ongoing expense of paying rent on our current building. These extra funds and extra inventory will help us keep our doors open and make a way for us to reach more clients.

We are asking you to stand beside us as we move forward with this vision. The cost of this building is estimated at $600,000.00 and we are standing firm and believing that we can have it all funded through our donors as well as new community partners. These last few years of working at our store have been the best years of my life. I’ve met so many amazing men and women of God from the community. They have been a blessing to us by purchasing and donating merchandise. They also have come in to pray with us, donated their time to help inside the store, and encouraged our clients. The prayers of our supporters have always been a huge part of what keeps us going. We are asking all of you to just pray for this upcoming store as well as the ministry itself. If you feel led to help out in other ways such as financial donations, building materials, labor etc., please contact Susan Floyd at 251-533-0246 or Susan.floyd.missionofhopeministries.net

Thank you,

Patrick Rivers
Mission of Hope Thrift Store Manager

I want to help BUILD THE NEW STORE!!

☐ By giving a one-time financial gift in the amount of $__________

☐ By giving a recurring gift of $__________ monthly/quarterly (circle one)

☐ By providing free/discounted materials, equipment, and/or labor (CONTACT ME)

NAME______________________________________

ADDRESS___________________________________

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PHONE______________________________________

EMAIL______________________________________

Make checks payable to: Mission of Hope
Memo: NEW STORE

CUT & RETURN IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED

Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. Isaiah 54:2

Pictured above is the illustration of what we expect our thrift store to look like upon completion. Please pray for this illustration to become a reality.

……..but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26
On average it costs the ministry $1000.00 a month per client in one of our programs and we have never charged a client in our 48 years. Over the past 10 years the ministry has expanded tremendously. Our main office at 251 men’s program has 60 beds and our combined ladies programs have 51 beds for clients and 6 beds for children in our regular program. God has always met every need we have had in the past through churches, businesses and individuals like you and we know He will continue. Would you please pray about sponsoring one of our clients? If God puts it on your heart to do so please call the main office at 251-649-0830 or go to our website missionofhopenministries.net and click on the donate button. Thank you for your prayers and giving. May God richly bless you.

You guys are all a blessing. There is no turning back for me. I can’t overlook an opportunity to encourage all who read this short story and inquire of themselves, upon examination, know that Jesus said, “Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord,’ have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, ‘Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates.’ ” II Corinthians 13:5

Hi, my name is Kevin. Much can be said about my choices made to live for self. In spite of all the blessings God has freely given me, I choose to be a slave to sin and made this choice deliberately.

When I arrived at the Mission of Hope on May 4, 2018, I had 51 years of life lived in the rear view mirror. The last 10 years were mired with pain medication, alcohol and fornication; all paired with wounds of loss and an endless supply of worldly band-aids labeled self pity.

In the meantime, while I had made a new choice to humble myself and be honest no matter what, there were selfless loved ones which made covenant with God to pray and stand in the gap, in hopes that I would submit to all God would reveal to me concerning my sin sick soul.

By the end of the month I had been challenged by the staff counselor to “examine myself”. “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates.” II Corinthians 13:5

My initial response was to be defensive, argue my salvation, and debate my ministerial release. The Holy Spirit had now revealed, drawing me in, and I eventually agreed with him that, “I could not prove myself” because I did not know myself and all that could be proven is that if Jesus Christ is in me, then Kevin had fully eclipsed his ability to shine to anyone else.

That same evening as the Holy Spirit had directed me to read all five chapters of First John, I watched the sun come up in my window and I surrendered my desperately wicked heart to my long awaited Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Effort and performance was once the testimony of my life, now it is to rest in His grace and enjoy the benefits of His family and friends. I just want to personally thank Mission of Hope Ministries in Mobile, Alabama for everything they did for me while I was in the program. I was on the road of destruction and didn’t have a care in the world. Those 90 days were rough but worth every minute. I have grown so much, not only in my walk with God, but as well as a person. Jesus really is the answer. Even if it seems too simple, I recommend this program to anyone who wants out of the life of addiction. They will welcome you with open arms and show you the true meaning of love. Thanks to every single person who donates and helps at the mission. You guys are all a blessing. There is no turning back for me.

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